

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Masses For The Week

Sat Mar 7	8 am	Birthday Blessings Cameron Gould
	5 pm	PRO POPULO
Sun Mar 8	8:30 am	† Nunzio Fiorito (Orsola Fiorito)
	10 am	† George Casha (Ruth & Family)
	11:30 am	† Gabriel Coelho (Maria Coelho)
Mon Mar 9	8 am	† Biagio, Civita & Bruno Forte (The Family)
Tue Mar 10	8 am	† Victoria Chiodo (Connie Del Fuoco)
Wed Mar 11	7 pm	† Mary Casha (Ruth & Family)
Thu Mar 12	8 am	Special Intentions (Agnes Martinez)
Fri Mar 13	8 am	† Giuseppe, Maria Concetta & Donato Zita (Lucy Zita)
Sat Mar 14	5 pm	† Pat Chisholm (Wife Joan & Family)
Sun Mar 15	8:30 am	† Luisa Sarrapochiello (Husband Frank)
	10 am	PRO POPULO
	11:30 am	† Matthew Fusaro (Raffaella, Francisco & Olivia)

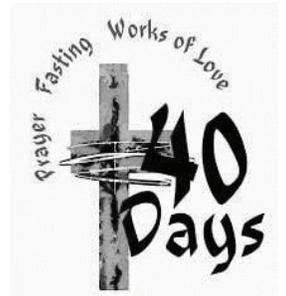
The water rock

It is possible to find water in the driest desert. There are limestone springs in the Sinai. Eventually a crust forms over them, blocking the flow. Anyone who had lived in the area for several years would be likely to recognize the signs of such springs. Moses only had to break through the crust to release the water. He becomes frustrated at the slow response and shows a lack of trust in God. *(Lonsdale Commentaries and Clip-Art)*



Lenten day of Confessions

Please be reminded that the Day of Confessions for Lent will be held during the week of March 22nd – March 28th 2026. The Archdiocese of Toronto is offering the Sacrament in over 220 Parishes at different times throughout that week. Sacramental Confession is one of the best ways to prepare for Easter. Whether it's been weeks or months since your last Confession this is an opportunity for all Catholics to return to the Lord with honesty and integrity. Please refer to the schedule printed below for a time convenient to you. You may visit www.archtoronto.org/confession for date and time at other parishes.



Week of Confessions Schedule 2026			
Week of March 22 nd - 28 th			
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	

Eucharistic Adoration
 First Friday of the month May 1, 2026
 Following the 8 am Mass
 Rosary at 7:30am.
 Adoration concludes with Holy Mass
 Saturday morning May 2, 2026 @ 8 am
 Come. See. Hear. Encounter.
 Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

Serra Vocation

“But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.” Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? 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

Adult Faith

For a deeper understanding of the word of God, interested parishioners can participate in this faith development program. Friday, March 13th @ 8 pm in the church basement hall.



Tenebrae Service

The Victoria Scholars Men's Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Jerzy Cichocki, will present Tenebrae in our church on Palm Sunday, March 29th at 7:30pm.

Written in the middle of the last century by Monsignor John Edward Ronan - principal founder of Toronto's St. Michael's Choir School - the Tenebrae responsorial convey the sorrow of Holy Week in this solemn and noble music. Admission is free, free-will offerings are welcome.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

As part of our community outreach, we at St. Leo Parish, assist our fellow brothers and sisters who are in need by our dedicated St. Vincent de Paul members.

Volunteers visit needy families and individuals living within the St. Leo's boundaries. The SVDP provides spiritual, financial and social assistance. We appeal to your generosity to assist us in helping the needy.

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

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!

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

Ann Doyle

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

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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday During Lent
7:00 pm.
In the Church

Walk with Christ on His journey to Calvary. Enter into prayer, reflection, and the sacred beauty of the Lenten season.

Please Join Us — All Are Welcome

Ten Commandments of Church manners

1. Arrive on time for the Celebration of Mass.
2. Turn off cellular phones before entering the Church. Do not bring computer games to Church!
3. Do not chew gum in Church. (Communion Fast is one hour prior to receiving Communion.) This includes gum!
4. GENUFLECT: When entering the pew before Mass starts and exiting the pew after Mass has ended. Show respect for the blessed Eucharist present in the Tabernacle.
5. When children are restless, take them to the lobby or to the back of the Church.
6. "Look" to where the action is on the Altar – priest, readers etc.
7. Sing and pray with *ENTHUSIASM!*
8. When receiving Holy Communion, consume the host immediately – do not walk away with it.
9. Remain in your pew until the final procession reaches the back of the Church.
10. After Mass is completed, say a prayer.

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

[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



Saturday March 28th
@ 8 pm
In the parish hall

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