

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.

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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.

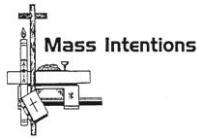
COMMUNION & ANOINTING FOR THE SICK:

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 Rector.

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.

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, Feb. 26

9:00 a.m. - *(Still available)*

5:00 p.m. - **LOURDES ROCHA R.I.P.**

Sunday, Feb. 27

9:00 a.m. - **JULIAN BOCARRO R.I.P.**

10:30 a.m.- **FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

12:00 noon- **MAUREEN VUKOBRATICH R.I.P.**

Monday, Feb. 28

9:00 a.m. - **ROMEO D'SOUZA R.I.P.**

Tuesday, March 1

7:00 p.m. - **PEDRO QUERIJERO R.I.P.**

Wednesday, March 2 (Ash Wednesday)

9:00 a.m. - *(Still available)*

7:00 p.m. - **ENRICO, ERLINDA & EDGAR ANGLO R.I.P.**

Thursday, March 3

7:00 p.m. - **ANDRÉ BÉCHARD R.I.P.**

Friday, March 4

9:00 a.m. - **RODNEY FERNANDES R.I.P.**

6:00 p.m. - **NICOLA & FELICIA FIGLIANO R.I.P.**

Saturday, March 5

9:00 a.m. - **SOULS IN PURGATORY**

5:00 p.m. - **MICHELA BELLASSAI R.I.P.**

Sunday, March 6

9:00 a.m. - **AL MOULTON R.I.P.**

10:30 a.m.- *(Still available)*

12:00 noon- **FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**



GREAT NEWS!!!

As of Tuesday, March 1st, churches are allowed to open at full capacity with no physical distancing (**masks are still required**). This weekend (February 26/27) is the last weekend that reservations are required on Eventbrite.

With Gratitude!

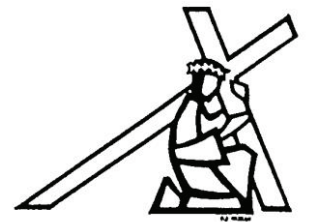
We want to thank all the volunteers that have continued to help over these last 2 years during this pandemic. You have helped checking people in, sanitizing the church, ushering, counting and countless other tasks. We couldn't have kept the church open without you. **THANK YOU!!!**



March 2nd is Ash Wednesday. There will be Mass at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. This is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:00 during Lent.



Readings for February 27

Sirach 27.4-7 1 Corinthians 15.54-58
Luke 6.39-45

MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, March 4th is the First Friday of the month. There will be Mass at 9:00 a.m. and **6:00 p.m.** Stations of the Cross will be at 7:00 pm.

GOOD SHEPHERD OUTREACH

The next drop off date for the Good Shepherd Prepare-a-Meal Program is Saturday, March 5th from 11:00 till noon around the back of the church.



We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. (Romans 8:37)

The 2022 Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be live streamed on Saturday March 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The annual event for Youth and Adults focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and Eucharistic Adoration. It will be a day of compelling talks, spirit-filled praise and worship, Adoration, and much more with Ralph Martin, Peter Herbeck, Heather Khym, Fr. Simon Lobo, Michael Dopp, and Fr. Adam Maher.

Register online:

<https://www.renewalministries.net/ljhr-registration-virtual/>

LENT

This Wednesday will begin the season of Lent, which is a time of preparation for the feast of all feasts, Easter. It is always a good idea to review at this time what the Church teaches us about this season and penance in general. Lent has two main purposes: it recalls our baptism, or prepares for it, and it emphasizes a spirit of penance.

Privileged forms of Penance are recommended, especially during Lent. These forms are privileged because they are based on the teaching of the Gospels (fasting, almsgiving, prayer, works of mercy) or because of their traditional value among the people of God (abstinence from meat).

Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness of the depth of our faith.

The law of “abstinence from meat” binds those who are 14 and older; the law of “fasting” binds those from 18 to 59 years of age.

Ordo 2021-2022 – Liturgical Calendar



ORDINANDI DINNER 2022 Tuesday, March 1, 2022 @ 7pm

Via [youtube.com/archtoronto](https://www.youtube.com/archtoronto)

Sponsored by the Serra Foundation of Canada and the 6 Serra Clubs in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

We hope you will join us as we meet and honour our Ordinandi at St. Augustine’s Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Seminary, who with God’s grace, will be ordained to the priesthood in 2022.

There is no cost to view this event, but if you would like to make a donation to help cover the costs and support our two seminaries, the Office of Vocations, and Serra House in the work they do, or obtain further information on this event, please visit: serracanada.com/2022-ordinandi-dinner.

Being Set Free for Love

Ash Wednesday (Year C)

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (see Psalm 51)

Mercy. That’s what it’s all about. As we begin Lent, a great place to start is with a better understanding of mercy.

Often when we think about Lent, we think of it with a sort of dread. “I have to give something up,” we often think. But if that is our thought, then we are missing the point. Do I “have to” give something up? Well, yes and no. It’s true that God wills this and has spoken this practice of self-denial and self-discipline to us through His Church. That is true. But it’s much more of an invitation to grace than the imposition of a burden.

Giving something up is really all about entering into God’s abundant mercy on a deeper level. It’s about being freed from all that binds us, and it helps us experience the new life we so deeply seek. Giving something up could refer to something as simple as fasting from a food or drink. Or, it can be any intentional act that requires a certain self-denial. But this is good! Why? Because it strengthens us in our spirit and our will. It strengthens us to be more resolved to say “Yes” to God on that complete level.

So often in life we are controlled by our emotions and desires. We have an impulse for this or that or to do this or that, and we often let those impulses or desires control us. Entering into a practice of self-denial helps strengthen us to control our disordered tendencies rather than being controlled by them. And this applies to much more than just food and drink. It applies to many things in life including our life of virtue, especially our charity.

Mercy is all about charity. It’s about love in the way God wants us to love. It’s about being free to let love consume us and take us over so that, in the end, all we want to do is love. This can be a hard practice to establish in our lives but is the source of our joy and fulfillment.

Mercy, in particular, is an act of love that, in a sense, is not deserved by another. It’s a free gift that is given purely from the motivation of love. And this is exactly the love God gives us. God’s love is all mercy. And if we want to receive that mercy, then we also have to give it. And if we want to give it, we need to properly dispose ourselves to giving mercy. This is accomplished, in part, by our little acts of self-denial.

So make this a great Lent, but don’t get stuck thinking that the Lenten sacrifices are burdensome. They are one essential piece of the pathway to the life God wants to bestow upon us.

My sacrificial Lord, may this Lent be truly fruitful in my life. May it be a grace and a joy to embrace all that You wish to bestow upon me. Jesus, I do trust in You.

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