

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
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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

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
Mon Dec 8	8 am	† Francis Rodill (Agnes Martinez)
Tue Dec 9	8 am	Intentions of Simon Tomory (S. Suppa)
Wed Dec 10	7 pm	† Walter Black (Lori Lustig)
Thu Dec 11	8 am	† Fr. Ralph Paonessa (Anna Maria Cerullo)
Fri Dec 12	8 am	Intentions of Maria Tomory (S. Suppa)
Sat Dec 13	5 pm	† Jan Chokota (Steve & Paula Vitasek)
Sun Dec 14	8:30 am	† Luisa Sarapochiello (Husband Frank)
	10 am	PRO POPULO
	11:30 am	† Enzo Spada (The Family)

It is too little

This week's scriptures are meant to be a link between the Baptism of Jesus and the rest of the Church year. They provide sort of a follow-up and meditation on Christ's ritual washing by John. Last week we read part of the Servant Songs from Isaiah. These describe a mysterious person who serves God through his pain. Today's selection adds the concept that the Servant's mission is not just to the Jewish people, but for all nations. As much as God loves his Chosen People, this love is only complete when it reaches all people.

((Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-art))



"Hail Mary, Full of Grace
The Lord is with thee:
Blessed art thou
Amongst women,
And blessed is the fruit
Of thy womb, Jesus"

On the feast of the Immaculate
Conception Dec 8th
Here's wishing you a blessed day!



Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the month January 2, 2026

Following the 8 am Mass

Rosary at 7:30am.

Adoration concludes with Holy Mass

Saturday morning January 3, 2026 @ 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 12 & 19, 2025 @ 7 pm in the church basement hall.



Serra Vocation

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Saturday Night @ the Movies

Saturday December 13th @ 7 pm

Movie Night in the parish hall

Featuring:

"Our Lady of Guadalupe"

Advent Days of Confession 2025 December 14 - 20

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 19th	5 - 7 pm
Saturday Dec 20st	4 - 5 pm

Christmas Mass Schedule



Wednesday December 24th

(Christmas Eve)

7:00 pm & 12 midnight

Thursday December 25th

Regular Sunday Schedule

8:30 am 10:00 & 11:30 am

Wednesday December 31st

8 am & 5:00 pm

Thursday January 1st 2026

10:00 & 11:30 am

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 for 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!



The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of

December is offered by

Kostancija Degutyte

"In Thanksgiving & Special Intentions"

Prepare a Home

In the church each Sunday during Advent the focus is leading to the birth of Jesus. Some families decorate the house for the beginning of Advent, or bake special cookies or treats, or simply begin to use table coverings for meals. All of these provide opportunities to teach children the significance of this sacred time, and to remind ourselves of it as well. We live in a world in which bigger and better define our expectations for much of life. We have become so infatuated by super-size that we tend not to see potential in small things.



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 Collection St. Vincent de Paul Society

A special collection will be held this weekend, for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Outreach. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Envelopes are provided and they are located at the back of the church. Please deposit your donation at the offertory collection, as no other collection will be taken. Thank you!

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!

Good deeds

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!

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

Mike Cerullo

And for the souls of the deceased:

Rev. John Charles Govan, S.J.

Vitale Sardina

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

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