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.

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OUR SCHOOLS

St. Leonard	905-846-2086
Sacred Heart	905-846-0802
St. Stephen	905-840-3921
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.



Saturday, Jan. 7 - St. André Bessette 9:00 a.m. - INT. OF WALTER DEMELO & FAMILY 5:00 p.m. - RODNEY FERNANDES R.I.P.

Sunday, Jan. 8 - Epiphany of the Lord9:00 a.m. -FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH10:30 a.m.-SANTOSH SINGHA R.I.P.12:00 noon-EMILY LEPINE R.I.P.

Monday, Jan. 9 - The Baptism of the Lord 9:00 a.m. - PALANI R.I.P.

Tuesday, Jan. 10 7:00 p.m. - BRENDA MURRAY R.I.P.

Wednesday, Jan. 11 7:00 p.m. - SHIRLEY McGUCKIN R.I.P.

Thursday, Jan. 12 - St. Marguerite Bourgeoys 7:00 p.m. - FR. ANTONI MENDRELA & DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS R.I.P.

Friday, Jan. 13 - St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 9:00 a.m. - YVONN MONTEIRO R.I.P.

Saturday, Jan. 14

9:00 a.m. - HILARY FIALHO R.I.P. 5:00 p.m. - BILL MCLOUGHLIN R.I.P.

Sunday, January 15

9:00 a.m. -ELIAS & ERMELINDA DE CARVALHO R.I.P.10:30 a.m.-MANUEL & MARY CORREA R.I.P.12:00 noon-FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Readings for January 8

Isaiah 60.1-6 Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2.1-12



Please pick up your new envelopes for 2023 in the foyer. If you used 2022 envelopes, you will find a box with your name on it. If you would like to begin

using envelopes in 2023, **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.

<u>Please destroy all old envelopes from previous</u> <u>years.</u>

Tax receipts for 2022 are planned to be issued by the Archdiocese at the end of January.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:10-11)



The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation." Therefore, as we honor this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to

us so that we can worship Him who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded.

The Magi brought the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God was honored and glorified through His creation by the giving of these gifts. God created gold to manifest His beauty and dignity. It was a gift that symbolized kingship. When we ponder the natural gift of gold given to the Christ Child, we are inspired to give Him our own gift of symbolic gold by prayerfully acknowledging Him as our own King to whom we pledge our complete submission.

Made from the sap of trees found in India, northeastern Africa, and the Arabian peninsula, frankincense and myrrh are also fruits of God's creation. Used in worship to symbolize prayers rising to heaven, frankincense symbolizes the Christ Child's divinity. We offer frankincense to Christ when we acknowledge His divine nature, since He is God in the flesh. Often used in burial, myrrh honors the Christ Child Who came to give His life as a sacrifice for many. We offer myrrh to profess our belief in the saving power of Christ's death on the Cross and our need for that gift of salvation.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, try to see it as a historical event in which you are invited to share. God wants to manifest Himself to you today. When this happens, you must respond with faith and worship, giving God the greatest glory by giving Him your very life and offering Him your spiritual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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Kindergarten Registration for the 2023-24 school year begins January 9

Kindergarten registration for the 2023-24 school year at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) schools will take place Monday, January 9 to Friday, January 13, 2023. The DPCDSB offers the Kindergarten program in 125 Catholic elementary schools in Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon, Bolton and Orangeville.

Parents/guardians can register online at <u>dpcdsb.org</u>. Registration is open to Catholic children and children of Catholic parents. Kindergarten students must be at least four (4) years of age by December 31, 2023.

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Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe St. at King St. W. in Toronto) on Sunday January 22, 2023, at 4 p.m. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.



Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. By learning the tools of healthy communication, you can build intimacy and heal. Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin but welcomes couples of all faiths. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. January 13-15, 2023, at Queen of Apostles in Mississauga. Visit **HelpOurMarriage.org**



Confirmation Enrollment forms for students **not** attending schools one of our seven parish schools are available on our website or contact the office. Please return the form, along with a copy of the student's Roman Catholic baptism certificate. Classes will begin in March 2023.



We are looking for anyone interested in joining the **Serra Club of North Peel**, whose members are from the parishes of Brampton, Caledon and

Orangeville. Become a promoter of vocations for the priesthood and the religious life. For without priests, we are deprived of God's instruments for saving souls.

We meet every 4th Saturday at St. Mary's Church, 66A Main St. S., Brampton, after the 9 am Mass. For information, please contact Carlos Abug Email: <u>carlq7@gmail.com</u>, Tel: 416-409-1384

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 9TH



The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (paragraph 536) teaches,

The baptism of Jesus is on his part the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allows himself to be numbered among sinners; he is already "the Lamb of

God, who takes away the sin of the world". Already he is anticipating the "baptism" of his bloody death. Already he is coming to "fulfill all righteousness", that is, he is submitting himself entirely to his Father's will: out of love he consents to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. The Father's voice responds to the Son's acceptance, proclaiming his entire delight in his Son. The Spirit whom Jesus possessed in fullness from his conception comes to "rest on him." Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all mankind. At his baptism "the heavens were opened" - the heavens that Adam's sin had closed - and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Spirit, a prelude to the new creation.



Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Nguyen – February 12, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 12 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing.

The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online: <u>http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage</u>

Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here: <u>https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/</u>

The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m

