

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



Masses For The Week

Sat Feb 14	5 pm	† Matthew Fusaro (Raffaella, Francisco & Olivia)
Sun Feb 15	8:30 am	† Luisa Sarrapochiello (Husband Frank)
	10 am	PRO POPULO
	11:30 am	† Rita Aquilina (Ruth & Family)
Mon Feb 16	8 am	Intentions of Emma Doughty Birthday
Tue Feb 17	8 am	Intentions of Nathalie Gauthier
Wed Feb 18 Ash Wednesday	12 Noon	All Souls of Purgatory (Agnes Martinez)
	7 pm	Rev. Dominic Quyen Bui
Thu Feb 19	8 am	Special Intentions Guido Di Piazza & Family (St. Leo's Parishioners)
Fri Feb 20	8 am	Intentions of Robert Spada Birthday
Sat Feb 21	5 pm	Intentions of Olivia Suppa (S. Suppa)
Sun Feb 22	8:30 am	† Ted Bak (Joanna Bak)
	10 am	In Thanksgiving (Teresita)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO

Wisdom of God

Paul is contrasting three things: the wisdom of God taught by the Church, the philosophy of the world, and the opinion of the "masters of this age". Paul is saying that the Church has been given something from God that the world can never give – a wisdom which has been hidden, unseen, beyond human understanding. Paul reminds the Corinthians that God has many riches for those who love him and tells us that the rulers of this age failed to recognize God's wisdom in Christ crucified. (Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-art)



Lent Begins

Wednesday February 18th it's Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. A season of reflection and preparation for Easter. All over the world Catholics will be praying and fasting for their own sins and for their conversion. The liturgy of the Mass with the imposition of ashes will be celebrated @ **12:00 noon and 7:00 pm.** During the forty days of Lent the Church calls us to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Prayer: spend time every day talking with Jesus and meditating on his Word. Fasting: strengthen your self-discipline by denying yourself. Almsgiving: Enter into the mystery of Christ's self-giving by donating seriously to the poor and needy.

Ash Wednesday



February 18

12 Noon and 7:00 pm

Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, all Fridays during Lent and all through the year should be and are days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the month March 6, 2026

Following the 8 am Mass

Rosary at 7:30am.

Adoration concludes with Holy Mass

Saturday morning March 7, 2026 @ 8 am

Come. See. Hear. Encounter.

Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

Stations of the Cross

During the Lenten season, Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday beginning February 20th @ 7:00 pm.

The community gathers in church and Fr. Nick will lead the service. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Parish groups and Parishioners are asked to participate.



Serra Vocation

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

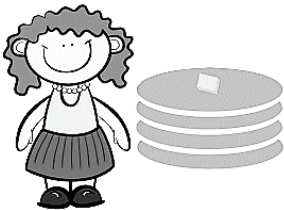
Adult Faith

For a deeper understanding of the word of God, interested parishioners can participate in this faith development program. Friday, February 20th @ 8 pm in the church basement hall.



The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of February is offered by

Helena Zenaida Clemente for:
Special Intentions & Thanksgiving



Pancake Tuesday
After the 8 am morning
Mass February 17th
Everyone is welcome
Church basement hall
Please join us.

Gather your Palms

Traditionally, ashes used on Ash Wednesday are palms that have been collected from the previous year's Palm Sunday; they are burned down into a fine powder and mixed with holy water or chrism oil to create a light paste; or sometimes they are left dry and are sprinkled on the head rather than made into a paste. If you have palms at home from previous Palm Sundays, you can bring them back to church and they will be burned, and used this year on Ash Wednesday.

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

And for the souls of the deceased:

Rev. Godwin Obinna Nduaguibe

Rev. Terence Edmund Gallagher S.F.M.

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

Choose a sponsor

An important part of preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation is choosing a sponsor to support and guide you through the process. Sponsors typically must be fellow Catholics no less than 16 years old, and someone you look up to for their strong sense of faith and commitment to the church. When choosing a sponsor, it's recommended to choose someone close to you, be it a relative or close family friend, who will continue to be a part of your life after you have been confirmed. In addition, it helps to choose someone who lives nearby, as they will be required to attend meetings with you in the period leading up to your Confirmation, as well as be there with you when the Bishop officially confirms you.

World Day of Prayer

The movement has been active for nearly 100 years. Christian women of many traditions who come together in an annual day of celebration – the first Friday of March – to which everyone is welcome. The World Day of Prayer has a special theme and is prepared by a specific country. This year the theme is called **“I will give you rest: Come”** and the country is Nigeria. Etobicoke will feature services with local gatherings on Friday, March 6th at 2:00 PM at Fellowship Christian Reformed Church (800 Burnhamthorpe Rd) and Friday, March 13th at 1:00 pm at St. Gregory's Church (122 Rathburn Rd).



Saturday Night at the Movies

Saturday February 28th @ 7 pm
In the parish hall

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Blank boxes are available in the main entrance of the church for those parishioners' not currently using envelopes, just grab an unmarked box and make sure you mark your full name and mailing address on the first few envelopes.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday, March 14th 2026 - 9:00 AM -
5:00 PM

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
(MTCC)

255 Front St. W., Toronto

Tickets and information: www.ljhr.ca



17th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

[REGISTER](#) for this Lenten Day of Reflection:

Saturday, March 21, 2026 9 am – 5 pm

Le TrePort Banquet Hall - 1075 Queensway E,
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Closing Mass celebrated by
Most Reverend Bishop Ivan Camilleri

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