

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 19

9:00 a.m. - LEO DE MELO & FAMILY R.I.P.

5:00 p.m. - YVONN MONTEIRO R.I.P.

Sunday, March 20

9:00 a.m. - ANTONIO GIRARDI R.I.P.

10:30 a.m.- VIDALIA DACOSTA R.I.P.

12:00 noon- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Monday, March 21

9:00 a.m. - GLORIA BALGOBIN R.I.P.

Tuesday, March 22

7:00 p.m. - GEORGE WIJEYERATNE R.I.P.

Wednesday, March 23

7:00 p.m. - INTENTIONS OF THE STUGLIK FAMILY

Thursday, March 24

7:00 p.m. - TOMMASO DIRRACOLO R.I.P.

Friday, March 25

9:00 a.m. - LIONEL LEUNG R.I.P.

6:00 p.m. - *(Still available)*

Saturday, March 26

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

5:00 p.m. - PATRICK HAND R.I.P.

Sunday, March 27

9:00 a.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30 a.m.- SILVANA, LYDIA & GINA D'VERSA R.I.P.

12:00 noon- VALERIE MOHAMMED R.I.P.

Readings for March 20

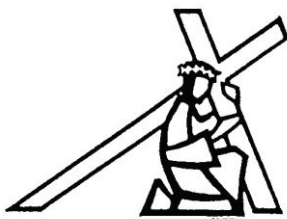
Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15 1 Corinthians 10.1-6,10-12

Luke 13.1-9

There will be a 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Mass on Friday, March 25th for the Feast of the Annunciation.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



Third Sunday of Lent (Year C)

“Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.” Luke 13:8-9

Every gardener knows that good fruit is, in part, dependent upon the presence of good soil. So it is with our lives. The soil in which we are to be planted is the mercy of God. And this soil is the richest soil attainable for the production of the virtues in our lives. God also produces the sun, the rain, and the warmth that is needed for our growth. But, analogously speaking, we must allow ourselves to be pruned. We must also allow the soil to be fertilized and cultivated in a variety of ways. Though Jesus is the Gardener of our lives, it's also fair to say that we are the gardeners in the sense that we must cooperate with our Lord, relying upon the supernatural resources of the Creator to ensure the healthy growth of our spiritual lives so that the good fruit of virtue may be born in our lives.

This passage above is the conclusion to the Parable of the Fig Tree. Just prior to this passage, the owner of the vineyard, God the Father, ordered that the barren fig tree be cut down so that it will no longer exhaust the soil. But our merciful Lord, sent on mission from the Father to till the soil of our lives, seeks to offer one more chance and the Father obliges out of love. This life is that “year” by which our Lord works fervently to cultivate the soil around us. We must cooperate through daily prayer, fidelity to His commands, acts of loving sacrifice and surrender to His providence. In the end, if we allow our Lord to do all He desires, our lives will bear good fruit.

But on the flip side, make no mistake about the fact that, if our lives do not bear good fruit, we will be “cut down.” Bearing good fruit is not an option, it's a must. It's a clear indication of our spiritual health and it will become the measure of our eternal reward or eternal death. Do not be intimidated by such sharp language coming from our Lord. He spoke it in love so that we will know the serious duty we have to bear good fruit in our lives.

Reflect, today, upon the outward signs of your inward spiritual health. Do you see the virtues sprouting forth from your life? Are you aware of the work God desires to do in your soul so as to cultivate it and fertilize it with grace and mercy? Say “Yes” to Him this day and allow that grace to produce an abundance of good fruit.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Archdiocese of Toronto has followed the Government of Ontario's Covid-19 guidance throughout the pandemic. The provincial government announced the end of public masking requirements in most non-medical settings effective Monday, March 21, 2022. As such, our churches, halls and offices will also no longer require masking starting on Monday, March 21, 2022, but it will be a choice.

BANNS FOR ORDINATION

James Christopher Bell and **Daniel Slat** are to be ordained to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Toronto on June 18th, 2022 at St. Michael's Cathedral. Please remember them in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.



Next weekend is ShareLife Sunday

Have you considered supporting ShareLife through our monthly giving?

You can enroll in monthly giving via our website by clicking on the "donate" button. You can also do so at sharelife.org. If you need help or have any questions, please call 416-934-3411 or email slife@archtoronto.org.

March 27th is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOR THE UKRAINE

If you would like to donate to help the people of the Ukraine, you may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office - 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
Name of Parish - Ukrainian Relief - Humanitarian Relief

Please continue to pray for the Ukrainian people and all those who suffer under the human tragedy of war. Thank you for your continued assistance.



DAY OF CONFESSIONS MARCH 30th and APRIL 6th

9:00 am - 12:00 noon
2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

BUNDLE UP WEEKEND - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The truck will be in the back parking lot April 23rd -24th to accept donations. Please see the bulletin board or website for acceptable items.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION MARCH 25TH



The Solemnity of the Annunciation leads us to contemplate the Incarnation of the Eternal Word made man in Mary's womb. The Virgin's "yes" opened the doors to the implementation of the heavenly Father's saving plan, a plan of redemption for all men.

If this feast, which this year falls in the middle of Lent, takes us back, on the one hand, to the beginnings of salvation, on the other it invites us to turn our gaze to the Paschal Mystery. Let us look at Christ crucified who redeemed humanity, obeying the will of the Father to the very end. On Calvary, in the last moments of his life, Jesus entrusted Mary to us as Mother and gave us to her as children.

Since she is associated with the Mystery of the Incarnation, Our Lady shares in the Mystery of the Redemption. Her *Fiat*, which we recall, echoes that of the Incarnate Word. In intimate harmony with the *Fiat* of Christ and of the Virgin, each one of us is called to unite our own "yes" to the mysterious designs of Providence. Indeed, that joy and true peace which all ardently hope for even in our times only springs forth in full acceptance of the divine will.

(Pope St. John Paul II - March 2004)

Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, March 25, during the Celebration of Penance that he will preside over at 5pm (Rome time) in St Peter's Basilica. The same act, on the same day, will be performed in Fatima by Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, papal almoner, who is being sent there by the Pope.



Open Invitation to The Serra Club of North Peel Meeting Saturday, March 26 9:45 am

(Following the 9 am local parish Mass)

Location: St. Mary's Parish Hall

Speaker: Deacon Daniel Corso, Diocese of St. Catharines

Serra Clubs promote and pray for vocations to the ministerial priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. We are also called to grow in holiness. Serrans assist in the annual Ordinandi Dinner, Altar Server Awards, and with the Serra Foundation of Canada and the International Serra Foundation. Come join us!

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