

# st. leo's parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## OFFICE HOURS

Tues thru Thurs - 9am to 4pm  
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St. Louis School  
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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meeting every fourth Monday  
of the month at 8pm  
W: kofc3401.org  
Email: kofc3401@kofc3401.org

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Assisting families in need  
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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 May 2	8 am	† John & Josephine Walshe (Robert & Patricia)
	5 pm	In Thanksgiving Donna McLean & Family
Sun May 3	8:30 am	† Giuseppe Cornia & Family (Mario Galardo & Family)
	10 am	† Giovanni & Michelina Giannini (Fred & Annette)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO
Mon May 4	8 am	† Jacinto Martinez (Wife Agnes)
Tue May 5	8 am	† Biagio, Civita, & Bruno Forte (The Family)
Wed May 6	7 pm	Intentions of Brenda Lacroix Birthday
Thu May 7	8 am	† Elizabeth Wolinski (The Surman Family)
Fri May 8	8 am	† Afra Fermades (Juliet Carvalho)
Sat May 9	8 am	† Bienvento & Catalina Deblois & Elizabeth Villania (The family)
	5 pm	† Giuseppe & Catterina Vanin (Son Bruno Vanin)
Sun May 10	8:30 am	† Josephine Walshe & Michelina Nagoda (Patricia & Robert)
	10 am	† Deceased Members of the Salandra Family (The Ciprietti Family)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO

**Whoever has seen me has seen the Father**

Philip plays only a small role in the Gospels, but here his role is pivotal. Jesus has warned his apostles that he is leaving--probably a reference to his death and ascension. Philip responds to Jesus' claim that they "have seen the Father". Like the other apostles, he has not comprehended the depth of Christ's identity. He can see only the man and not the God. Our Lord expresses the nature of his person and his unity with the Father. It is a clear statement that he is God. In the beauty of Jesus we see the qualities of God because Jesus is divine. What do we see in Jesus? Surely among his attributes are love, mercy, compassion, strength, humility, self-sacrifice...in short all that is good and nothing that is wrong.



(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip Art)

**May – Marian Month and a Time of Renewal**

We are in full swing of the spring season! The trees, plants and flowers are green and colorful. Nature has renewed itself once again. This season can bring to one's mind ideas of personal renewal, a time to start fresh and new. As believers we have the great blessing of renewal in times of spiritual difficulty or weakness.



*For lo the winter has passed, the rain is over and done. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. Song of Solomon 2: 11.12*

**Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> 2026,  
Feast of Our Lady of Fatima**

Parishioners are invited to attend Holy Mass on Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm and celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. We will honor Our Lady and will pray particularly for world peace.



Our Lady of Fatima

Eucharistic Adoration  
First Friday of the month June 5, 2026  
Following the 8 am Mass  
Rosary at 7:30am.  
Adoration concludes with Holy Mass  
Saturday morning June 6, 2026 @ 8 am  
Come. See. Hear. Encounter.  
Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

**Serra Vocation**

"The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these..." Are you willing to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**First Eucharist at St. Leo's**

This Sunday we welcome the last group of 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 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> also at the 11:30 am Mass with their family and friends. Please keep these children 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.



### 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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:

**Beatrice Elaine Terlecki**

**Rev. Jose Kuriedath, CMI**

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

### Annual ShareLife

No one is turned away from ShareLife-funded agencies due to inability to pay. The kindheartedness of the ShareLife Agency from supporters like you, enables access to essential programs and services. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### Catholic Education Week – May 3-8, 2026

#### Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness

During Catholic Education Week, we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: [www.togetherinfaith.ca](http://www.togetherinfaith.ca).

#### Victoria Scholars Concert,

**Sunday, May 24, 2026, 8PM @ St. Leo's Church**

Join the Victoria Scholar's Men's Choral Ensemble for an all a cappella concert. Composers from Canada and around the world will be featured in this varied Programme, including Denis Bédard, John Rutter, Randall Thompson, and Peter Togni,

Regular tickets \$30, Students / 65+ \$25.

Tickets available at the door; doors open 7:30pm.

Visit: [victoriascholars.ca](http://victoriascholars.ca)

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of May

Is offered by:

Joan Chisholm & Children

In Remembrance of Pat Chisholm

& for Special Intentions

### 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, and a keynote address for adults and children's catechesis for the little ones. Register online today at <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>. Complete information can be found at <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>.



### Michael Power-High School Reunion

The Michael Power-St. Joseph High School (MPSJ) graduating class of '76 is happy to announce its 50th Anniversary Reunion Celebration to take place on Thursday evening, June 11, 2026 at Markland Wood Golf Club in Etobicoke. If you or a family member or someone you know graduated from MPSJ in 1976 please invite them to register for the reunion at [mpsiclassof76.com](http://mpsiclassof76.com)

### Adult Faith

For a deeper understanding of the word of God, interested parishioners can participate in this faith development program. Friday, May 8 @ 7 pm in the church basement hall.



St. Leo's Saturday Night @

The Movies

May 30<sup>th</sup> 2026 @ 7 pm

Church Basement Hall

### 2026 National March for Life

Join us May 14, 2026

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

**Please call the parish office to reserve your seat today,  
Limited seating!!!**

Help Not Harm: Take Action to Support Bill C-218

Write your Member of Parliament Today!

Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca)

You're invited to visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act), which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. We are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable.

Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

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