

st. leo's parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Tues thru Thurs - 9am to 4pm
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St Leo's School
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St. Louis School
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Meeting every fourth Monday
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t: 416-733-8544
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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

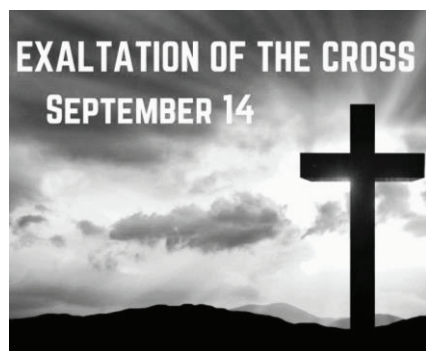
☐ Moving Out of Parish

ST. LEO'S PARISH IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

MASS INTENTIONS  FOR THE WEEK		
Sat Sep 13	5 pm	† Gregoria Palaca (Maria Teresa Palaca)
Sun Sep 14	8:30 am	† Luisa Sarapochiello (Husband Frank)
	10 am	† Alfonso, Concetta & Frank Di Marzio (Fred & Annette)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO
Mon Sep 15	8 am	† Carl Dalla Costa (The Family)
Tue Sep 16	8 am	† Rev. James P. Adams
Wed Sep 17	7 pm	† Matthew Fusaro (Raffaella, Francisco & Olivia)
Thu Sep 18	8 am	
Fri Sep 19	8 am	Intentions of Geraldine Gonsalves & Agnes Martinez (Maria Sablatura)
Sat Sep 20	5 pm	† Alba Tonelli (Joanna & Fred Tonelli)
Sun Sep 21	8:30 am	† Biagio, Elena & Mariano Forte (Civita Forte & Family)
	10 am	Thanksgiving & Special Intentions Liz Villania (Moreno Family)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

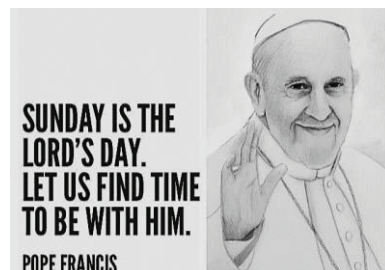


As we commemorate the triumph of Christ's Cross, let's call to mind the crosses we bear each day. More often than not, when faced with crosses, we seek a way out, succumb to self-pity, and are often tempted by anger

and despair. Instead, let's try to allow Jesus to enter those crosses, transform them, and use them for His glory, your good, and the good of others. Crosses in life should not be avoided; they must be transformed. Although the suffering may remain, it must become redeemed suffering, thus bearing an abundance of good fruit in ways that only God can accomplish.

Sunday: The Original Feast Day

Our society sees something special about Sunday. Business hours change. Breakfast menus expand. Work hours shrink, sporting events surface. We expect leisure on Sunday. It begins the week and ends the week. It is a sacred day, a time outside normal time when life takes a break. For us Christians it's our most important day. On a Sunday Jesus rose from the dead. The resurrection is our most central belief. We choose Sunday for our primary gathering because the day itself proclaims our faith. Our attendance at church unites us with the believers of our own community and with all Christians throughout the world.



Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the month October 3, 2025

Following the 8 am Mass

Rosary at 7: 30am

Adoration concludes with Holy Mass

Saturday morning October 4 @ 8 am

Come. See. Hear. Encounter.

Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

Serra Vocation

God is the Father with the open arms. Who will preach this Good News of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

First Communion & Confirmation Preparation

St. Leo's Parish is making plans for those children who are attending Grade 2 and for the children who are attending Grade 7 to receive First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation in 2026. Registration forms for the Sacraments are located on the cabinets at the back of the church for you to pick up after Sunday Mass. Please note your calendar for the special enrollment/information meetings for the overview of the preparation program.

Pauline Books

The Pauline Books & Media Centre is bringing a Mini-Book Centre to St Leo Parish! Join the Daughters of St. Paul in the vestibule this weekend September 13/14 after the Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses to choose from an excellent selection of Catholic books for children, youth and adults. Selected gift items and DVD movies will also be available! Visit our webstore at www.paulinestore.ca or call us at 416-781-9131 to place any special requests. We look forward to seeing you there!

Share the love this Thanksgiving

Good Shepherd Ministries is asking for your support in their Thanksgiving Food Drive-Most needed food items:



Tuna & Canned Meat, Coffee & Tea Bags, Soups & Stews, Condiments (e.g. Soy Sauce, Barbecue Sauce, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard) Jams, Beans & Chickpeas, Canned Tomatoes, Corn & Vegetables, Pasta Sauce, Sugar, Salt, Pepper & Spices, Salad Dressing, Cooking Oil, Pancake Mix, Bagged Rice, Mini-Sized Juice Boxes, Granola Bars & Packaged Snacks. Financial donations are also welcomed. Thank you for your support.

A journey of faith

If you would like to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic or if you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Christ and the Church or becoming a Catholic Christian, or if you are Catholic and want to better understand your faith, now is the time to join our group of Catholic teaching. We journey together and that is exactly what the RCIA is all about, journeying together toward a deeper relationship with Christ and a deeper understanding of our Catholic Faith. The program is called the Rite of Christian Initiation. Call the Parish Office (416 251-1109) or speak to Father Nick.

Lakeshore Youth Ministry Programs

We are blessed to announce that our Lakeshore Youth Ministry programs will resume at St. Ambrose Parish.

EDGE (Grades 5-8) begins Friday, September 12.

Life Teen (Grades 9+) begins the following week.

All youth from our Lakeshore parishes are invited to join us for evenings of faith, friendship, and fun. Parents are warmly welcome to attend the first session for an information meeting. For more information, please contact Agnes Mirga at AMirga@archtoronto.org.

Catholic's in Recovery

Hope and healing for those impacted by addiction

Catholic in Recovery provides healing from addictions, compulsions and unhealthy attachments. Family members impacted by a loved one's addiction are also encouraged to attend. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church.

Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayers.

Confidentiality is protected.

St. Roch's Parish 2889 Islington Ave., Toronto

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. CONTACT: Catholic in Recovery

PHONE: 289-541-8188 EMAIL: cirstroch@gmail.com

WEBSITE: <https://www.catholicinrecovery.com>

Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

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. It is God who makes this year holy by bestowing on us His own holiness. Let's take advantage of this time to rediscover the value of confession, and experiencing God's personal words of forgiveness.



Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar

Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection

How to create your own legacy

About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

To Register:

Send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar September 27" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

Parishioners Please Note:

Will the parishioner using envelope #139 please call the parish office. We don't have a name attached to this number. Thank you!

The Sanctuary Lamp

The Lamp for the month of September is offered by: Ana Maria Salvador-Jitco For Special Intentions and Thanksgiving

Please pray for the sick of our Parish,
And for the souls of the deceased:

Rev Joachim Pillai, OMI

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