

# st. leo's parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## OFFICE HOURS

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



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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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

 <b>Mass Intentions for the Week</b>		
Sat Feb 22	5 pm	† <b>Chloe Rosatelli</b> (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	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
Mon Feb 24	8 am	† <b>Ted Bak</b> (Joanna Bak)
Tue Feb 25	8 am	† <b>Onastasys Marinauskai</b> (Antanas & Stase Zimnickas)
Wed Feb 26	7 pm	† <b>Jan Chokota</b> (Steve & Paula Vitasek)
Thu Feb 27	8 am	† <b>Cesario Salvador</b> (Anna-Maria Salvador-Titco)
Fri Feb 28	8 am	† <b>Maria Concetta, Giuseppe &amp; Donato Zita</b> (Lucy Zita)
Sat Mar 1	8 am	<b>In Thanksgiving</b> (Joanna Bak)
	5 pm	† <b>Jan Chokota</b> (Mila & Paul)
Sun Mar 2	8:30 am	† <b>Ona Olekas</b> (Friends of St. Leo's)
	10 am	<b>Special Intentions</b> (Kostancija Degutyte)
	11:30 am	<b>PRO POPULO</b>

**Ash Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Ash Wednesday begins the forty days of Lent. We practice prayer, fasting and sacrifice on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, we fast and abstain from meat. Catholics who are 18-58 years old are required to keep a limited fast. A single normal meal and two snacks. Catholics 14 years and older are required to abstain from eating meat. Mass with the imposition of ashes will be celebrated @ 12:00 noon and @ 7 pm immediately following the Wednesday Devotion Novena.



**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 chrisem 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.



**Stations of the Cross**

Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent @ 7 pm beginning March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**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 March 8, 2025 @ 8 am  
 Come. See. Hear. Encounter.  
 Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

**Serra Vocation**

The Lord Calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. 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)

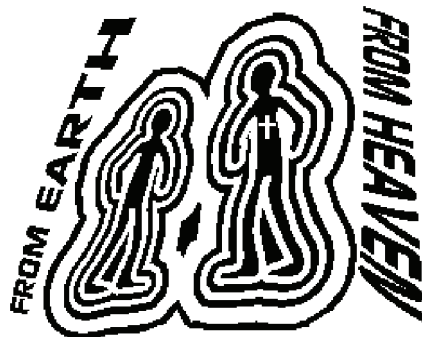
**Adult Faith Education**

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 last Adam**

Paul has been dealing with a local issue in Corinth. There is a group that has denied the need for a physical resurrection. They are influenced by Greek philosophy, which believes that anything material is of no value. To illustrate his belief that the body is important, he makes a connection between the first human being and Jesus. Adam was created from the dust of the earth. In fact, the word "adam" means "dust". Paul notes that though Jesus came from heaven, he became human--the new Adam. We have all descended from the first human, but now we begin to share divine life through the ultimate human: Jesus, the son of God.



(Fr. Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

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### Income Tax Receipts

Your 2024 income tax receipts are available to be picked up. They are on the table in a box at the back of the church. If you wish to use donation envelopes and you do not have a set assigned to you, new/unused boxes are available in the same area for your convenience, or you can contact the Parish Office. Please do NOT use envelopes from previous years, as your number may have changed. Thank you and God Bless!

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Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

Lena March, Kevin Caleb

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.

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### Save the date

Saturday March 1st 2025 @ 7 pm

Movie Night in the parish hall featuring:  
"The Case for Christ"

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### Lift Jesus Higher Rally

#### POWER FROM ON HIGH

Saturday, March 29, 2025 - 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)

255 Front St. W., Toronto

Theme: POWER FROM ON HIGH

Tickets and information: [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca)

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### 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

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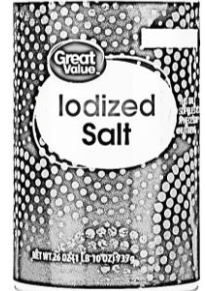
### Save the Date: A Day with Mary

On Saturday, May 31, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new archdiocesan event called "A Day with Mary" will be taking place at Villanova College in King City. We will gather together from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, and grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady. There will be music and fellowship and we hope you will consider joining the Cardinal Archbishop and so many others who love the Blessed Mother. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us!

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### 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.



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*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.*

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### 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](mailto:office@stbenedicts.ca)

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### 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign 2025 Campaign Events

Opening Mass: Saturday, March 1 at 2 p.m.

Prayer time with Ramona Treviño,

Sunday, March 30 at 2 p.m.

Closing Mass Saturday, April 26 at 2 p.m.

Daughters of St. Paul, 3022 Dufferin St., Toronto

CONTACT: 40 Days for Life

EMAIL: [40daysprayforlife@gmail.com](mailto:40daysprayforlife@gmail.com)

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### The Source - Holy Hour - March 2025

Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 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!

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Parishioners using envelope number  
#205 & #367

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@ 416-251-1109 and speak with the parish secretary.

Thank you

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