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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.:		
City:	Postal Code:	Phone: _		
Weekly Offering Envelopes	New Parishioner	Change of Address	Moving Out of Parish	
	ST. LEO'S PARISH IS WHEE	LCHAIR ACCESSIBLE		

Mass Intentions for the Week				
Sat	8 am	In Thanksgiving		

Sat Mar 1	8 am	In Thanksgiving (Joanna Bak)	
	5 pm	† Jan Chokota (Mila & Paul)	
Sun Mar 2	8:30 am	† Ona Olekas (Friends of St. Leo's)	
	10 am	Special Intentions (Kostancija Degutyte)	
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO	
Mon Mar 3	8 a m		
Tue Mar 4	8 am	† Ona Jomas Zimmickai (Antanas & Stase Zimnickas)	
Wed Mar 5 Ash Wednesday	12 Noon	† Jan Chokota (Mila & Paul)	
	7 pm	Special Intentions	
Thu Mar 6	8 am	† Maurizio Passaro (Anna-Maria Cerullo)	
Fri Mar 7	8 am	† Onastasys Marinauskai (Antonas & Stase Zimmickas)	
Sat Mar 8	8 am	† Ted Bak (Joanna Bak)	
	5 pm	† Petr Vitasek & Jan Chokota (Mila & Paul)	
Sun Mar 9	8:30 am	† Biagio, Elena & Mariano Forte (Civita Forte & Family)	
	10 am	† Frank Polyak (Suzanne Kekely)	
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO	

The "sting" of death

One of Paul's favorite themes is that the negative law of the Old Testament has been replaced by the positive law of Christian love. He will develop this idea in his Letter to the Romans. Today he introduces it as a conclusion to his discussion of the resurrection. He paraphrases Hosea 13:14, comparing death to wasp that implants its "stinger" in a victim. Death's stinger is sin. Death has no power in an environment of love. We know that the Father's love will bring us to eternal life; so we no longer have to fear



death or sin. We will win a victory through the power of Christ. (Fr. Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

Lent Begins!

This coming Wednesday March 5th it's Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the Lenten season. 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.

> 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

"In the Lord your labor is not in vain". Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. 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

Stations of the Cross

During the Lenten season Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday beginning Friday March 7^{th} @ 7:00 pm. The community gathers in church and Fr. Nick will leads the service. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Parish groups and Parishioners are asked to participate.

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

Bill Lahey, Maurizio Passaro

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

For a deeper understanding of the word of God, interested parishioners can participate in this faith development program. Please join us Friday March 14th 2025 at 8 pm, in the church basement hall.



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.

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!

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of March is offered by: Helena Zenaida Clemente For Special Intentions & Thanksgiving.



Income Tax Receipts

Your income tax receipts are ready to be picked up. They are located in a box on the table 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.

From the Parish Secretary:

Parishioner currently using envelope number #205 please contact the parish office
@ 416-251-1109 and speak with the parish secretary. We have no name attached to this number. Thank you.

Annual Mass of St. Patrick Monday, March 17, 2025 @ 10 am St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto 65 Bond St.

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto, will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome. Those who are unable to attend can participate in the celebration.

Via: livestream at <u>www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live</u>. CONTACT: St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

Tuesday 4th March 2025

Pancake Tuesday After the 8 am morning mass Everyone is welcome Church basement hall Please join us.

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

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

The Source - Holy Hour - March 2025

Thursday, March 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!

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



