

# st. leo's parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## OFFICE HOURS

Tues thru Thurs - 9am to 4pm  
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## 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 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>In Thanksgiving &amp; Special Intentions</b> (The Moreno Family)
	11:30 am	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
Mon Jan 27	8 am	† <b>Fr. Rodolfo Imerial</b>
Tue Jan 28	8 am	<b>For the Health of Ona Olekas</b> (Friends of St. Leo's)
Wed Jan 29	7 pm	<b>For the Health of Agnes Martinez</b> (Friends of St. Leo's)
Thu Jan 30	8 am	<b>For the Health of Cesario Salvador</b> (Anna Marie Salvador-Titco)
Fri Jan 31	8 am	<b>Special Intentions</b>
Sat Feb 1	8 am	† <b>Beata &amp; Robert Bak</b> (Joanna Bak)
	5 pm	† <b>Stanko Chokota &amp; Jaro Chokota</b> (Mila & Paul)
Sun Feb 2	8:30 am	<b>Special Intentions for Mario Galardo &amp; Family</b> (Anna Maria Cerullo)
	10 am	<b>All Souls in Purgatory</b> (The Moreno Family)
	11:30 am	<b>PRO POPULO</b>

### Ezra Reads the Law

At the end of the 6th century B.C. the people of Israel returned home from exile in Iraq. They were embittered and despondent when they realized that Jerusalem was in ruins. This malaise effected their faith. After all, God had seemingly abandoned them. Something had to be done to revive the religion. Ezra, a priest at the site of the former Temple, decided to hold a mass public Bible reading. He set up a podium near one of the main gates of the city. Other Temple assistants followed his example. The words of Scripture so moved the people that they began crying. The Word of God inspired them to revitalize their faith.



(Fr. Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

### World Day for Consecrated Life

Next Sunday, February 2, the Church celebrates the World Day for Prayer for Consecrated Life. In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 900 religious men and women of 100 different religious congregations. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life.



### Candlemas Day

The Christian Festival of Lights is celebrated annually on February 2nd, next Sunday. 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.

**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

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### 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.

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:  
**Ona Olekas**  
**Agnes Martinez**  
**Cesario Salvador**

And for the souls of the deceased.  
 Communion for the homebound upon request,  
 anointing of the sick with the seriously ill, or  
 those undergoing surgery. Please call the  
 Parish office.

## Volunteer Appreciation Night

We take the time to thank all the volunteers in our community, who dedicate their time and talents to serve our parish. We are fortunate for their continued service and support. A special volunteer appreciation get-together night is planned for all volunteers, for **Friday February 21<sup>st</sup> 2025**. Holy Mass @ 7 pm and buffet dinner following Mass. The invitation is extended to all volunteers and guest.



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

## Tax Receipts

Your 2024 Income Tax receipts for all donations made to St. Leo's Parish are in the process of being prepared. All charitable donations made to the church are deductible and can be used for income tax purposes. Please pick up a numbered box of Sunday Offering Envelopes and use them for your weekly gifts to the parish. Envelope users are the strength and support of our parish. Thank you for your generous support!

## Celebrate the Year of Jubilee and Elevation of Cardinal Leo Regional Eucharistic Celebrations with Cardinal Leo & Auxiliary Bishops

All are welcome to attend Regional Masses that will be held throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto in the coming days. There will be two groups of Masses – one Mass in each of the four regions of the Archdiocese.

Celebrations in the Central Region will take place as follows:  
Wednesday, February 12, 2025

St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto (Bishop Kasun to preside)

Thursday, February 20, 2025– St. Mary's Parish, Toronto (130 Bathurst St.) (Bishop Kasun to preside)

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 - St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York (Cardinal Leo to preside)

Confessions will be offered at least one hour prior to all celebrations noted – all Masses will begin at 7:00 p.m.

## Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Learn: How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection

- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

Email: [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org) and write "webinar February 1" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

## Remember the bow

Remember to bow in adoration before receiving Holy Communion. Give Jesus glory and praise!

## 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 February 14<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 7 pm, in the church basement hall.



## Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Ivan Camilleri Feb. 9, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honor married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. Celebration will be at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto) it will honor husband and wife while saluting the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy that comes with the marriage covenant. To those preparing for marriage, newlyweds and those that have been companions on the journey for decades, we offer our prayers and best wishes in a special way.

## Sanctuary Candle

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

## Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit

St. Margaret Mary Parish,

8500 Islington Ave., Woodbridge

Saturday, February 15, 9 am - Sunday, February 16, 2 pm

Please join us as we host the Vatican approved

**Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit.**

The exhibit, which was designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place. The exhibit's purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic Adoration.

Contact: St. Margaret Mary Parish Office

P: 905-851-2661

## Great series of feasts this coming week

- January 28th Saint Thomas Aquinas
- Jan 31st - St. John Bosco (1815 – 1888)
  - Feb 2nd – Candlemas Day
- Feb 3rd - St. Blaise Bishop and Martyr

## Save the date

Friday January 31<sup>st</sup> 2025 @ 7 pm

Movie Night in the parish hall

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