

# *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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St. Rita	905-595-0911
St. Josephine Bakhita School	905-846-0078
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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.

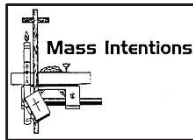
## **COMMUNION & ANOINTING FOR THE SICK:**

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.

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



### Saturday, September 23

9:00 a.m. - THOMAS BRAGANZA R.I.P.  
5:00 p.m. - LILLIAN & PAUL LEANAGE and  
REGGIE & NOALINE NANAYAKKARA 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.

### Monday, September 25

9:00 a.m. - ANTHONY CROSSLEY R.I.P.

### Tuesday, September 26

7:00 p.m. - KEITH BURTLES R.I.P.

### Wednesday, September 27

7:00 p.m. - ESPIRITO-SANTO TAVARES R.I.P.

### Thursday, September 28

7:00 p.m. - TSAI-FU CHIANG R.I.P.

### Friday, September 29

9:00 a.m. - LUZIA & VIDALIA DACOSTA R.I.P.

### Saturday, September 30

9:00 a.m. - FR. ANTONI MENDRELA &  
DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS R.I.P.  
5:00 p.m. - JOANNE, ANTONIETTA &  
ANTONIO LOMBARDI R.I.P.

### Sunday, October 1

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

### Readings for September 24

Isaiah 55.6-9      Philippians 1.20-24, 27  
Matthew 20.1-16



### STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

We celebrate today, as all Sundays, the Lord's Day – the weekly Easter celebration of the Risen Christ, when the family of believers gathers to worship, intercede and praise, in unison with Christ our Eternal High Priest. This particular Sunday, however, we also celebrate, in a more intentional way, Stewardship Sunday. Reflecting on the Word of God and on the Church's teaching, we acknowledge that we have received so much from the Lord's goodness and have likewise been called to humbly recognise, diligently develop, and generously share all that we are, and all that we have - for the sake of the Kingdom.

Today's Gospel message speaks to us about God's generosity and our responsibility – indeed crucial and vital aspects of our walk of faith. It is one of the several parables that Jesus used to convey such sublime truths of the Kingdom as, for instance, who God is, who we are, what humanity is all about, our life on earth and our road to Heaven. The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard (Matt 20:1-16) which we hear this 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, pointedly holds up a mirror to each of us as disciples of the Master who has blessed each of us with different and abundant gifts. What are we doing with them, how are we using them, generously and responsibly to further spread and strengthen the Kingdom of Christ among us?

So, Stewardship Sunday is not just about giving some of our money to the Church or a worthy cause; it's much more than that. It's about sharing our love and kindness, our abilities, our time, our skillsets, our faith, our experiences, our wisdom, a piece of our heart and then another piece, and another, until we have given it away completely. For it is in giving that we receive, as St. Francis of Assisi taught us. Living out our days, our minutes and hours, daily, as givers and not as takers, will fill us with light on the inside and we will be pleasing to the Lord. St. James tells us that: "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights" (Jas 1:17).

*(Excerpt from Archbishop Leo's Homily for Stewardship Sunday)*

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Christian Ministry for children aged 3-12 years that is based on the Bible and liturgy of the church; it is inspired by the principles of Montessori education. The program will resume in St. Leonard's Parish from October-May. They will be having a registration weekend and Open House next weekend - September 30/October 1 - after all the Masses. To read more about the program: <https://www.cgsac.ca/>.



### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive . Non-perishable items can be brought next weekend, **September 30/October 1**. There will be a bin in the foyer of the church.

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**WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES - SEPT. 24**

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Free to Choose Whether to Migrate or to Stay." In his message, Pope Francis acknowledges that while the decision to migrate should always be free, in many cases it is not. This point was reflected by St. John Paul II in his message for the 90th World Day of Migrants & Refugees, in which he wrote, "building conditions of peace means in practice being seriously committed to safeguarding first of all the right not to emigrate, that is, the right to live in peace and dignity in one's own country." As he concluded his message, Pope Francis referenced the words of the Lord when He said "...I was a stranger, and you welcomed me" reminding us that the Lord's words are a "constant admonition to see in the migrant not simply a brother or sister in difficulty, but Christ himself, who knocks at our door."



**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.



On **October 1<sup>st</sup>**, 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.

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**National Day for Truth and Reconciliation –  
September 30, 2023**

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation takes place each year on September 30. At St. Ann's parish in Toronto, home to the Native People's Mission, a special Mass will be held on October 1, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. - all are welcome to attend.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will hold a special collection next weekend - September 30/October 1, 2023, to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The fund will support both local and national programs proposed by Indigenous communities to nurture the ongoing reconciliation journey. You can donate through your local parish (envelopes are in the pews and the foyer) or online anytime at:

[www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation).



Consider joining for an hour in a prayer vigil on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> (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. There are sign-up sheets in the foyer.



**Humanitarian aid for Morocco** - The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through our Catholic partners in Morocco to support relief efforts underway.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website - [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)
- By phone through the Development Office - 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:  
Name of Parish - Morocco Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief

Relief

**Humanitarian aid for Libya** - Currently, our Catholic partners are not present in Libya to coordinate relief efforts and as such we are unable to accept donations to aid those affected by the flooding at this time. For those wishing to offer support to the people of Libya, please consider a gift through the Canadian Red Cross in the following ways:

- Online through the Red Cross website - [www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca)
- By phone through the Red Cross - 1-800-418-1111



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