

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

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## **OUR PARISH TEAM:**

Pastor - Fr. P. John Nosan  
Associate Pastor - Fr. Ravi Tete, HGN  
Deacon - James Bell

## **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 - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour  
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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St. Agnes	905-840-5020
St. Rita	905-595-0911
St. Josephine Bakhita School	905-846-0078
St. Evan School	905-843-6159
Notre Dame High School	905-840-2802

## **BAPTISM:**

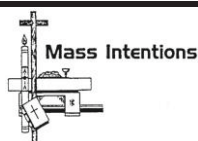
Must be registered in the parish for at least three months. A baptism date will be set after attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class.

## **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.



*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)*

*From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:17*

In Matthew's Gospel, from which we read today, we hear the first words spoken by our Lord as He begins His public ministry: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Up until this point, Matthew's Gospel presented us with Jesus' genealogy, His birth, the story of the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, Jesus' baptism, the preaching of Saint John the Baptist and Jesus' forty days in the desert. Now, after these introductory stories of Jesus' life, we enter into His public ministry.

Since we are still at the beginning of the season of Ordinary Time, it's important to understand this transition from the Old Testament prophets, of which John was the last, to the New Testament preaching of our Lord. The difference is that all that had been prophesied and pointed to in the Old Testament had now arrived. Saint Jerome, in commenting upon this passage, says that as the Old Testament Law ceased, the Gospel commenced. And, of course, the fulfillment of this new era of the Gospel was only a few short years away when our Lord would offer up His life for the salvation of many.

As Jesus begins His preaching, His words are challenging but also very hopeful. By saying that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand," Jesus stirs interest and holy curiosity among His first listeners. His call to repentance was softened by His new proclamation about the Kingdom.

One helpful insight we can take from these first words of Jesus' public ministry is that this is the best way to share the Gospel with those who do not yet follow Christ. Oftentimes, when we see someone living in serious sin, we want to judge and condemn. But usually what they need the most is hope—hope that there is something much greater that comes from repentance. Certainly, we need to speak against sin. But one of the most effective ways to do so is by initially offering the listener hope of something much better than the sin with which they struggle—specifically, the hope of the Kingdom of God.

*(Source of content: mycatholic.life)*



Altar servers can pick up the new schedule in the Sacristy. Any boys or girls interested in serving on the altar, please see one of the priests, or contact the office to pick up a Volunteer Screening package.

**Saturday, Jan. 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr**  
 9:00 a.m. - REMY ESTEBAN R.I.P.  
 5:00 p.m. - ANTHONY, NATALINA, & JULIUS NORONHA R.I.P.

**Sunday, Jan. 22**  
 9:00 a.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 10:30 a.m.- MICHELA BELLASSAI R.I.P.  
 12:00 noon- KEITH BURTLES R.I.P.

**Monday, Jan. 23**  
 9:00 a.m. - GIUSEPPE MARTUCCI & FAMILY R.I.P.

**Tuesday, Jan. 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop**  
 7:00 p.m. - *(Still available)*

**Wednesday, Jan. 25 - Conversion of St. Paul**  
 7:00 p.m. - MARY VUKOBRATICH R.I.P.

**Thursday, Jan. 26 - Sts. Timothy & Titus**  
 7:00 p.m. - RITA JAMIESON & NARCISO SAMPANG R.I.P.

**Friday, Jan. 27 - St. Angela Merici**  
 9:00 a.m. - *(Still available)*

**Saturday, Jan. 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas**  
 9:00 am. - VLADYSLAWA SZYNGIEL R.I.P.  
 5:00 p.m. - MARIA REBELO R.I.P.

**Sunday, Jan. 29**  
 9:00 am. - FILOMENA MARRO R.I.P.  
 10:30 a.m.- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 12:00 noon- ENORE DELLA ROSSA R.I.P.

**Readings for January 22**

Isaiah 9.1-4 1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18  
 Matthew 4.12-23



Please pick up your 2023 envelopes in the foyer. If you would like to begin using envelopes, **unlabelled** boxes are available in the sacristy upon request.

Please write the name to be used for your tax receipt and full address on the first few envelopes that you use.

**Please dispose of all old envelopes from previous years.**

**Tax receipts for 2022 will be issued by the Archdiocese. You should receive them by February 6<sup>th</sup>.**

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## Women of the Word – Toronto 2023 Forum

Saturday, February 4 – 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST

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### Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board to Hold Public Information Sessions for 2023-2024 *Extended French Program*

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) will hold two online public information sessions on February 7 for parents and guardians interested in enrolling their children in the DPCDSB *Extended French Program* for the 2023-2024 school year. The information sessions will provide an overview of the *Extended French Program* and application process. <https://www.dpcdsb.org/>

**2023-2024 Extended French Virtual  
Information Sessions  
Brampton, Caledon & Dufferin Region  
Tuesday, February 7, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**



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### The Lift Jesus Higher Rally is Back! Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

It is with great joy that we can confirm that the Lift Jesus Higher Rally is back and will be held on **Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto.**

The theme for 2023 is being **“EMPOWERED TO STAND” – keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong” (1Corinthians 16:13).** Despite the effects of the pandemic over the past two years, we expect a full house.

The day will include inspiring talks by Ralph Martin, Chris Stefanick, Peter Herbeck, & others, personal testimonies, Praise & Worship music, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, prayer ministry for healing, Eucharistic Adoration & Procession, Confessions, & the closing Mass celebrated by His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

There will also be a separate Youth Rally (ages 13-18) with powerful music and talks.

Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for youth. For tickets and information visit: [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca) or call 647-243-9441.

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