

st. leo's parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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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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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



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat Mar 22	5 pm	PRO POPULO
Sun Mar 23	8:30 am	Birthday Blessings Anna Maria Cerullo <small>(The Pozzobon Family)</small>
	10 am	Birthday Blessings Maria Sablatura
	11:30 am	† Eduardo Pontes <small>(Infancia Pontes & Family)</small>
Mon Mar 24	8 am	Birthday Blessings Gloria Felaire & Anna Maria Cerullo <small>(Agnese Martinez)</small>
Tue Mar 25	8 am	† Debbie Walshe <small>(Robert & Patricia)</small>
Wed Mar 26	7 pm	† Fr. Ralph Paonessa <small>(Anna Maria Cerullo)</small>
Thu Mar 27	8 am	† Biagio & Bruno Forte <small>(Civita Forte & Family)</small>
Fri Mar 28	8 am	† Mary Bolen <small>(Jane)</small>
Sat Mar 29	5 pm	† Chloe Rosatelli <small>(The Family)</small>
Sun Mar 30	8:30 am	† Anne McBride <small>(Barbara & Peter Leon)</small>
	10 am	† Anna Gornik <small>(Son Tony)</small>
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO

Baptized into Moses

Paul makes an analogy between the Crossing of the Red Sea and Christian Baptism. He talks about the cloud--a symbol of God's presence--which overshadowed the Israelites and the sea water. They were sort of a baptism into Moses. This means



that they were immersed into the life that God sent them through Moses. As Christians we enter into God's presence by baptism in which we are immersed in Christ. His point is that some of those who followed Moses later fell away through sin. As followers of Jesus, we could meet the same fate, unless we remain strong in our faith.

(Fr. Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

Traditional Lenten Disciplines



Ashes

Giving something up
 Examining our lives
 Penance, Prayer, fasting and almsgiving
 Stations of the Cross
 Blessed Palms

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
 Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

Serra Vocation

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood 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

Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry

For many children, the snacks and meals they receive in school may be the only nutritious food they eat all day. Studies show that children can't learn and thrive when they are hungry. Thanks to you, \$750,000 in Food Security Grants are making a difference across our community. Students receive the nourishment they deserve, and parents are supported in the process. The **FoodShare** program at ShareLife-funded agency Rosalie Hall "is a lifeline for families," says their Executive Director, Jane Kenny. "It helps parents provide food for their children, reduces their stress, and allows them to focus on being the best parents they can be." Our parish goal this year is [\$30,000.00]. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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.



**Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope
Reconciliation**

A Jubilee year is a sign of reconciliation because it establishes a "favorable time" We are called to put God at the center of our lives, growing toward Him and acknowledging His primacy. Even the Biblical call for the restoration of social justice and respect for the earth stems from a theological reality: if God is the creator of the universe, He must be given priority over every reality and partisan interest. It is God who makes this year holy by bestowing on us His own holiness. In practical terms, reconciliation involves receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, taking advantage of this time to rediscover the value of confession, and experiencing God's personal words of forgiveness.



Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

Leonora Vergara

And for the souls of the deceased especially:

Michele Fasulo, Jeffry Stockla

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 28th 2025 at 8 pm, in the church basement hall.



Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent @ 7:00 pm
in Church

*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.

Victoria Scholars Coral Ensemble Present:



Please join us for our Tenebrae Service of Shadows
Sunday April 13th @ 7:30 pm

(Palm Sunday)

St. Leo's Church

Spiritus Ministry: Pilgrims of Hope

Saturday, March 29, 2025 7-9 PM

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke

Calling all young adults (ages 19 to 39) in the GTA, we are hosting a Spiritus Ministry night. The night will begin with a talk at 7 p.m. but please feel free to join us for the 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass; Our Lady of Sorrow parish is one of the official pilgrimage churches of the archdiocese.

Pope Francis has shared his desire that the Jubilee Year be "a moment of genuine personal encounter with the Lord Jesus... whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as 'our hope.'" Join us to discover how we can live as Pilgrims of Hope, receiving the graces of this special time and being signs of hope for others.

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

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		

2025 Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Join fellow Catholics from the Greater Toronto Area at the 34th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on Saturday, March 29! Lift Jesus Higher is a Spirit-filled day filled with fellowship, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, compelling talks from Bishop Scott McCaig, Deacon Larry Oney, Peter Herbeck, and more! The day also features a youth rally in the Centre's John Basset Theatre for youth ages 13-18.

Get details and tickets at www.ljhr.ca!

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