

st. leo's parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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OFFICE HOURS

Tues thru Thurs - 9am to 4pm
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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 EASTER



Masses For The Week

Sat Apr 18	8 am	Special Intentions
	5 pm	† Nelson Da Poupada (Diana Barbieri)
Sun Apr 19	8:30 am	† Luisa Sarrapochiello (Husband Frank)
	10 am	For the Health of Michael Sawh (Franceschini Family)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO
Mon Apr 20	8 am	† Beata Bak (Joanna Bak)
Tue Apr 21	8 am	Special Intentions for Nicole (Robert & Patricia)
Wed Apr 22	7 pm	Birthday Blessings Ayrold Fritz Cunanan (Helena Zenaida Clemente)
Thu Apr 23	8 am	† Donna Piccinin Craig (Maria Connell)
Fri Apr 24	8 am	† Olivia Moesch (Parishioners of St. Leo's)
Sat Apr 25	8 am	Intentions of Abby Gould Birthday
	5 pm	PRO POPULO
Sun Apr 26	8:30 am	† Vittorio Nifo (Ada Nifo & Family)
	10 am	† Agostino & Lide Franceschini (Franceschini Family)
	11:30 am	† Francisco Polinar (Teresa Palaca)

Did not the Christ have to suffer?

Jesus puts his finger on one of the critical questions of the Old Testament. The common belief was that the Messiah or Christ would be a conquering hero. He would triumph over all his enemies, like a knight in shining armor. This explains the quandary of the two disciples.

They had expected a magnificent fate for Jesus. He would defeat his foes in a spectacular manner. Instead he died in an ignominious execution like a criminal. Jesus solves this by reinterpreting the messianic prophecies. He illustrates that suffering was an inevitable factor in the prophets' expectations. Gradually he wins over the two disciples and they become excited with this new vision of events.

(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip Art)



First Eucharist at St. Leo's

This Sunday April 19th, and for the next two Sundays, April 26th and May 3rd at the 11:30 am Sunday Mass we welcome our children who have been preparing for first Holy Communion, a momentous experience and a very solemn moment in the lives of our young people.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday May 17th and Sunday May 24th also at the 11:30 am Mass. Please keep these youths in your prayers. We join the immediate family in the youngster's celebration of these events as they are joining us at our family table: the table of God's family.



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

Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called - 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

Invitation to the Neophyte Mass

Archbishop Leo will preside at a special Mass to celebrate with all those in the archdiocese who have been newly-initiated into the Church. The Mass will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 17th at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online.

A Warm Welcome
to Our Newest
Catholics!

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

John McClue

And for the souls of the deceased:

George Cerezo

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

Adult Faith

For a deeper understanding of the word of God, interested parishioners can participate in this faith development program. Friday, April 17th @ 7 pm in the church basement hall.



A ShareLife Campaign Update

Next week, we will be holding the second collection in our parish's ShareLife campaign. We ask for your generous support once again. Thus far we have raised (\$4,099.00) toward our goal of [\$35,000.00]. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for "living the Gospel" through ShareLife!

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. **Please call the office to reserve your seat today.**

Day with Mary

You are invited to a "Day with Mary" taking place on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults and children's catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more. There is no fee to register – this is a free event open to all. Register online today at <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>. Complete information can be found at <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>.

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. We appeal to your generosity to assist us in helping the needy. The St. Vincent De Paul contribution box is located at the entrance of the church.

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of April
Is offered by: Joanna Bak
In Thanksgiving & Special Intentions

SATURDAY NIGHT @ THE MOVIES
APRIL 25TH 2026 @ 7 PM
CHURCH BASEMENT HALL

Request a Mass Intention

Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may do so by calling the parish office and request a Mass Intention. Mass intentions provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance, anniversaries, birthdays, and other special intentions. Masses are usually booked several months in advance so if you have a particular date or time on which you want the Mass, it is very important that you call the parish office well ahead of time. Mass card are also available, please call or visit the parish office.



Pre-Planning Seminar

Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Join us for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options and make confident, faith-informed decisions.

Learn about: Funeral and burial options: Planning in advance to ease burden on loved ones: Catholic teachings on cremation: Flexible payment options (including 0% financing options)

Dates & Locations:

Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home
April 25, 2026, at 9:00 AM

to register: 905-851-5822 ext. 1

Assumption Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home
May 2, 2026, at 9:00 AM

To register: 905-670-8801 ext. 1

Teaching References

Every Catholic School Board requires a pastoral reference letter from a parish priest for any teacher applicant. Father Nick will only provide such a reference if you are a registered parishioner known to him. You should also be attending Sunday Mass on a regular basis and it helps if you have been involved in some sort of parish volunteer activity.

Volunteer Appreciation Week

Sunday April 19th - Saturday April 25 2026

This is a time of thanks and appreciation for our volunteers who selflessly serve our parish community with their unique gifts and abilities. Every day across the Archdiocese of Toronto, parishioners generously give their time and talent to nurture and strengthen the community and share the Gospel. We recognize that our parish volunteers in their act of service weave our community together and are instrumental in all that we do. We thank each and every one of you. God Bless You All!

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