

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
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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

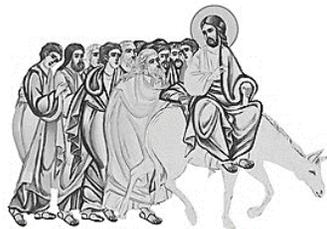
ST. LEO'S PARISH IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

PALM SUNDAY OF LORD'S PASSION

 Masses For The Week		
Sat Mar 28	5 pm	† Jerry Salandra (The Ciprietti Family)
Sun Mar 29 Palm Sunday	8:30 am	† Biagio, Civita, Elena & Mariano Forte (The Family)
	10 am	† Anton Gornik (Son Tony)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO
Mon Mar 30	8 am	† Edda Spada
Tue Mar 31	8 am	For the Health of Ricardo Benaulo (Corazon Pilar)
Wed Apr 1	7 pm	† Eloisa Valverde (Daughter Patricia Orbezo)
Thu Apr 2	7 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)
Fri Apr 3	3 pm	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Sat Apr 4	7 pm	Easter Vigil Mass (Holy Saturday)
Sun Apr 5 Easter Sunday	8:30 am	† Biagio, Civita, & Bruno Forte (The Family)
	10 am	† Ana Gornik (Son Tony)
	11:30 am	† Edwin Dalli (The Family)

Did Jesus ride two Animals?

Jesus wanted to make a public statement of his role as Messiah. He knew that this would provoke the Jerusalem leaders and force a response. He accomplished this by a triumphant procession from Bethesda, a small village on the east slope of the Mount of Olives. Matthew's gospel interprets this as a fulfillment of the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9--"Your king... is coming to you on a donkey; he comes on the colt of a donkey." The prophet was using poetry to describe the event. Hebrew poetry usually repeats thoughts using different words. It rhymes thoughts instead of sounds. Hence, the repetition of "donkey" and "colt" are meant only to convey the humility of the king.



(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip Art)

Holy Week Ceremonies

There are beautiful services this week that help us recall the events that saved us and bring us eternal life. This Sunday we read



The Holy Week

the story of the Last Supper and Good Friday. We will also hear these stories on Thursday and Friday. Palm Sunday is all about: Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Christ entered Jerusalem not as a conquering king on a charger but "riding on an ass" to show that he was the humble servant of all men, he clearly foresaw the sufferings and torments that would be his in that city, before the week was out.

Lenten preparation for Easter

Fasting & Abstinence: Catholics aged 14 and older are to abstain from meat Good Friday and all the Fridays throughout the year. In addition on Good Friday Catholics age 18-59 fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals.

Prayer: Catholics are encouraged to pray more during Lent, especially with Scripture. Lent is also an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Almsgiving: Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting; giving to the poor the money they saved by buying less.

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

"Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, 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:

Pasquale Galardo

Rev. Edward Joseph Smith

Communion for the homebound upon request,

anointing of the sick with the seriously ill,

Or those undergoing surgery. Please call the
parish office

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 2ND
7:00 PM "MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER"
"ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT"
UNTIL 12:00 MIDNIGHT"
No 8:00 AM MASS

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3RD
FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
2:30 PM DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION
3:00 PM HOLY FRIDAY SERVICE
7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
No 8:00 AM MASS

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 4TH
12 NOON
BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 4TH
7:00 PM EASTER VIGIL MASS
No 5:00 PM MASS

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5TH
REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE
8:30, 10 & 11:30 AM

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 12TH
REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE
8:30, 10 & 11:30 AM
DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS @ 3 PM

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

From 8 to 12 pm After the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm, stay and spend an hour in adoration with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane; be with Jesus before He enters into the Passion. A moment for individual reflections, silence and meditation.



The Way of the Cross

Everyone is invited to attend and pray the Stations of the Cross on Holy Friday April 3rd @ 7:00 pm. Please join us as we recall the path Jesus walked on his ascent to Mount Calvary.



TENEBRAE SERVICE
SUNDAY MARCH 29TH @ 7:30 PM
IN THE CHURCH
(FREE WILL OFFERING)

ShareLife Campaign 2026

Last year, nearly 250,000 people in our Archdiocese were helped in more than 20 languages, receiving the care, respect and compassion they rightly deserve. In addition, countless others were assisted through outreach programs around the world. Please consider how you can be supportive to the ShareLife Campaign and give a helping hand to those who need it most, right here at home.



Adult Faith

For a deeper understanding of the word of God, interested parishioners can participate in this faith development program. Friday, April 10th @ 7 pm in the church basement hall.



Annual Good Friday Collection

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. At this time each year Catholics are called on to support the Christians communities in the Holy Land. The annual Good Friday Collection next week on Good Friday offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places.

First Eucharist & Confirmation at St. Leo's Church

Our children are preparing to receive First Eucharist and Confirmation. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on the following times: Sunday April 19th Sunday April 26th & Sunday May 3rd always at the 11:30 am Mass. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday May 17th and Sunday May 24th also at the 11:30 am Mass. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their upcoming Sacraments.



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.

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