

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

Mass Intentions for the Week



Sat Dec 13	5 pm	† Jan Chokota (Steve & Paula Vitasek)
Sun Dec 14	8:30 am	† Luisa Sarrapochiello (Husband Frank)
	10 am	PRO POPULO
	11:30 am	† Enzo Spada (The Family)
Mon Dec 15	8 am	† Maria Suppa (S. Suppa)
Tue Dec 16	8 am	Birthday Blessings Iris Purdy (Agnes Martinez)
Wed Dec 17	7 pm	† Matthew Fusaro (Raffaella, Francisco & Olivia)
Thu Dec 18	8 am	For the Health of Celerina Querijero (Agnes Martinez)
Fri Dec 19	8 am	Birthday Blessings Alia Nyreen So (Helena Zenaida Clemente)
Sat Dec 20	5 pm	† Adam Lecznar (The Lecznar Family)
Sun Dec 21	8:30 am	† Jerry Salandra (The Ciprietti Family)
	10 am	PRO POPULO
	11:30 am	† Edgar Paul Casha (Daughter)

The Glory of Carmel and Sharon

Isaiah had been predicting the destruction of Jerusalem and the exile of its people. He closes this section with more positive message about their return. The restoration would be accompanied with an abundance both in nature and the health of the people. The desert will be like Carmel, a mountain range in northern Israel. It was well-watered and flourished. Sharon was also a fertile region that stretched from the Mediterranean to the central mountains of Israel. Both Carmel and Sharon contrast dramatically with desert regions of Judah.



(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-art)

Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve December 24th

7:00 pm & 12 midnight

Christmas Day December 25th

Regular Sunday Schedule

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

New Year's Eve December 31st

Holy Day of Obligation

5:00 pm

New Year's Day January 1st 2026

10:00 & 11:30 am

Advent Days of Confession 2025

December 14 - 20

Sunday Dec 14 th	12:30 - 1:30
Monday Dec 15 th & Tuesday Dec 16 th	7 - 8 am
Wednesday Dec 17 th	5 - 7 pm
Thursday Dec 18 th	7 - 8 am
Friday Dec 19 th	5 - 7 pm
Saturday Dec 20 st	4 - 5 pm

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

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



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!



Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year

We wish to extend a warm invitation to the faithful of the archdiocese to join with Cardinal Leo for the Closing Mass for the Year of Jubilee on Sunday, December 28, 2025 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 5 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available with numerous priests present from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. All are most welcome.

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

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 19 2025 @ 7 pm in the church basement hall.



Serra Vocation

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, 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:
And for the souls of the deceased:

† Vitale Sardina, † Mira De Luca
† Leonardo Della Guardia, † Carmela Russo

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

Rejoice Always

If you are filled with joy, you will want to tell God about it and give thanks for everything that brings you happiness. Praying helps you see the joy that is already in your life and are grateful for it. Paul teaches that active happiness should be the most distinctive characteristic of a Christian.



We have absolutely no reason for despair. Today's readings are a reminder that true religion should be joyful. In the New American Bible the single word "joy" appears 219 times; while the words "sad", "sadden", "saddens", "sadly" and "sadness" occur only a total of 24 times. Keep prayer, gratitude and joy in your life and see if it isn't the best Christmas ever.

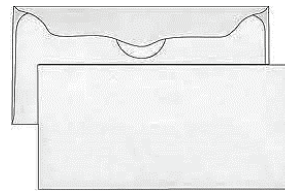
Good deeds

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!

Sunday Missals Available

We have Sunday Missals available for a donation of \$6.00 for parishioners who would like to have their personal copy. The Missals contains all the Sunday readings for the liturgical year cycle A, which began the first Sunday of Advent. For help with the missal, please see one of our ushers at the back of the church.

Sunday Offering Envelopes



Please pick up your 2026 Sunday Offering Envelopes located at the back of the church; envelopes are in numerical order. An alphabetical list is available if you don't remember your number. New/Un-used

boxes are also available for parishioners' interested in using envelopes; please write your full name and address on the first few envelopes. If any changes or correction are needed please call the parish office during business hours. **In the New Year, we ask that you kindly discard any leftover envelopes from this or previous years as your number might have changed. Thank you for your support.**

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