

# st. leo's parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## OFFICE HOURS

Tues thru Thurs - 9am to 4pm  
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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

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

 <b>Mass Intentions for the Week</b>		
Sat Feb 1	8 am	† <b>Beata &amp; Robert Bak</b> <small>(Joanna Bak)</small>
	5 pm	† <b>Stanko Chokota &amp; Jaro Chokota</b> <small>(Mila &amp; Paul)</small>
Sun Feb 2	8:30 am	<b>Special Intentions for Mario Galardo &amp; Family</b> <small>(Anna Maria Cerullo)</small>
	10 am	<b>All Souls in Purgatory</b> <small>(The Moreno Family)</small>
	11:30 am	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
Mon Feb 3	8 am	† <b>Biagio Forte</b> <small>(Civita Forte &amp; Family)</small>
Tue Feb 4	8 am	† <b>Fr. Daniel Palillo</b>
Wed Feb 5	7 pm	† <b>Alexandra Giovenco</b> <small>(Josey Di Caterina &amp; Family)</small>
Thu Feb 6	8 am	<b>Intentions of the Sozio Family</b>
Fri Feb 7	8 am	<b>Birthday Blessings for Fr. Ray Fortin</b> <small>(Robert &amp; Patricia)</small>
Sat Feb 8	8 am	† <b>Armando Veiga</b> <small>(The Family)</small>
	5 pm	† <b>Jan Chokota</b> <small>(Mila &amp; Paul)</small>
Sun Feb 9	8:30 am	† <b>Beata &amp; Robert Bak</b> <small>(Joanna Bak)</small>
	10 am	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
	11:30 am	† <b>Rosemary Vaughan &amp; Rogelio Manigao</b> <small>(Ruby Murcel)</small>

### **The Christian Festival of Lights**

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 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**

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If God is calling you 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:  
**Jean Pozzobon, Ona Olekas, Agnes Martinez**  
 And for the souls of the deceased especially:  
**Cesario Salvador, Lynne Grimaldi, Armando Veiga**  
 Communion for the homebound upon request,  
 anointing of the sick with the seriously ill, or  
 those undergoing surgery. Please call the  
 Parish office.

### **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.



### **Remember the Poor Box**

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society is always on duty. Volunteers field calls from individuals and families in need within our parish boundaries. They respond with home visits, grocery assistance and love. Please remember the Poor Box on your way out of church.

### **Before I formed you**

Some people regard birth as a completely chance event. Those who plan parenthood and denial of it might say, "This child is our little 'accident'."

Through Jeremiah, God teaches that human birth is part of God's plan. God lives beyond space and time in a perpetual state of NOW. God knows all people and sees us as part of an intricate design for salvation. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you..." is a reminder that God is in charge. He loves and wants each one of us.



(Fr. Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

**Tuesday Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> 2025 Liturgical Feast of  
“Our Lady of Lourdes” &  
“World Day of the Sick”**

Observed and celebrated throughout the universal Church the memorial of the Blessed Mary Virgin of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick. This is a favourable time to reflect on the meaning of pain and think about the close connection that exists between the Mystery of the Eucharist, the role of Mary and the reality of human pain and suffering.



*The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of February is offered by Brenda Lacroix*

*In Loving Memory*

*Of Husband Maurice Lacroix on the third anniversary of his passing.*

**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.

**Catholic in Recovery**

**St. Roch's 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>

**Celebrate the Year of Jubilee  
and Elevation of Cardinal Leo  
(Western Region)**

**Wednesday, February 05, 2025  
7:00 PM – 8 PM**

**Our Lady of Sorrows Parish,  
Etobicoke**

**All are welcome to attend the Regional Mass to  
celebrate the launch of the Jubilee Year.**



**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.



**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.

**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

**Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025 Feast of  
St. Blaise**

**Traditional Blessing  
of the Throat  
following the 8 am  
Mass**



**Save the date**

**Saturday March 1st 2025 @ 7 pm  
Movie Night in the parish hall featuring:  
“The Case for Christ”**



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