

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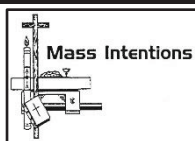
Must be registered in the parish for at least three months. A baptism date will be set after attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class.

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 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.



Saturday, September 16

9:00 a.m. - REMY ESTEBAN R.I.P.
5:00 p.m. - SAVERIO CHIAZZA R.I.P.

Sunday, September 17

9:00 a.m. - DENNIS RODRIGUEZ & VALERIAN NORONHA R.I.P.
10:30 a.m.- ELIZABETH ST-JEAN R.I.P.
12:00 noon- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Monday, September 18

9:00 a.m. - IAN FERNANDEZ R.I.P.

Tuesday, September 19

7:00 p.m. - ANNE LAVELLE R.I.P.

Wednesday, September 20

7:00 p.m. - GINA CONTE R.I.P.

Thursday, September 21

7:00 p.m. - MARIA D'SOUZA R.I.P.

Friday, September 22

9:00 a.m. - INT. FOR CHRISTINA IOANNOU

Saturday, September 23

9:00 a.m. - THOMAS BRAGANZA R.I.P.
5:00 p.m. - NICHOLAS KOSTER R.I.P.

Sunday, September 24

9:00 a.m. - AMADO FUENTES R.I.P.
10:30 a.m.- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
12:00 noon- FRED WAUCHOPE R.I.P.

Readings for September 17

Sirach 27.30-28.7 Romans 14.7-9
Matthew 18.21-35

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



R.C.I.A. is a process established by the Church 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 becoming a Catholic, contact the parish office. The program runs on Thursday evenings in the Parish Hall from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., beginning October 19th.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

“You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you? Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.” Matthew 18:32–35

Love, kindness, gentleness, mercy...these and many like qualities are easy to think about. They inspire us to be holy by growing in virtue. But sometimes we need more. Sometimes pondering the beauty of the virtues and fruits of the Spirit do not suffice to help us embrace a life of holiness. This is one of the reasons for our parable today.

The sin that Jesus addresses in this passage is the sin of unforgiveness. It clearly depicts the wrath of God that will be inflicted upon those who refuse to forgive others. The “wicked servant” to whom this is addressed was a man who was forgiven a “huge amount” by God. This is all of us. Every one of us has been forgiven by God an amount that cost Jesus His very life. The consequence of our sins was the death of the Son of God. Each of us deserves the penalty of death. But death has now been transformed into the very means of new life through the forgiveness of sins. And if we want to receive the forgiveness of sins and the new life that awaits us, we must fully share in God’s forgiveness. Not only must we receive His forgiveness, we must also forgive those who have sinned against us. Completely. Totally. Without reserve.

Reflect, today, upon the absolute requirement of the Christian life to forgive. Mercy can seem unfair. From the perspective of strict justice, it is. But from the perspective of freedom and the virtues of Heaven, mercy makes perfect sense. Do not hesitate to forgive, for if you can do so from the bottom of your heart, God will lavish upon you the riches of the Kingdom of Heaven.

(from myCatholic.life)

PASTORAL VISITORS



There will be a meeting on **Thursday, September 21st at 7:30 p.m.** for all current Pastoral Visitors and for those who are interested in serving in this Ministry. Pastoral Visitors make scheduled visits to people at home, the nursing home, retirement home, or in the hospital. They are commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Communion who receive or have received training and are mandated by the Pastor. Volunteer screening and a background check are required. If you have a heart to serve the sick or elderly, join us to find out more.



Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Michael & Conferral of the Pallium upon the Most Rev. Francis Leo
Friday, September 29, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass and the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful.

Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and archbishop!

Archbishop Leo is inviting the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese to join in offering a novena to Saint Michael the Archangel. The novena is to be prayed from September 20-28, leading up to the Solemnity of Saint Michael on September 29, 2023. **You will find a copy of the novena inserted in the bulletin.**



SAVE THE DATE: You are needed to save babies, moms, and dads from the sorrows of abortion. On October 1st, join St. Leonard Parish from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Southeast corner of Sandalwood Parkway and Conestoga Drive to witness to preborn children. Just bring yourself, friends, and family and together our hearts will bring life and love to those in need, by bearing the truth to them.

CWL BAKE SALE

The Catholic Women's League will be having a bake sale after all the Masses next weekend.



Registration forms for First Reconciliation & First Communion for students attending schools **other than our seven parish schools** are available at the parish or on our website. Instruction classes will begin in the Fall.



September 27 – November 5

Since 2007, thousands of individual campaigns have taken place in hundreds of cities in 63 nations across the world, bringing together over a million people in this historic display of unity, prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

40 Days For Life has succeeded in shutting down over 100 abortion facilities and has documented saving thousands of babies. In addition to the babies, over 200 abortion workers have quit their jobs and walked away from the abortion industry and thousands of women have been spared the suffering and trauma that comes with the decision to abort one's own child.

Consider joining for an hour in a prayer vigil on Tuesday, October 3rd (between 7:00 am - 7:00 pm) on our assigned parish day. The prayer site location is the southwest corner of Queensway and Confederation Parkway, adjacent to the abortion clinic at 101 Queensway W. (across from Mississauga Trillium Hospital). Contact: 905-840-6650.

Next weekend there will be a special collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. Your gifts are used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity. You will find an envelope in your donation box. Thank you for your support of this important work.

St. Padre Pio Parish (5500 Major Mackenze Drive, Kleinburg) will be celebrating the feast of its patron saint with a 3-day event, culminating in a special Mass on September 23rd, celebrated by Archbishop Francis Leo.



- **Thurs. Sept. 21, 7 PM** - Mass, Exposition, and a healing service
- **Fri. Sept. 22, 7 PM** - Mass and Candlelight Procession
- **Sat. Sept. 23, 5 PM** - Feast of Padre Pio with Mass (Archbishop Francis Leo), followed by a celebration with food and entertainment.

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