

st. leo's parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Meeting every fourth Monday
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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
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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

 Mass Intentions for the Week		
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
Mon Mar 10	8 am	† Sheena Andrade (Olinda Pereira)
Tue Mar 11	8 am	All Souls of Purgatory (Agnes Martinecz)
Wed Mar 12	7 pm	Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Grace Council (Parishioners of St. Leo's)
Thu Mar 13	8 am	† Bille Lahey (Anna-Maria Cerullo)
Fri Mar 14	8 am	
Sat Mar 15	5 pm	† Pat Chisholm (Wife Joan)
Sun Mar 16	8:30 am	† Luisa Sarrapochiello (Husband Frank)
	10 am	PRO POPULO
	11:30 am	† Ron Purdy (Wife Iris Purdy)

The temptation of Jesus

After his baptism, Jesus makes a retreat in the desert of Judea. Since he was alone at the time we must assume that he later shared news of this experience with his apostles. The devil tempts the Lord to use his divine power to win quick acclaim. But Christ has not come to work magic tricks. He has come to teach that salvation is possible for all, with the



grace of his Father. The parapet or pinnacle of the Temple was probably part of the great plaza surrounding the building. Its southeast corner had a sheer drop of many yards. If Jesus jumped from this spot and landed safely, he would win public adulation. Jesus rejects this type of fame, knowing how fleeting it would be.

(Fr. Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

Reflecting on the Lenten Season

People often don't look forward to Lent. Childhood memories of giving up candy or sitting through weekly *Stations of the Cross* come immediately to mind. Words like "sacrifice," "discipline," and "self-denial" are often used in ways that suggest that Lent is something to be endured rather than a time of grace and spiritual growth.

Have you ever thought of Lent as a yearly second chance? Each year the Church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us find that we've wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance, or do-over, to "return to God with our whole heart." (Bishop Robert Barron)



Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the month April 4, 2025

Following the 8 am Mass

Rosary at 7:30am.

Adoration concludes with Holy Mass

Saturday morning April 5, 2025 @ 8 am

Come. See. Hear. Encounter.

Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

Serra Vocation

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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

And for the souls of the deceased especially:

Maria Demeo, Bill Lahey

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

Please call the Parish office.

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. Thank you for your help.

What is a Jubilee Year?

In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called the first Jubilee, also known as a "Holy Year," since it is a time in which God's holiness transforms us. The frequency of Holy Years has changed over time: at first, they were celebrated every 100 years; later, in 1343 Pope Clement VI reduced the gap between Jubilees to every 50 years, and in 1470 Pope Paul II made it every 25 years. There have also been "extraordinary" Holy Years: for example, in 1933 Pope Pius XI chose to commemorate the 1900th anniversary of the Redemption, and in 2015 Pope Francis proclaimed the Year of Mercy as an extraordinary jubilee. The way in which Jubilee Years are marked has also changed through the centuries: originally the Holy Year consisted of a pilgrimage to the Roman Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul, later other signs were added, such as the Holy Door. By participating in the Holy Year, one is granted a plenary indulgence.



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.



EMAIL SCAM ALERT: In recent weeks there has been a sharp increase in the amount of fake/scam emails being received by parishioners throughout the archdiocese. These emails – usually sent from Gmail accounts operated by scammers - appear to be from a priest and often request the purchase of gift cards or electronic payments. Please exercise caution should you receive an email like this and contact the parish via telephone to validate its authenticity.

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.

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

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.

Service of the Shadows

**Victoria Scholars Coral Ensemble Present:
Tenebrae
Sunday April 13th @ 7:30 pm
(Palm Sunday)
St. Leo's Church**

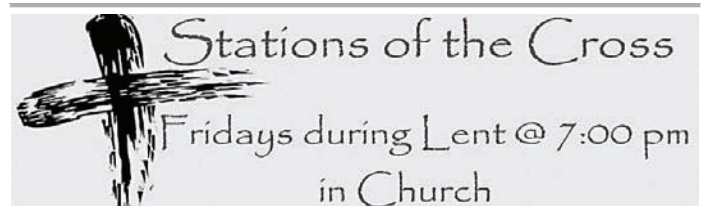
Your love is a guiding light during Lent

Maria, a 64-year-old newcomer to Canada, arrived seeking a fresh start but found herself struggling to find both stable employment and affordable housing. Through your support of ShareLife, she received personalized guidance at Catholic Cross-cultural Services that helped her secure both a job and a home. She found stability and peace of mind, giving her the strength to embrace her new life. Now, she's a guiding light for seniors, helping others access the support that changed her life. This Lent, you can walk the same path as a testament to resilience and the transformative power of community. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Memorial Mass

Saturday March 15th 2025 @ 11 am, a Memorial Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of **Giuseppe Turino; as the family gathers and remember him on the 6th anniversary of his passing.** The community is invited to participate and pray for the soul of **Giuseppe.** *May he and all the faithfully deceased rest in peace, Amen!*

**Annual Mass of St. Patrick
Monday March 17, 2025 @ 10 am
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
Presider and Homilist
Archbishop Emeritus Thomas Cardinal Collins
All are welcome**



Lenten day of Confessions

This year, the Days of Confession for Lent will be held in the week of March 30 to April 5, 2025.

Sunday March 30 12:30 – 1:30 pm	Monday March 31 4 – 6 pm	Tuesday April 1 7 – 8 am
Wednesday April 2 6 – 7 pm	Thursday April 3 7 – 8 am 6:30 – 7:30 pm	Friday April 4 5 – 7 pm
Saturday April 5, 4 – 5 pm		

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