# 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 Deacon - Joseph Murphy

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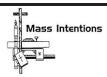
Must be registered in the parish for at least three months. A baptism date will be set after attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class.

### **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, September 10

9:00 a.m. - **ISAAC MACHADO R.I.P.** 5:00 p.m. - **IAN FERNANDEZ R.I.P.** 

Sunday, September 11

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

10:30 a.m.- VICENTE DeLIMA R.I.P.

12:00 noon- DENNIS RODRIGUEZ & VALERIAN NORONHA

R.I.P.

Monday, September 12

9:00 a.m. - VIRGINIA PERRI R.I.P.

**Tuesday, September 13** 

7:00 p.m. - PRABEESH & REETHA JOSEPH R.I.P.

Wednesday, September 14

7:00 p.m. - PIETRO, GIOVANNA, BRUNO &

NANDO DEFINA R.I.P.

Thursday, September 15

7:00 p.m. - GUILHERMINA SILVA R.I.P.

Friday, September 16

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

Saturday, September 17

9:00 am. - (Still available)

5:00 p.m. - MARIA D'SOUZA R.I.P.

Sunday, September 18

9:00 a.m. - ELIZABETH RYBKA R.I.P.

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

12:00 noon- FR. ANTONI MENDRELA R.I.P.

# **Readings for September 11**

Exodus 32.7-11, 13-14 1 Timothy 1.12-17 Luke 15.1-32



## **NEW ALTAR SERVERS**

If you would like to become an altar server, there will be a meeting on Saturday, September  $17^{\rm th}$  at 10:00 a.m. Any who are interested, must have received their First Holy Communion. All altar servers are

welcome to attend. Please let the office know if you would like to continue to serve so we can create a schedule for the upcoming months.

# Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Luke 15:1-2

What a foolish and arrogant thing to say! Jesus was merciful, welcoming, forgiving and loving to those who were sinners. And the Pharisees and Scribes complained about this as if Jesus were doing something wrong.

On one level, it is understandable that the pride-filled Scribes and Pharisees would look for anything they could to condemn Jesus. They were on a sort of "witch hunt," so to speak, seeking to find any fault they could with our Lord. So, out of the fullness of their malice, they attempted to make it look like Jesus was an awful sinner since He spent time with sinners and welcomed them.

From a perspective of the pure truth, however, the jealousy, envy, manipulation and deception of the Scribes and Pharisees are clear. The "condemnation" they uttered against Jesus was no true condemnation at all. It was a fabrication and a twisting of the truth. The truth is that Jesus' kindness to those who were sinners was a living out of His countless virtues. He was understanding, merciful, compassionate, patient, forgiving and the like. He saw troubled hearts and reached out to them in their need, especially when He could tell they were sorry, open, and humble.

We may all encounter those who are religiously "self-righteous" at times. This is an ugly sin and one that should not sit well with us. The problem is that those who are self-righteous are oftentimes also intimidating and oppressive. Those who condemn others in the name of God are hard to confront. Jesus' initial response was to ignore them and to go about His ministry of love and compassion, telling parables and helping those in need. But eventually He took these religious leaders on directly, condemning them for their pride and arrogance.

Reflect, today, upon any tendency we have in our hearts to judge another, especially when we try to do so in the name of God. If we struggle with self-righteousness and pride, let us humble ourselves now so that our Lord will not eventually be compelled to issue forth His justice on us!

(Source of content: mycatholic.life)

# CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), we create a space and time for

children aged 3 – 12 to be with God. The space, which we call the Atrium, is a place where every detail, from the handmade catechetical materials to the presentations and celebrations, aims to lead children to prayer, to a deeper understanding of the Sacraments and Scripture, to fuller participation in the life of the Church, and to a hope born of sure knowledge of God's plan and their place in that plan.

Children come to the Atrium for two hours each week and are guided in their work by catechists extensively trained in the catechetical approach of CGS, in the way that the mysteries of our faith connect to a child's developmental needs and capacities, and in the Montessori-based educational principles that underlie the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program will begin again in St. Leonard's Parish from October-May. There will be a registration weekend on **September 24/25** in the front foyer.



Life Chain is a prayerful, peaceful, powerful witness to the evil of abortion and to the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception. Please join in with cities and towns across Canada on **Sunday, October 2**nd **from 1:30-2:30** at the southeast corner of Sandalwood Parkway at Conestoga Drive as we stand together for the most vulnerable members of our society.

# **EXALTATION OF THE CROSS - SEPT. 14**

On 13 September 335, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (also called the Church of the Resurrection) was dedicated. The following day, the cross that Empress Helena had

discovered on 14 September 320, was venerated in a solemn ceremony. In 614, the Persian King, Chosroes II, waged war on the Romans. After conquering Jerusalem, he confiscated many treasures, among which was the Cross of Jesus. The Byzantine emperor Heraclius initiated peace negotiations, but was rejected. He then waged war and won near Nineveh, asking for the restitution of the Cross, which then returned to Jerusalem. Today, the cruelty of the Cross is not what is exalted, but the Love that God manifested to humanity by accepting death on the Cross: "Who, though in the form of God, emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. This is the glory of the Cross of Jesus!" (Pope Francis)

# Ministries of Care Virtual Network Meeting September 26

There will be a Ministries of Care Virtual Network Meeting on Monday, September 26, 2022, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. All Ministries of Care coordinators, lay pastoral visitor coordinators, bereavement ministry coordinators and parish staff involved in ministry to the sick, elderly, homebound and bereavement ministry are invited to join this meeting. It is an excellent opportunity for prayer, support, sharing and networking with Ministries of Care leaders from other parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto. There is no cost to attend but registration is required.

Register: bit.ly/MCM-RegisterSept2022



What is R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process established for individuals (Grade 9 and up) to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about what it means to be a Catholic and being part of this program, please email: **stleonardsbr@archtoronto.org** or contact the office by phone.



# FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION CATECHISM CLASSES

Catechism classes for First Reconciliation and First Communion for students **not** 

attending one of our seven parish schools will begin in the Fall. Registration forms are on our parish website: https://stleonardsbr.archtoronto.org or call the parish office.

# **CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in November 2022 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.



Lectors are needed for Mass for the 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and the 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would be interested in reading, please contact the parish office.

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