

# The Parish Community of *St. Leonard* Welcomes You

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## **OUR PARISH TEAM:**

Pastor - Fr. P. John Nosan  
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## **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 noon

## **DAILY MASS & DEVOTIONS**

### **SCHEDULE:**

Monday - 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Tuesday - 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer  
7:00 p.m. Mass  
Wednesday - 6:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet  
7:00 p.m. Mass  
Thursday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour Cenacle  
7:00 p.m. Mass  
Friday - 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. Mass

### **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
Any other time by appointment.

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday to Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Closed 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

### **TORONTO VOCATIONS OFFICE**

Tel. 416-968-0997 Fax 416-968-1227  
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## **OUR SCHOOLS**

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## **BAPTISM:**

Must be registered in the parish for at least three months. A baptism date will be set after attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class.

## **COMMUNION & ANOINTING FOR THE SICK:**

The Parish Team and Pastoral Visitors are available to visit the sick in the home or hospital and to bring communion. A priest is available to give the anointing of the sick. Please contact the Rectory.

## **MARRIAGE:**

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. At least one of the parties must reside within the parish boundaries or be a registered member of the parish and attending weekly. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.



Saturday, December 7 -  
 9:00 a.m. - **JOSE SOUSA CRUZ R.I.P.**  
 5:00 p.m. - **MARY FERNANDES R.I.P.**

Sunday, December 8 -  
 9:00 a.m. - **FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**  
 10:30 a.m. - **LILY HSIUNG R.I.P.**  
 12:00 noon - **EUNICE BENN R.I.P.**

Monday, December 9 -  
 9:00 a.m. - **BERNARD REGO R.I.P.**

Tuesday, December 10 -  
 7:00 p.m. - **AGNES JONA GONSALVES R.I.P.**

Wednesday, December 11 -  
 7:00 p.m. - **RAFFAELE & BRUNO DEFINA R.I.P.**

Thursday, December 12 -  
 7:00 p.m. - **RAFAEL ZABATE R.I.P.**

Friday, December 13 -  
 9:00 a.m. - **COSIMO PERRI R.I.P.**

Saturday, December 14 -  
 9:00 a.m. - **MANUEL & MARY CORREA R.I.P.**  
 5:00 p.m. - **MARY HAND R.I.P.**

Sunday, December 15 -  
 9:00 a.m. - **FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**  
 10:30 a.m. - **FRANCISCO & ELSA CASTRO R.I.P.**  
 12:00 noon - **JOAN PURSGLOVE R.I.P.**

**Readings for December 8 -**

Isaiah 11.1-10    Romans 15.4-9    Matthew 3.1-12

**INFORMATION EVENING FOR  
PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**

There will be an important meeting on Monday evening, December 9 at 7:30 in the Parish Hall for those going on the pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Deacon Joe from February 23 to March 5. Representatives from Bento's Tours and El Al Airlines will be on hand to share information and answer any questions you may have. Also, anyone who is interested but have not yet booked on the pilgrimage may attend to get more information. This will be the last opportunity to book the pilgrimage as ticket sales will be closed shortly after this meeting.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Masses for Christmas Eve, December 24 -**

5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight  
(No incense will be used at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.)

**Masses for Christmas Day, December 25 -**

10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon

**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, December 31** - 5:00 p.m.  
(No incense will be used at this Mass.)

**Wednesday, January 1** -

9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon

**Volunteer Lists for Holiday Masses**

Volunteer lists for Christmas and New Year's for Ushers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion are now available.



We have not been able to identify the users of the following offertory envelopes: 119, 342, 483, 494, 604, 652, 660, 769, 890, 962, 1028 and 1228. If you used these envelopes in 2019 please contact the parish office at 905-846-5385. Boxes of offertory envelopes for 2020 will be available in the Parish Hall next weekend.

**Children's Choir** ... Children who would like to participate in a choir for the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass are asked to attend practice on Saturday morning, December 14 and December 21 from 10:00 to 11:00 in the Church basement.

Altar Servers can pick up their new schedule from the Sacristy.

## DAY OF CONFESSIONS

To return to the Lord with integrity, we benefit greatly from celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This year we will provide the opportunity for all Catholics to avail themselves of this sacrament. Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness.

The Day of Confessions at St. Leonard's will be Wednesday, December 18 at the following times:

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

There will also be confession time on Friday morning, December 20 from 9:45 to 11:30.

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We would like to congratulate the following children of our parish who were welcomed into the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend:

Darius Deer  
Jeremiah Haim Ebenezer  
Adriel George  
Miqueas Sebastian Gomez-Sanchez  
Leona Leah Lugu  
Olivia Grace Papadeas

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## VOCATIONS

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, at 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

## CHRISTMAS FOOD HELP

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is providing Christmas baskets to those in need in our community. Non perishable food items with good expiry dates can be brought to the Parish Hall. Baskets will be delivered on Saturday morning, December 21.

We have an ‘Angel Tree’ in the vestibule. The focus of the Angel Tree is to provide food for those in need. The tags on the tree will indicate the size of the family. We are no longer able to issue tax receipts for gift cards, however, if you would like to make a cash/cheque donation for a family, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will purchase the gift cards for the family and you will be issued a tax receipt for the donation.

Donation envelopes are available in the foyer. Tax receipts for cash/cheque donations of \$20.00 or more will be issued by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

Students in grade 8 and up are welcome to volunteer for sorting the food in the Parish Hall on Thursday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m.

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## *For your information ...*

If you have appreciated publicly traded securities that you don't want to pay capital gains tax on, consider using them to make your offertory gift for 2019. The Development Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto can assist you on this. You can also use securities to consolidate all of your other Church giving. If you make an annual gift to ShareLife, for example, they will arrange to have your parish credited with your gift.

To learn more or to ask for a donation form, please call the Development Office at 416-934-3411 or visit [www.archtoronto.org/development/](http://www.archtoronto.org/development/) to download the form.

To ensure that you receive a 2019 charitable tax receipt, the completed form must reach their office by Friday, December 20 at 10:00 a.m. You can also fax 416-934-3412 or email: [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org).

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