

# st. leo's parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## OFFICE HOURS

Tues thru Thurs - 9am to 4pm  
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St Leo's School  
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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meeting every fourth Monday  
of the month at 8pm  
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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

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD



### Masses For The Week

|                       |                 |  |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--|
| <b>Sat<br/>May 16</b> | <b>8 am</b>     | † <b>David Sy</b><br>(Lutgarda Sy)   |
|                       | <b>5 pm</b>     | <b>PRO POPULO</b>  |
| <b>Sun<br/>May 17</b> | <b>8:30 am</b>  | † <b>Luisa Sarrapochiello</b><br>(Husband Frank)                                       |
|                       | <b>10 am</b>    | † <b>Silvio Ciccocelli</b><br>(Lina Ciccocelli & Family)                               |
|                       | <b>11:30 am</b> | <b>Intentions</b><br><b>Mary Cutrara Birthday</b>                                      |
| <b>Mon<br/>May 18</b> | <b>8 am</b>     | † <b>Father Edward J. Smith</b>  |
| <b>Tue<br/>May 19</b> | <b>8 am</b>     | † <b>Filippo Zita</b><br>(Lucy Zita)   |
| <b>Wed<br/>May 20</b> | <b>7 pm</b>     | <b>Special Intentions</b><br>(Parishioners of St. Leo's)                               |
| <b>Thu<br/>May 21</b> | <b>8 am</b>     | <b>Healing Intentions for</b><br><b>Rose Galardo</b><br>(Anna Maria Cerullo)           |
| <b>Fri<br/>May 22</b> | <b>8 am</b>     | † <b>Fr. Soldano Paranas</b>   |
| <b>Sat<br/>May 23</b> | <b>8 am</b>     | <b>All Souls of Purgatory</b><br>(Agnes Martinez)                                      |
|                       | <b>5 pm</b>     | † <b>Luigi Troian</b><br>(Anne Tatoff)   |
| <b>Sun<br/>May 24</b> | <b>8:30 am</b>  | † <b>Helen &amp; Steve Golan</b><br>(Joanna Bak)                                       |
|                       | <b>10 am</b>    | † <b>Rafael Aniceta Moreno &amp;</b><br><b>Deceased Family Members</b><br>(The Family) |
|                       | <b>11:30 am</b> | <b>PRO POPULO</b>  |

### A mountain in Galilee

The book of Acts tells us that the Ascension of Jesus into heaven took place near Jerusalem. Jesus told them "not to leave Jerusalem". Why then, does Matthew say that the event happened at a mountain in Galilee?

The answer may be that there were two different traditions of where Jesus' departure took place. Another possibility is that Matthew interprets the mission of the Apostles as beginning at their homes in Galilee, from where they went forth. Finally, there is a distinct tradition in Jerusalem that the Mount of Olives was home to Galileans while on pilgrimage to the holy city. It would have been a convenient stopping point on the way from Galilee. Hence it might have been a "little Galilee" just as some cities have immigrant sections like "little Italy", etc. *(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip Art)*



### 40 Days after Easter

Today the Church celebrates the Ascension of Christ, forty days after He rose from the dead. After the Gospel the Paschal Candle, lit from the New Fire of the Easter Vigil, is extinguished to symbolize the departure of Christ. Christ returns to heaven taking His manhood with Him, and to prepare a place for all His faithful people. Today marks the beginning of a very solemn period for the Church with a feast ranked as a solemnity celebrated every Sunday. After today, there is Pentecost Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>, the Most Holy Trinity Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> and the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>.



#### 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

## Congratulations

To our newly ordained priests of the  
Archdiocese of Toronto

**Rev. Mr. Matteo Bertozzi**  
**Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi**  
**Rev. Mr. Matthew Tulio**  
**Rev. Mr. Victor Valdés**

We offer our prayers and best wishes.  
Let us continue to keep them in our prayers as they  
begin their sacred ministry. May their lives be a  
reflection of Christ's love and service.  
Our Lady, Queen of Priests, pray for us!

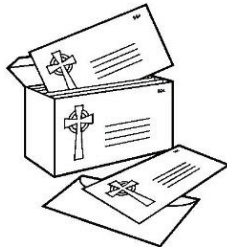
### ShareLife and World Communications Day

On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of Deaf people in our community. More than 60% of families with a Deaf child have not learned sign language. Silent Voice, a ShareLife agency, provides an array of accessible programs to help families communicate. This is thanks to you!

Thus far we have raised [\$16,365.00] 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](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### Parish Envelopes

The parish envelope weekly collection is the main source of income for our parish and it is vital that as many parishioners as possible use them. Boxed envelopes are available on the cabinets at the back of the church for parishioners who wish to start using offering envelopes. Please complete the first 3 envelopes with your name, address and phone #, this is also a good way to register you and your family. A very sincere "THANKS" to all our parishioners and friends of the parish who support us by their generosity and presence. This witness is deeply appreciated and we ask for your continuing support.



### Planning to be a Catholic Teacher?

It is critical for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic school board in Ontario, as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. If you (or if your adult child) is planning to apply to teach in a Catholic school, it is highly recommended that you have a conversation with Fr. Nick early in the process and you will avoid disappointment and stress at the time when applications are to be submitted.

### Serra Vocation

Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." If you are discerning God's call for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, 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, May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm in the church basement hall.



### Confirmations

This Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> and next Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30 am Mass, our children, joined by their family and friends, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, the special strength of the Holy Spirit. Our young people who are being confirmed are signs of hope and renewal for the Church. Keep these young people in your hearts and your prayers that they may become strong and courageous Christians.



### Would you like to spend a Day with Mary?

The event is taking place Saturday, May 30, 2026 at Villanova College in King City. Rain or shine, join His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo and so many others who love the Blessed Mother for A Day with Mary. Registration is now open – 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 [mpsclassof76.com](https://mpsclassof76.com)

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

**Mike Cerullo**

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

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of May is offered by:  
Joan Chisholm & Children  
In Remembrance of Pat Chisholm  
& for Special Intentions

St. Leo's Saturday Night @  
The Movies  
May 30<sup>th</sup> 2026 @ 7 pm  
Church Basement Hall

**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)



Have a safe and happy long weekend!

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