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#### OFFICE HOURS

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



#### SCHOOLS

St Leo's School 159 Stanley Av. Toronto, ON M8V 1P1 t: 416-393-5333

St. Louis School 11 Morgan Av. Toronto, ON M8Y 2Z7 t: 416-393-5331

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Meeting every fourth Monday of the month at 8pm

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** Assisting families in need t: 416-855-9002

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES t: 416-733-8544 w: thecatholiccemeteries.ca



**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

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#### 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.:		nit/Apt.:
City:	Postal Code:	Phone: _	
Weekly Offering Envelopes	New Parishioner	Change of Address	Moving Out of Parish
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Mass Intentions for the Week			
Sat Feb 15	5 pm	† Ludmila & Frank Vitasek (Mila & Paul)	
Sun Feb 16	8:30 am	† Luisa Sarrapochiello (Husband Frank)	
	10 am	† <b>Grikshas Zenonas</b> (Kostancija Degutye)	
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO	
Mon Feb 17	8 am	Special Intentions	
Tue Feb 18	8 am	† Maria Rita & Domenico Del Buono (Lucy Zita)	
Wed Feb 19	7 pm	<b>Robert Spada</b> (Sister Iris Purdy)	
Thu Feb 20	8 a m	Thanksgiving & Special Intentions of Cynthia Deblois (Moreno Family)	
Fri Feb 21	8 am	† Nancy Murphy (Robert & Patricia)	
Sat Feb 22	5 pm	† Chloe Rosatelli (The Family)	
Sun Feb 23	8:30 am	† <b>Biagio &amp; Bruno Forte</b> (Civita Forte & Family)	
	10 am	<b>In Thanksgiving</b> (Teresita)	
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO	

#### Your faith is vain

When we read the pious words of Paul's first letter to the Christians of Corinth we miss the reality. The Greek city was a battleground between two very different ideas. Greek philosophy was concerned with the mind. It considered the body relatively unimportant. Biblical philosophy was exactly the opposite. The physical world was the only reality. There was little belief in a spiritual world. The real point of contention



# The real point of contention between the two views centered on the resurrection of the body. Greek philosophers saw it as unnecessary, since the body was not important. Biblical philosophy insisted on a physical resurrection Paul graues for this philosophy. He

physical resurrection. Paul argues for this philosophy. He says that if there is no rising of the body after death, Christian faith is in vain. Eventually St. Augustine would strike a harmony between the two beliefs.

#### (Fr. Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

#### World Day of Prayer

What is World Day of Prayer? Prayerful Action. The movement has been active for nearly 100 years. Christian women of many traditions who come together in an annual day of celebration – the first Friday of March – to which everyone is welcome. The World Day of Prayer has a special theme and is prepared by a specific country. This year the theme is called "I



**made you wonderful**" and the country is Cook Islands and will be held at Christ Church St. James, 194 Park Lawn Rd. Toronto P: 416-251-8711 www.christchurchstjames.ca

Eucharistic Adoration First Friday of the month March 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

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. 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

> Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Lena March, Kevin Caleb And for the souls of the deceased especially: Ona Olekas

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

#### **Income Tax Receipts**

Your income tax receipts are ready to be picked up. They are located in a box on the cabinets at the back of the church and are in alphabetical order. You may ask one of our ushers for assistance. We like to thank our parishioners and friends for the kind support and prayers. God Bless

> Parishioners using envelope number #205 Please call the parish office @ 416-251-1109 and speak with Frances, the parish secretary. Thank you

#### 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.

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



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

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

The Source - Holy Hour - February 2025

Thursday, February 20, 2025 7-9 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. There will be some time for fellowship and refreshments after the Holy Hour. This event is open to all parishioners and visitors!

#### 44th Annual Concelebrated Mass in Honor of Saint Patrick

Sunday, Feb. 23, 2025, 3:00 to 6 p.m. St. Cecilia's Church, 163 Annette St., Toronto Principal Celebrant and Homilist will be His Eminence, Frank Cardinal Leo, Archbishop of Toronto. An informal reception will follow the Mass in the church Hall, with refreshments and Irish entertainment. St. Cecilia's Parish Office P: 416-769-8163 E: stceciliasto@archtoronto.org

### Save the date

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

## First Eucharist & Confirmation at St. Leo's Church

Our children are preparing to receive First Eucharist and Confirmation. The Sacraments will take place at the 11:30 am Sunday Mass during the Easter Season with family and friends. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their upcoming Sacraments.



#### **Please collect Iodized Salt**

Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children, is asking for your help to collect **iodized salt**, **shoes to prevent diseases**, **socks**, **toys**, **balls**, **vitamins**, **soap**, **bags**, **presents and candies for the Canadian Food for Children**. Iodine deficiency affects 2 billion people worldwide and is the main cause of preventable mental impairment. Every year, 38 million newborn babies in developing countries are affected by iodine deficiency.

#### Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit at St. Benedict Parish 2194 Kipling Ave., Etobicoke Friday, March 14, 2025 6:00-8:30 pm

Please join us as we host the Vatican approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit.

Prayerful evening of Adoration with Praise & Worship led by the youth.

P: 416-743-383 ~ E: office@stbenedicts.ca

Lift Jesus Higher Rally POWER FROM ON HIGH Saturday, March 29, 2025 9 am – 5:30 pm Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC) 255 Front St. W. Toronto Theme: POWER FROM ON HIGH Tickets and information: <u>www.ljhr.ca</u>

#### **Gather your Palms**

Traditionally, ashes used on Ash Wednesday are palms that have been collected from the previous year's Palm Sunday; they are burned down into a fine powder and mixed with holy water or chrism oil to create a light paste; or sometimes they are left dry and are sprinkled on the head rather than made into a paste. If you have palms at home from previous Palm Sundays, you can bring them back to church and they will be burned, and used this year on Ash Wednesday.

Monday February 17<sup>th</sup> Enjoy Your Family Day



