

# st. leo's parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## OFFICE HOURS

Tues thru Thurs - 9am to 4pm  
Fri - 9am to 12pm



## SCHOOLS

St Leo's School  
159 Stanley Av.  
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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meeting every fourth Monday  
of the month at 8pm

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## PASTOR

Fr. Nicola Defina

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday Masses

Saturday | 5pm  
Sunday | 8:30am; 10am & 11:30am

### Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday | 8am

Wednesday 7pm with

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Rosary begins at 6:30pm

Magnificat Charismatic Prayer Group (Polish)  
Thursday 7:30pm

## SACRAMENTS

### Baptism

Sunday after the 11:30am Mass  
Register three months in advance

### Marriage

Contact the Pastor  
one year in advance

### Reconciliation

Wednesday - 6pm to 7pm  
Saturday - 4pm to 5pm  
or call to arrange a time

### Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office  
for arrangements



### Eucharistic Adoration

Every first Friday of the month  
following the 8am Mass

### Devotions

First Friday and Saturday 8am

### Scriptural Rosary

Friday 6:30 pm



## MINISTRIES

Altar Servers | Altar Society  
Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers  
Hospitality | Ushers  
Lectors | Readers  
Music | Choir



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

R.C.I.A.  
R.C.I.C.  
Adult Faith Study  
Movie Night  
Finance Council  
Quilters' Club

## NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Apt.: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly Offering Envelopes

New Parishioner

Change of Address

Moving Out of Parish

ST. LEO'S PARISH IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE



# Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat Jan 18	5 pm	PRO POPULO
Sun Jan 19	8:30 am	<b>Birthday Blessings for Marie Paul</b> (Agnès Martinez)
	10 am	<b>Birthday Blessings Lena March</b> (The Pozzobon Family)
	11:30 am	† <b>Marian Kudlaciak</b> (The Family)
Mon Jan 20	8 am	<b>For the Intentions of Julie Leahy</b> (Alexandra Goncz)
Tue Jan 21	8 am	† <b>Miguel Monast</b> (Nathalie Gauthier)
Wed Jan 22	7 pm	<b>Blessings &amp; Thanksgiving for Aida, Mark, Ava &amp; Allison</b>
Thu Jan 23	8 am	<b>Special Intentions for Aileen Blair</b> (Robert & Patricia)
Fri Jan 24	8 am	† <b>Sharon Anne Whiffen</b>
Sat Jan 25	5 pm	† <b>Chloe Rosatelli</b> (The Family)
Sun Jan 26	8:30 am	† <b>Biagio, Elena &amp; Mariano Forte</b> (Civita Forte & Family)
	10 am	<b>Thanksgiving &amp; Special Intentions</b> (The Moreno Family)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO

## Your builder shall marry you

The prophets often spoke of Jerusalem as if it were a person, specifically a woman. Today Isaiah makes such an address to the city with a deeper intention. When he wrote these words, the city was in ruins. It's temple and walls were shattered. It truly was "desolate". Isaiah predicts future glory for the city, but he is speaking of more than structures of stone. He is telling the people of Jerusalem -- and all believers -- that God (the builder and creator) will MARRY them. This suggests a future intimacy with God's faithful that goes beyond a mere creator and creature relationship. God will bond with us in a relationship like that of human marriage.

(Fr. Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)



## Candlemas Day

The Christian Festival of Lights is celebrated annually on February 2nd. It celebrates three occasions; the presentation of the child Jesus; Jesus' first entry into the temple; and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin. Christians consider Jesus as the "light of the world" so it is fitting that candles are blessed on this day. On this day parishes around the world will also celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.



### Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the month February 7, 2025  
Following the 8 am Mass  
Rosary at 7: 30am.  
Adoration concludes with Holy Mass  
Saturday morning February 8, 2025 @ 8 am  
Come. See. Hear. Encounter.  
Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

## Serra Vocation

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? If He is contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

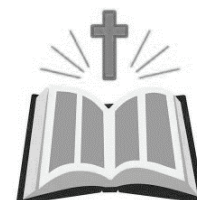
Please pray for the sick of our Parish:  
And for the souls of the deceased especially:  
**Joseph Christopher Takarek**  
Communion for the homebound upon request,  
anointing of the sick with the seriously ill, or  
those undergoing surgery. Please call the  
Parish office.

## 2025 Sunday Envelopes

There are still a number of boxes of 2025 Sunday Offering Envelopes which have not been claimed. The envelopes are located on the table at the back of the church. Unmarked boxes are available for first time users. Please do **NOT** use envelopes from previous years, as your number may have changed. Thanks for your support.

