

st. leo's parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat Nov 29	5 pm	† Chloe Rosatelli (The Family)
Sun Nov 30	8:30 am	† Donato, Concetta & Giuseppe Zita (Lucy Zita)
	10 am	† Anton Gornik (Son Tony)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO
Mon Dec 1	8 am	Special Intentions Michael Nagoda (Mom & Dad)
Tue Dec 2	8 am	Birthday Blessings Iris Purdy (By Friends)
Wed Dec 3	7 pm	† Walter Black (Lori Lustig)
Thu Dec 4	8 am	Birthday Blessings Iris Purdy (Anna Maria Cerullo)
Fri Dec 5	8 am	Birthday Blessings Connie Del Fuoco (By Friends)
Sat Dec 6	8 am	† Carla Suppa (S. Suppa & Family)
	5 pm	† Alba Tonelli (Joanna & Fred Tonelli)
Sun Dec 7	8:30 am	† Biagio, Civita, Elena & Mariano Forte (The Family)
	10 am	Birthday Blessings Connie Del Fuoco (Anna Maria Cerullo)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO

The armor of light

Like Jesus, Paul often used examples drawn from daily life to illustrate his teachings. Soldiers in armor would be a common sight in the lands occupied by Rome. They were necessary to maintain order and prevent revolutions. The Roman soldiers may have lived in excess during off-duty moments. The "orgies and drunkenness" would be a witness to the power and degradation of Rome. By non-Romans the Roman Soldiers might have been seen as armies of darkness. Paul suggests that the Christians should don virtues that would be the armor of the forces of light.

(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip Art)



The Season of Advent & Christmas

Welcome to Advent! The Church's calendar begins today. This is the time in our liturgical year for quiet, hope and preparation. The word "Advent" means "coming" and starts with the message: "Be ready and watch for the coming of Jesus". While the whole secular world is bent on buying-and-selling, partying, rushing around and worrying, the Church offers us a whole other way to move through this season. We go beyond the materialism of the modern world by focusing on the real meaning of the feast: God enters human existence in a totally personal way.



Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the month December 5, 2025

Following the 8 am Mass

Rosary at 7:30am.

Adoration concludes with Holy Mass

Saturday morning December 6 @ 8 am

Come. See. Hear. Encounter.

Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

Adult Faith Education

For a deeper understanding of the word of God, interested parishioners can participate in this faith development program. The program continues on Friday, December 5, 2025 @ 7 pm in the church basement hall.



Save the date

Saturday December 13th @ 7 pm

Movie Night in the parish hall

Featuring:

"Our Lady of Guadalupe"

Serra Vocation

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." 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:

Mike Cerullo

And for the souls of the deceased:

† Elizabeth Villania, † Mariza Teodoro

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

Please call the parish office

Christmas Outreach Program

As part of our community outreach, we at St. Leo, assist our fellow brothers and sisters who are in need. Our volunteers visit needy families and individuals living within the St. Leo's boundaries. They provide spiritual, social & financial assistance. Through the years they have assisted many households with grocery gift cards and presents especially at Christmas. They wouldn't be able to carry out this work without your kind support. Next weekend, second Sunday of Advent we will have the annual Christmas collection for the St. Vincent de Paul so that we can help provide the support required for families in our community. Envelopes are located at the back of the church. Please think of the less fortunate in our community and be as generous as you can. Thank you and God Bless!



Parish 2026 Sunday Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2026 are located at the back of the church. We ask that you remember your envelopes number as the envelopes are filed numerically. Volunteers are on hand with an alphabetic master list just in case. New/Un-used boxes are available for parishioners' interested in using Sunday Offering Envelopes. Write your name and address on the first few envelopes. For those parishioners who have not made a formal contact with the parish over the past year, envelopes have been cancelled. This process allows us to tidy up our computer listings and free unused boxes of envelopes. Thank you for your continued support! God Bless!



St. Leo's Christmas Food & Socks Drive for the Good Shepherd & Canadian Food for Children

Please donate canned goods and other non-perishable food items for the Good Shepherd's Christmas Food Drive. The Good Shepherd is Toronto's largest free meal program and provides nutritious meals 365 days a year to anyone in need. They also provide Men's & Women's clean, washable clothing to people who need them. There is a need for new socks and underwear. Parishioners are asked to purchase sport/work socks if they can. We will be collecting them for distribution to the Good Shepherd (men's) and Canadian "Food for Children" (women's & children's). Please donate early so that they can be delivered before the cold sets in. Thank you very much for your help and generosity!

Bake Sale Sunday December 21st 8 – 1 pm

We are hosting a bake sale, and donations of baked goods are needed. We are calling on all the bakers to help! Please bake up a favorite cake, cookies, cupcakes or pies and donate to our sweet table. Your goodies should be individually wrapped or in containers that do not need to be returned. Please bring your baked donations on Saturday December 20th from 1-4 pm. Proceeds from the bake sale will go towards the stairwell enclosure on Stanley. Thank you!



Olive Woods from the Holy Land

This weekend the Holy Land Christian Families are visiting the parish to display and sell their selection of Olive Woods from the Holy Land. Hand Carving Olive Woods are Religious items that are hand made by Christian families as a source of income to help with food, shelter and better education. They are asking for your support during the difficult time and the effect of the economy of the Holy Land.

The Sanctuary Lamp
for the month of December is offered by:
Kostancija Degutyte
"In Thanksgiving & Special Intentions"

New Missal

The new Sunday Missal prayer book for the 2025/2026 season is now available; the current edition goes out of use after the Solemnity of Christ the King November 23rd. The donation for the Missal is \$6.00. Make sure you are ready for the beginning of the new Liturgical Year.

Victoria Choral Ensemble Christmas Concert

On Sunday, December 21 at 8:00pm, the Victoria Scholars Men's Choral Ensemble present 'O Night Divine'. Join the Scholars for a festive and spirited celebration of seasonal music as they present a concert of carols from Christmas past and present by composers from Canada and around the world. Tickets available at the door. Regular \$30, Student / 65+ \$ 25. Doors open at 7:30pm victoriascholars.ca

Christmas
CONCERT

St. Leo's Parish Advent Days Of Confession December 14 – 20, 2025

Sunday Dec 14th	12:30 - 1:30
Monday Dec 15th & Tuesday Dec 16th	7 - 8 am
Wednesday Dec 17th	5 - 7 pm
Thursday Dec 18th	7 - 8 am
Friday Dec 20th	5 - 7 pm
Saturday Dec 20st	4 - 5 pm

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