# 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 - 6:00 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.

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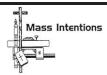
Must be registered in the parish for at least three months. A baptism date will be set after attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class.

#### **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, Nov. 26

9:00 a.m. - SANTO VOCE R.I.P.

5:00 p.m. - FR. ANTONI MENDRELA R.I.P.

Sunday, Nov. 27

9:00 a.m. - LUCIA ROMANELLI R.I.P.

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

12:00 noon- CESAR DEVEYRA R.I.P.

Monday, Nov. 28

9:00 a.m. - **FOR THE NAMES ON THE ALL SOULS** 

**ENVELOPES & BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** 

Tuesday, Nov. 29

7:00 p.m. - THERESA HIPKIN R.I.P.

Wednesday, Nov. 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle

7:00 p.m. - **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ROPPA FAMILY** 

Thursday, Dec. 1

7:00 p.m. - DOROTHY & PATRICIA O'BRIEN R.I.P.

Friday, Dec. 2

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

7:00 p.m. - THANKSGIVING INT. OF FRANCIS & MARIA

**PINTO** 

Saturday, Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier

9:00 a.m. - INT. OF WALTER DEMELO & FAMILY

5:00 p.m. - **EVERARD, EDWIN, DOLLY &** 

MEL DESOUZA R.I.P.

Sunday, Dec. 4

9:00 a.m. - CARMEN & FRANK SPITERI R.I.P.

10:30 a.m.- **RODNEY FERNANDES R.I.P.** 

12:00 noon- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

#### **Readings for November 27**

Isaiah 2.1-5 Romans 13.11-14 Matthew 24.37-44

#### **FIRST FRIDAY**



Friday, December 2nd is the First Friday of the month. There will be Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by Adoration. Also, at 6:00 p.m. there will

be Adoration followed by 7:00 Mass.



The new Sunday Missals are available in the foyer at a cost of \$7.00 each. Profits go to the Youth Group to support their activities.



#### First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Matthew 24:44

Once again, we enter into the holy season of Advent. Advent, more than anything else, is a time of spiritual preparation by which we

dispose ourselves more fully to receive the greatest Gift we could ever receive: Christ Jesus Himself!

The readings for this First Sunday of Advent remind us that the Savior of the World will one day return to earth. We are reminded that He will return in all His splendour and glory and that this coming will be "at an hour you do not expect..."

Though it's true that our Lord could return to earth for the Last Judgment and the re-creation of Heaven and earth at any time, most people do not expect this to happen anytime soon. And though that may be the case, our Lord goes to great lengths to encourage us to always be prepared for this final coming, stating clearly that it truly could be at any time.

How prepared are you if that day were to be today. This preparedness is one of the central keys to our holy living. If we were able to live today and every day hereafter as if it were that day, the day of our Lord's return, then there is little doubt that our holiness of life would greatly increase as we live with this ongoing anticipation and preparedness.

One of the effects of living day after day, year after year, in a state of perpetual preparedness is that we are not only ready if our Lord does indeed return today, but, just as importantly, we remain perpetually attentive to the countless ways that He does come to us each and every day. This form of perpetual preparedness forms within us a spiritual habit of hearing and responding to the voice of God and the countless graces He sends to us every day. This habitual preparedness is a virtue by which the coming of Christ transforms who we are, here and now, and enables Him to live more fully within us, accomplishing His mission of redeeming the world in and through us.

Reflect, today, upon the burning desire in the heart of Christ that we form this holy habit of always being attentive to Him and always remain in a state of constant reception of His holy presence in our lives. Let Him come to you, today, now, and do not wait. Put your eyes on Him today. Do not put off to tomorrow that which Jesus is asking of you today. Doing so will not only prepare you for His final and glorious coming at the end of the world, but it will also prepare you for the daily and total transformation of your life.

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#### **GOOD SHEPHERD OUTREACH**

The next drop off date for the Good Shepherd Prepare-a-Meal Program is next Saturday, December 3rd from 11:00 till noon around the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

#### **CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be providing help for Christmas to those in need in our community. The 'Christmas Angel Tree' will be in the foyer for three weekends - November 26/27, December 3/4, and December 10/11. Please take an angel which will indicate the family size on

the back and provide a gift in the form of cash or cheque, grocery store or Walmart gift card, to help the family this Christmas. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items. These can be placed in the bin available in the foyer.

Donation envelopes are available at the SSVP Poor Box, or you can drop off or mail to the parish. Tax receipts for donations of \$20.00 or more will be issued by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Please provide your full name and address on the envelope. We thank you for your generosity and support.



#### **CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

The Catholic Women's League are having a membership drive this weekend and are hosting an open house in the Parish Hall after each Sunday Mass to welcome the ladies of the parish who are interested in becoming members or who would like more information on our CWL.

Refreshments will be served and CWL members will be available with information and to answer any questions you have. Membership is open to all women who are at least 16 years of age.

Thank you to all parishioners who donated prizes, gently used items, baked goods, bought prize tickets and came out to support the Catholic Women's League Annual

Christmas Bazaar. We extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support after a 3-year break. We couldn't do it without your support, generosity, and kindness.

#### **Volunteer Lists for Christmas & New Year Masses**

Sign-up sheets for the Christmas & New Year's Masses for Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Altar Servers are in the Sacristy.



#### **CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

There will be a children's choir at the **5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass**. Practices will begin next Saturday, **December 3**<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in singing with the choir,

please contact the parish office at 905-846-5385 or email at stleonardsbr@archtoronto.org. Please pick up a volunteer screening package in the Sacristy and return to the parish office.

Offertory envelopes for **2023** are available downstairs in the first room. If you used 2022 envelopes, your number will be there. If you would



like to begin using envelopes in 2023, please take an **unlabelled** box and write the name to be used for your tax receipt and full address on the first few envelopes that you use.

# Day of Confessions

"So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed conversion. Yet Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost, the physician who comes to heal the sick. And one of his first acts after the Resurrection was to entrust to the Church the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation – this most powerful encounter with divine mercy – is essential." - Thomas Cardinal Collins.

The following are the times for Confession during this Advent season:

#### Tuesday, December 13th

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Msgr. Conrad

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, December 14th

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Msgr. Ace

7:30 p.m. - 8: 30 p.m.

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