

st. leo's parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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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 Jan 10	5 pm	† Dominic & Carmela Ruggiero (Donna Micco)
Sun Jan 11	8:30 am	† Theresa Dalla Costa (The Family)
	10 am	† Giorgio Franco (Norm Davis)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO
Mon Jan 12	8 am	Blessings & Thanksgiving Aida Manlangit
Tue Jan 13	8 am	† Gloria Felaire (Agnes Martinez)
Wed Jan 14	7 pm	† Joe McMullen (St. Leo's St. Vincent de Paul)
Thu Jan 15	8 am	Birthday Blessings Jane Spada (The Family)
Fri Jan 16	8 am	† Biagio, Civita, Elena & Mariano Forte (The Family)
Sat Jan 17	5 pm	† Matthew Fusaro (Raffaela, Francisco & Olivia)
Sun Jan 18	8:30 am	† Vittorio Foschini (Fiorina Foschini & Family)
	10 am	PRO POPULO
	11:30 am	Special Intentions (Anonymous)

Why did Jesus ask to be baptized?

Neither John nor Jesus invented baptism. It had been practiced for centuries among the Jews as a ritual equivalent of Confession. Until the fall of the Temple in 72 A.D. it was common for Jewish people to make a spiritual cleansing in a special pool called a MIKVEH-literally a "collection of water". This was said to remove spiritual impurity and sin. Men did this weekly on the eve of the Sabbath. Women did it monthly. Converts were also expected to do it before entering Judaism. Orthodox Jews still retain the rite. John preached that such a bath was a necessary preparation for the cataclysm that would be wrought by the coming Messiah. Jesus transformed this continual ritual into the one single, definitive act by which we begin our faith. (Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-art)



Thank you

We want to say "Thank you" to our Parishioners for your continuing devotion and commitment to the life of our parish. Thank you for the time, energy and talents you give so freely as well as for your financial support. Without such generous giving our church could not survive let alone develop and grow. We know that many of you find it inspiring, rewarding and enjoyable to be a part of our church community, and we thank God for your faith, love and service. God Bless you all!



Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday of the month February 6, 2026

Following the 8 am Mass
Rosary at 7:30am.

Adoration concludes with Holy Mass
Saturday morning February 7, 2026 @ 8 am
Come. See. Hear. Encounter.
Experience the Real Presence of Jesus



Ordinary Time Begins

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (this weekend January 11th) officially brings the Christmas Season to a close. Tomorrow we return to the season of Ordinary Time. During Ordinary Time the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. We listen to the stories of his life and ministry and ponder his words. The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green.

Serra Vocation

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Communion Etiquette

The Church allows us to receive communion on the tongue or in the hand. The bishops of Canada ask that we make a simple bow before receiving Holy Communion. Please make this act of reverence as the person ahead of you receives the Eucharist. By this gesture we show our respect and love for Jesus, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Adult Faith Education Continuing

For a deeper understanding of the word of God, interested parishioners can participate in this faith development program. Friday, January 23rd, 2026 @ 7 pm in the church basement hall.



Volunteer Appreciation Night

Friday February 13th

We take the time to thank all volunteers in our community, who dedicate their time and talents to serve our parish. We are fortunate for their continued service and support. A special appreciation get-together night is planned for all volunteers, for Friday February 13th. Holy Mass @ 7 pm and buffet dinner following Mass. The invitation is extended to all volunteers and guest.



In Loving Memory Of
The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of January is reserved by Anna Maria Cerullo.

In Loving Memory of
All Deceased Members of the Cerullo Family

The St. Leo's Quilting Group

The Quilters meets every Monday from 10 am to 2 pm. They would love to have you join them. If you cannot stay for the entire time, you are welcome to come and stay for as many hours as you wish. If you do not know how to quilt but would like to learn, they will be glad to teach you. They also have beautiful baby quilts for sale that would make lovely gifts

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

Olivia Barrucco

Rev. Mons. Eduardo Resendes, P.H.

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

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026

Sunday, January 18, 2026, 4:00 p.m. EST

Venue: Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd, Toronto, ON M6S 2Y8

Theme: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4)
Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church.

Save
THE DATE

Saturday January 31st @ 7 pm
Movie Night in the parish hall

Please note:

Your 2026 offering envelopes are made up of two parts; **ordinary offering** and **building fund**; after you write your name and address, write in the amount for the offertory and the amount designated to the building fund, it is easier for our counters to allocate the funds that way. And please remember to use your blue envelopes every month so we can continue to raise much needed funds for the new rectory. Thank you!



Update from St Leo's St Vincent de Paul

Over the Christmas season, we assisted a total of 48 households made up of 58 adults and 59 children. Fourteen of our families were sponsored very generously by Bishop Allen Academy and St Gregory's Parish. We held a very successful drop-in and hosted members of 34 of the households in the church basement for a light lunch and distribution of \$4,350 in grocery store gift cards as well as assorted other donated gift cards and presents. Overall it was a wonderful experience to be able to share the great generosity of our community with so many people who are experiencing hardship at this time of year. The proceeds from the Christmas collection of 2025, of \$3,413.00, help us to continue this work of charity. God bless all of you!

Bake Sale Thanks

A special thank you to all our volunteers who took part in the Parish Bake Sale making it a great success. There is an enormous amount of work in the set up and the clean-up, the time you donate and your hard work is very much appreciated. We also thank our parishioners who generously donated baked good for the sale, it was great to see so many goodies and treats.

The bake sale generated an income of \$1,165.50. **THANK YOU!** Mike Cerullo is the winner of the Quilt, Robert Long and Mary Surman raffle winners of the Crosses donated by parishioner Janice Saulnier. God Bless!



Lakeshore Youth Ministry – EDGE & LifeTeen

As we begin the New Year, Lakeshore Youth Ministry is pleased to welcome youth back for another season of faith, fellowship, and community. Our Friday youth nights are held at St. Ambrose Church Hall at 6:00 PM and alternate between the following programs:

EDGE – for students in Grades 5–8

First session: Friday, January 9

LifeTeen – for students in Grades 9 and up

First session: Friday, January 16

All youth are welcome, including those attending for the first time. We look forward to beginning this New Year together as a parish family.

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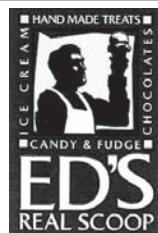
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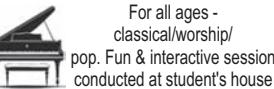
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