

# St. Leo's Parish

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## Pastoral Team

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**He is Risen!**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia**

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

### MASS INTENTIONS



### FOR THE WEEK

Holy Saturday Apr 19	7 pm	"EASTER VIGIL" (PRO POPULO)
Easter Sunday Apr 20	8:30 am	† Biagio & Bruno Forte (Civita Forte & Family)
	10 am	† Antonio Cardoso (Maria & Elsie Cardoso)
	11:30 am	Deceased Members of the Manlangit, Ruiz, Reeves & Glasgow Families (Aida Manlangit)
Mon Apr 21	8 am	† Stephen Victor Castrucci (Frances & Wendi)
Tue Apr 22	8 am	Special Intentions for Nicole (Robert & Patricia)
Wed Apr 23	7 pm	† Jan Chokota (Steve & Paula Vitasek)
Thur Apr 24	7 pm	† Maria Rita & Domenico Del Buono (Lucy Zita)
Fri Apr 25	8 am	† Maria, Vince & Anna Maria Maiorano (Gina Barber)
Sat Apr 26	8 am	† Celia Juarez Gomez (Olivia Yanez)
	5 pm	† Chloe Rosatelli (The Family)
Sun Apr 27	8:30 am	Special Intentions for Pat Galardo & Family (Anna Maria Cerullo)
	10 am	† Stephan & Daniel Paklos (The Lecznar Family)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO

### **They have taken Jesus out of the tomb**

Grave robbery has been a practice since ancient times. Sometimes the robbers were only interested in looting items buried with the dead. Later they might steal bodies for medical research. In the time of Jesus, Romans believed that the nails used to crucify a man could be "lucky" keepsakes. Mary of Magdala may have thought that thieves had taken the body of Christ. She pleads with Peter and John to inspect the sepulcher and search for the body. Later she returns and meets the risen Jesus. She will know that his body was not taken. It was transformed and glorified



(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

«Haec dies quam fecit Dominus:»

"This is the day the Lord has made"

"Let us rejoice and be glad"



Easter is a joyful, and peace filled time of coming together to celebrate the mystery of our faith with family and friends. It allows us to reflect on the great mystery of human suffering and how it has destroyed our enemies of sin, death, and Satan.

Early on the first Easter morning a mighty act of God took place; Christ rose from the dead. Nothing can be the same again. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead affirms that we are meant for more than this present life. Easter is the answer to all the tears that we shed at the loss of our loved ones because it reminds us that we have a future greater than we dare to believe in. Christ has shared His life with us and His resurrection in order that we will unite to what He has done for us 'if we suffer with Him, we shall be glorified with Him.' There is a hidden temptation to settle down here on earth as if this were our only homeland. The resurrection of our Blessed Lord is a powerful summons which reminds us that we are always on a journey, traveling on the road toward our heavenly reward. Let us, therefore, set our minds and hearts on our Risen Lord, because, "you have been raised up with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God."

Wishing you and your family a blessed Easter and may our Risen Lord Jesus Christ keep you always in His Peace.

Fr. Nick Defina ~ Pastor St. Leo's Church

#### Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the month May 2, 2025

Following the 8 am Mass

Rosary at 7: 30am

Adoration concludes with Holy Mass

Saturday morning May 3, 2025 @ 8 am

Come. See. Hear. Encounter.

Experience the Real Presence of Jesus



## What are the Designated Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites in the Archdiocese of Toronto?

The following churches have been chosen as Designated Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites of the Archdiocese of Toronto for the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025:

- St. Michael's Cathedral
- St. Paul's Basilica,
- St. Mary's Parish,
- St. Edward the Confessor Parish,
- Our Lady of Sorrows Parish,
- St. Mary's Parish, Brampton
- St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough;
- St. Gregory the Great Parish, Oshawa
- St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg;
- St. Mary's Parish, Barrie
- Martyrs' Shrine, Midland



## "Inner Healing Retreat"

St. Leo's Magnifikat Polish Group

Join us Sunday April 27th 2025 @ 6 pm

For deep and personal prayer time as we reflect and grow in faith

## A Day with Mary 2025 - Registration

Online registration is now open for "A Day with Mary" taking place May 31 at Villanova College in King City. During this Jubilee Holy Year, spend a day with our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope and deepen your devotion to her through a keynote address by Dr. Josephine Lombardi, a number of inspiring witnessing and Holy Mass presided over by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. This family-friendly event will have music, food, fellowship, children's catechesis and activities – something for everyone. For more information and to register, visit [archtoronto.org/mary](http://archtoronto.org/mary).

## Serra Vocation

The Lord is risen, it is true! Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## Thank you for being a beacon of hope

On Easter Sunday, we thank you for being a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in need by supporting ShareLife. In their darkest hours, you are right beside them. As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday, let us open our hearts to all.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

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

Our children are preparing to receive First Eucharist and Confirmation. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on the following times: Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> always at the 11:30 am Mass. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup> also at the 11:30 am Mass. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their upcoming Sacraments.



Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

Patrick Leane, Leonora Vergara,

And for the souls of the deceased especially:

Giovanni Tedesco

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

Please call the Parish office.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30, 10 & 11:30 AM

3 PM DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS



On Saturday, May 10th, 2025, join us at Queens Park in the largest city in the country and stand united with the pro-life movement against the injustice of abortion

## New life in Christ

Easter is the feast of feasts, the delight and gladness of all Christians. It is the foundation upon which our faith rests. Easter means redemption, sin destroyed, death overcome, divine life brought back to us, the resurrection of our body which is promised immortality. With such confidence, we should banish all traces of sadness, from Sunday to Sunday we will be reminded, from year to year the Easters of this earth will lead us to that blessed day on which Christ has promised that we shall sing of the unequalled joy which throws open eternity to us. He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father.



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