## Adult Faith Education

For a deeper understanding of the word of God, interested parishioners can participate in this faith development program. Please join us Friday January 24<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 7 pm, in the church basement hall.



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### **Thank you from St Leo's St Vincent de Paul**

This Christmas we helped 51 households made up of 63 adults and 69 children. This was made possible thanks to your generosity (the Christmas collection was \$3,740), along with donations of gift cards and presents from the staff and students at Bishop Allen Academy and the parishioners from St Gregory's church. We delivered food assistance as well as gift cards and presents for children and hosted a drop-in for over 30 people providing lunch and distributing presents. Some families were only able to celebrate Christmas due to the assistance they received from us. Many people were overwhelmed and expressed their thanks which we pass along to you. Thank you so much for remembering the needy of our parish community! God bless you.



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### **Sanctuary Candle**

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of January is offered by Agnes Martinez:  
For: Special Intentions & Thanksgiving.

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### **Sunday Missals Available**

We have Sunday Missals available for a donation of \$6.00 for parishioners who would like to have their personal copy. The Missals contains all the Sunday readings for the liturgical year cycle C. For help with the missal, please see one of our ushers at the back of the church.

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### **Mass Intentions**

The Catholic community traditionally offers Masses for those who have died and for other special intentions. You may book a Mass by visiting or calling the parish office during office hours. Announced Masses are listed in the weekly bulletin and mentioned at Mass. The suggested offering is \$20 per Mass. Unannounced Masses are celebrated without public mention when possible. The suggested offering is \$10 per Mass.

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### **Catholic in Recovery, St. Rochs Parish**

**2889 Islington Ave., Toronto Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.**

Catholic in Recovery is a non-profit organization seeking to serve those suffering from addictions and unhealthy attachments (including alcoholism, drug addiction, pornography addiction, sex and relationship addiction, compulsive overeating and food addictions, gambling addiction) Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected. CONTACT: Catholic in Recovery PHONE: 289-541-8188 EMAIL: [cirstroch@gmail.com](mailto:cirstroch@gmail.com) WEBSITE: <https://www.catholicinrecovery.com>

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### **Mary, Mother of God School**

Now Registering for 2025/2026 Have you heard of Mary, Mother of God School? We are an affordable private school (Grades K-12) located in the Roncesvalles/Parkdale area. Deeply rooted in the Catholic tradition with a special devotion to Our Lady, we have an excellent academic program, a dynamic and joyful student life, and small classes where each student is known and loved. We are now interviewing for September 2025: please visit us at: [www.marymotherofgodschool.org](http://www.marymotherofgodschool.org) or call us at 416-531-7897.

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### **The Source - Holy Hour - January 2025**

Thursday, January 23, 2025 7:00-9:00 PM - St. Peter's Church, 840 Bathurst Street, Toronto. Join the Sisters of Life and the Office of Catholic Youth for an evening of prayer. Spend some time with Our Lord amidst your busy schedule with the source and summit of our faith – Jesus in the Eucharist. There will be some time for fellowship and refreshments after the Holy Hour. This event is open to all parishioners and visitors! Holy hour with music: 7 pm. Confessions available Social: 8-9 p.m.

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### **Jubilee of Youth 2025**

Calling all young adults (ages 19 - 39), join Fr. Paul Magyar and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a life time! We will be embarking on a pilgrimage to Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome from July 23rd to August 5th, 2025. Please contact [youth@archtoronto.org](mailto:youth@archtoronto.org) to receive the pilgrim information package and detailed itinerary.

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### **Navigating AI with Faith and Wisdom:**

#### **A Catholic Perspective**

#### **All Saints' Church, 1415 Royal York Rd.,**

**Saturday, January 25, 2025 09:30 am – 11:30 am**

In a world where artificial intelligence (AI) is reshaping how we live, work, and interact, it's essential to understand its potential and challenges through a lens of faith and responsibility. We'll explore common misconceptions about AI, address ethical challenges and consider the Vatican's guidance on ensuring AI respects human dignity, community well-being and Catholic values. This interactive session is designed to equip you and your family with the tools to navigate AI confidently and faithfully, while remaining grounded in the principles of our faith. (Parents are welcome to bring children aged 13 and older.

## **Save the date**

**Friday January 31<sup>st</sup> 2025 @ 7 pm**  
**Movie Night in the parish hall**

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**Please maintain a reverent  
silence in our church**

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