

# st. leo's parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## OFFICE HOURS

Tues thru Thurs - 9am to 4pm

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meeting every fourth Monday  
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Email: kofc3401@kofc3401.org

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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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



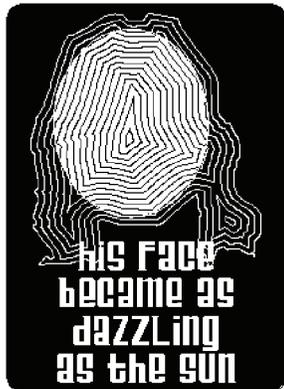
### Masses For The Week

<b>Sat Feb 28</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	<b>For the Health of Shelley Boudah</b> <small>(Jennifer Robitaille)</small>
<b>Sun Mar 1</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>† Lina, Maria &amp; Franca Sarrapochiello</b> <small>(Frank Sarrapochiello)</small>
	<b>10 am</b>	<b>† Vitale Sardina</b> <small>(The Family)</small>
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
<b>Mon Mar 2</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Birthday Blessings Conchita Lubarbio</b> <small>(Agnes Martinez)</small>
<b>Tue Mar 3</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Birthday Blessings Jean Pozzobon</b> <small>(Anna Maria Cerullo)</small>
<b>Wed Mar 4</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>† Deceased Family Rossetti</b> <small>(S. Suppa)</small>
<b>Thu Mar 5</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Birthday Blessings Antoinette Mancini</b> <small>(Anna Maria Cerullo)</small>
<b>Fri Mar 6</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>† Carla Suppa</b> <small>(S. Suppa)</small>
<b>Sat Mar 7</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Birthday Blessings Cameron Gould</b>
	<b>5 pm</b>	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
<b>Sun Mar 8</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>† Nunzio Fiorito</b> <small>(Orsola Fiorito)</small>
	<b>10 am</b>	<b>† George Casha</b> <small>(Ruth &amp; Family)</small>
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>† Gabriel Coelho</b> <small>(Maria Coelho)</small>

### His face dazzling

Even though we are made in God's image, God is totally different from us. God dwells in spectacular glory: pure energy. If we could perceive even a glimpse of God with our human eyes the sight would blind us like the energy from a hydrogen bomb. To shield us from the fearful vision, God concealed his divine power to avoid frightening us away. Only once did God let the mask slip away--and then only to a select group whom he had carefully prepared. This was the vision shown on the mountain. It was a sort of "sneak peek" of our own future destiny, to comfort the apostles when they would face torture and death.

(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)



### The forty days of Lent

Lent is traditionally thought of as a time of fasting. These days' people often choose to 'give up' something they particularly enjoy. The important messages we can learn from the idea of fasting are that we should be aware of - and try to limit - our own wastefulness. During lent, we prepare our hearts for Easter. During these forty days 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.



#### 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

### St. Leo's St. Vincent de Paul

Members of St. Leo's Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be speaking after all Masses this weekend to share more about our mission and the work we do in our community. We warmly invite you to consider joining us! Our next monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. All who are interested are most welcome to attend. We encourage you to keep this invitation in your prayers. For more information or any questions, please contact our administrative team at 416-855-9002.



### Serra Vocation

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### Adult Faith

For a deeper understanding of the word of God, interested parishioners can participate in this faith development program. Friday, March 6th @ 8 pm in the church basement hall.





**Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>  
@ 8 pm  
In the parish hall  
Christ"**

**EMAIL SCAM ALERT:** In recent weeks there has been a sharp increase in the amount of fake/scam emails being received by parishioners throughout the archdiocese. These emails – usually sent from Gmail accounts operated by scammers - appear to be from a priest and often request the purchase of gift cards or electronic payments. Please exercise caution should you receive an email like this and contact the parish via telephone to validate its authenticity.

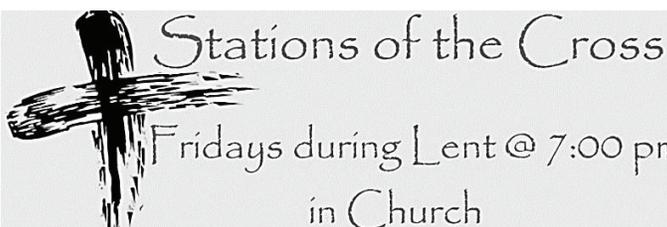
## Week of Confessions Schedule 2026

Week of March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>

Sunday March 22 12:30 - 1:30 pm	Monday March 23 7 - 8 am 7 - 8 pm	Tuesday March 24 7 - 8 am	Wednesday March 25 6 - 7 pm
Thursday March 26 7 - 8 am 7 - 7:30 pm	Friday March 27 7 - 8 am 5 - 7 pm	Saturday March 28 4 - 5 pm	

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

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



### Be careful of what you say

The power of words... it is sometimes hard to understand that an encouraging word can go such a long way. Anyone can speak words that tend to rob another of the spirit to continue in difficult times. Special is the individual who will take the time to encourage another.  
Author Unknown

### Save the Date for the: 2026 National March for Life

Join us May 14, 2026

Our theme for the 2026 National March for Life is "FOLLOW ME"

And He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.(Matthew 4:19-20) These are words that changed history. "Follow Me" is first and foremost an invitation to be disciples of Jesus and fishers of men.



### Income Tax Receipts

Your income tax receipts are ready to be picked up. They are located in a box on the cabinets at the back of the church and are in alphabetical order. You may ask one of our ushers for assistance. We like to thank our parishioners and friends for the kind support and prayers. God Bless!

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of March is sponsored by:  
Agnes Martinez for:  
Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

### Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2026 - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)

255 Front St. W., Toronto

Tickets and information: [www.ljhr.ca](http://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, Mississauga, ON

Closing Mass celebrated by

Most Reverend Bishop Ivan Camilleri

[dwf2026.eventbrite.ca](http://dwf2026.eventbrite.ca)



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