

# *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.

## **TORONTO VOCATIONS OFFICE**

Tel. 416-968-0997 Fax 416-968-1227  
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St. Josephine Bakhita School	905-846-0078
St. Evan School	905-843-6159
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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.

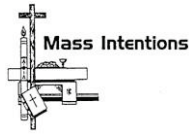
## **COMMUNION & ANOINTING FOR THE SICK:**

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



### Saturday, March 11

9:00 a.m. - MICAELA CARVALHO R.I.P.  
5:00 p.m. - BRENDA MURRAY R.I.P.

### Sunday, March 12

9:00 a.m. - FRANK & CARMEN SPITERI R.I.P.  
10:30 a.m.- ANTONIO & MARIA GOUVEIA R.I.P.  
12:00 noon- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

### Monday, March 13

9:00 a.m. - MARIA KINGSON R.I.P.

### Tuesday, March 14

7:00 p.m. - SHEILA GRACE TISALUNA R.I.P.

### Wednesday, March 15

7:00 p.m. - FR. ANTONI MENDRELA R.I.P.

### Thursday, March 16

7:00 p.m. - INNOCENZIO & ERSILIA CARDARELLI R.I.P.

### Friday, March 17 - St. Patrick

9:00 a.m. - RAMAN MAKASARE R.I.P.  
6:00 p.m.- RITA SORRENTINO R.I.P.

### Saturday, March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

9:00 a.m. - INT. OF WALTER DEMELO & FAMILY  
5:00 p.m. - CHERRY PRUDENCIO R.I.P.

### Sunday, March 19

9:00 a.m. - JUNIPERO LAGTAPON SR. R.I.P.  
10:30 a.m.- FRANK DE CICCIO R.I.P.  
12:00 noon- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

### Third Sunday of Lent (Year A)

*Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." John 4:5-7*

The Gospel story we read today is the long and inspiring story of the woman at the well. Jesus was all alone sitting next to Jacob's Well around noon. Few women would come to the well at that time of day due to the heat. But this woman came at this time because she knew others would not be around. She was a sinner, and many of the other women of the town knew it. Therefore, in an attempt to avoid them and avoid feeling shame, she came at a time when she could avoid the other women. So, the first thing to consider is the suffering this woman was enduring because of her shame and embarrassment over her sinful life.

Within the heat of the day, Jesus spoke lovingly to this woman and said, "Give me a drink." Saint Augustine states that, symbolically speaking, Jesus thirsted for her soul, for her salvation. He longed to give her the grace soon to be won through His Cross. Her willing reception of this gift would also bring satiation to the Heart of our Lord. Jesus didn't dwell upon her past. He knew all about it; He could read her soul. All He wanted to do was to rummage through the sin and rubbish that was cluttering her soul so as to discover her dignity within. If she were to allow Jesus to offer her this mercy, not only would she receive true Living Water to quench her spiritual thirst, she would also satiate the spiritual thirst in the soul of our Lord that could only be satiated by the dispensing of His mercy.

This woman at the well is a symbol of your own soul, to the extent that it has become cluttered with the rubbish of sin and disorder. Do not let shame, fear or a sense of unworthiness deter you from engaging in this same conversation with our Lord. Hear Him say to you that He thirsts for you and longs to be satiated by the sacred act of the ongoing bestowal of His Divine Mercy, poured forth through the Living Water superabundantly given to you at your baptism.

*(Source of content: mycatholic.life)*

### Readings for March 12

Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2,5-8  
John 4:5-42

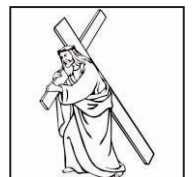


Lent is a time for almsgiving. You can help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul assist the needy by dropping your loonies/toonies or spare change in the poor box during Lent: "I assure you as often as you did it for one of the least brothers, you did it for me." (*Matthew 25:40*)



**SAVE THE DATE...** The Totus Tuus program will be held at St. Leonard's from July 30<sup>th</sup>-August 4<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow in the coming months. For more info about the program: <https://www.totustuustoronto.ca/>

**There will be a 6:00 Mass every Friday evening during Lent, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.**



**COME AND SEE WEEKEND**

**MARCH 17-19**

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY**



The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 17 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 19 (2:30 p.m.). This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary.

Registration online: [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee)



The Archdiocese's Office for Refugees has launched its 2023 Refugee Sponsorship Program for Parishioners. This program assists parishioners who would like to sponsor family members who are in need of refugee resettlement. If you are a parishioner, and would like to sponsor a family member, please contact the parish office to schedule a meeting with the pastor. Interested parishioners are asked to provide the funds that will be required for sponsorship.



**Birthright Brampton** has been in operation for 26 years and is solely staffed by dedicated volunteers trained to journey with those who are facing an unplanned or crisis pregnancy. We are currently assisting over **370 moms** who are facing financial hardship, living in abusive relationships, refugees, newcomers, homelessness, dealing with addictions or mental health, etc. Point of interest: 71% of our moms are married and 29% are single.



**DAY OF CONFESSIONS**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH**

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

“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.

**NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH**

**MARCH 11-19**



St. Joseph is a powerful patron. He is, as John Paul II called him, the Guardian of the Redeemer. He humbly accepted his role as guardian, husband, and father in the Holy Family. Therefore, St. Joseph's

intercession has been sought for centuries. Here is a link to a novena in preparation for his Feast Day. Since his feast falls on a Sunday this year, the church has transferred it to March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Read more at: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-joseph-novena>

The Catholic Women's League of Canada, St. Leonard Parish Council #035

**Forgiveness Through God's Love**

**WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL BREAKFAST RETREAT**

SATURDAY APRIL 1, 2023 9:00 AM- 9:30AM MASS  
ST. LEONARD PARISH HALL 9:30 AM- 9:45AM REGISTRATION  
COST: \$20 10:00 AM- 11:00AM BREAKFAST  
11:00 AM - 12:00PM KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM REFLECTIONS/ CLOSING PRAYER

Keynote Speaker: **James Bell, Deacon**

Open to all women of St. Leonard Parish community.  
No tickets sales on day of event.



**Live the Gospel by helping our vulnerable brothers and sisters**

ShareLife Sunday is March 26, and we once again ask you to give generously to support Catholic agencies, who in turn care for the most vulnerable in our communities. As a parish, this is our opportunity to live the Gospel!

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



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