St. Leo's Parish

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Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Nicola Defina

Give thanks to the Lord for His many Blessings On Thanksgiving



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK Sat † Jan Chokota 5 pm Oct 11 (Steve & Paula Vitasek) Sun † Luisa Sarrapochiello 8:30 am Oct 12 (Husband Frank) † Stanley John Surman 10 am (The Surman Family) 11:30 **PRO POPULO** a m **Thanksgiving Special Intentions** Monday 10 am Robert Nagoda Oct 13 Tue **Special Intentions for Frances** 8 am Oct 14 (Agnes Martinez) Wed † Matthew Fusaro 7 pm Oct 15 (Raffaella, Franciscos & Olivia) Special Intentions Thu 8 am Evelyn Bitong Oct 16 (Agnes Martinez) Birthday Blessings Fri 8 am Ymari Ivy Cunavan Oct 17 (Helena Zenaida Clemente) † Margaret, Stephen & Joseph Sat 5 pm Newman Oct 18 (Geraldine Newman) Sun † Biagio & Bruno Forte 8:30 am Oct 19 (Civita Forte & Family) 10 am **PRO POPULO** 11:30 † J.B. Raymond Paul (Daughter Marie Paul) a m

Two mule-loads of earth

The idea of a universal God was not commonly held in ancient times. Most people thought that each divinity lived and reigned over a specific city or country. When



Naaman—the Syrian army commander—is cured of leprosy, he is grateful to the God of Israel. He requests a sizeable amount of soil from that country. In a sense he is exporting Israel's Deity to his own land. He will probably spread this dirt near his own house, thus bringing God home

(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-art)

Mass of Thanksgiving

All parishioners are invited to attend the Thanksgiving Mass Monday October 13th at 10:00 am as we give thanks to God for the many gifts. Please bring a donation of canned goods or other nonperishable items for the "St. Francis Table" and the "Good Shepherd Refuge". A collection



will be taken for the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the needy families in our community. Envelopes for the collection are on the cabinets at the back of the church, and also available at the Thanksgiving mass.

Invitation to Parishioners

In Thanksgiving, the members of the St Leo's St. Vincent de Paul will be hosting a coffee social after 10 am mass on Thanksgiving Monday October 13th in the parish hall. Please take time to join us and share Thanksgiving cheer with your fellow parishioners.

Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday of the month November 7, 2025
Following the 8 am Mass
Rosary at 7: 30am.
Adoration concludes with Holy Mass
Saturday morning November 8 @ 8 am
Come. See. Hear. Encounter.
Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

Serra Vocation

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? In gratitude, ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, sister, brother or deacon? If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

RCIA

Receiving Baptism, the Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation is a part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA is a process for adults who are not Catholic and wish to discover Jesus and be fully joined to the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic now is the time to join our group of Christian teaching. Call the Parish Office (416 251-1109) and ask to speak with Father Nick.

Parish Headcount

The yearly headcount of Mass attendance in all the parishes and mission communities will take place the weekends of October 18/19 and October 25/26. This will help provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

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.

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Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. CONTACT: Catholic in Recovery PHONE: 289-541-8188 EMAIL: cirstroch@gmail.com WEBSITE: https://www.catholicinrecovery.com

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Marriage Preparation Course 2026

@ All Saints Parish

The marriage preparation course for 2026 will be held in February on the following dates:

Saturday, February 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Engaged couples can register for the course at the parish office. The fee is \$150.00 per couple. Payment can be made in cash or cheque payable to All Saints' Parish.

Please contact the Parish office for more information and registration at 416-244-3066 Ext. 0

Bishop Allen Academy Open House

Bishop Allen Academy is welcoming all grade 8 students and families to our annual Open House on Thursday, October 23 starting at 6:30pm. Students and families are invited to join us and experience the tradition of academic excellence, high achievement, and faith-based learning that has earned Bishop Allen its position as one of the top schools in Ontario. Join us to learn about the unique education and athletic opportunities Bishop Allen offers including Advanced Placement, French Immersion, and Specialist High-Skills Major programs. Gaudete in Domino- Rejoice in the Lord!



Our financial report for Jan 1-Dec 31 2024 is available on the cabinets at the back of the church for interested parishioners. Your financial giving, as always is very much appreciated, and

needed. Thank you! If you have any questions do not hesitate to call Fr. Nick at the parish office.

Adult Faith Education

For a deeper understanding of the word of God, interested parishioners can participate in this faith development program. The program begins Friday, November 7^{th} , 2025 @ 7 pm in the church basement hall.



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

Cathy Matano



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

World Mission Sunday Special Collection

Next weekend October 18/19 every parish across the world will celebrate World Mission Sunday. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and Mission. Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocation in countries where the church is beginning, where it is new. World Mission Sunday is our chance to assist Catholic Communities throughout the world become self-sufficient and flourish.

The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of October is offered for: Edgar & Mary Casha

First Communion & Confirmation Preparation

Once again we remind you that St. Leo's Parish is planning 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. If you missed the meeting of the overview of the program, please speak to our Pastor Fr. Nick after any Sunday's celebration for any matter or concern and he will be able to assist you.

Save the date

Saturday November 8th @ 7 pm Movie Night in the parish hall



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