

# *The Parish Community of St. Leonard Welcomes You*

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## **OUR PARISH TEAM:**

Pastor - Fr. P. John Nosan  
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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.

## **TORONTO VOCATIONS OFFICE**

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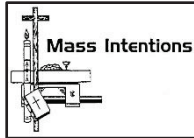
Must be registered in the parish for at least three months. A baptism date will be set after attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class.

## **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, 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**

**Monday, October 2**

9:00 a.m. - **MARIA SAO JOAO TAVARES R.I.P.**

**Tuesday, October 3**

7:00 p.m. - **PRABEESH & REETHA JOSEPH R.I.P.**

**Wednesday, October 4**

7:00 p.m. - **RODNEY FERNANDES R.I.P.**

**Thursday, October 5**

7:00 p.m. - **KEN & SANDRA GILMER**  
 (50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

**Friday, October 6**

9:00 a.m. - **JANE & TONY FERNANDES**  
 (Wedding Anniversary)  
 7:00 p.m. - **CONNIE & GIUSEPPE SCHIRALLI R.I.P.**

**Saturday, October 7**

9:00 a.m. - **INT. OF WALTER DEMELO & FAMILY**  
 5:00 p.m. - **LIVIO SANTACROCE R.I.P.**

**Sunday, October 8**

9:00 a.m. - **PAUL & CHANTELE DUGGAN R.I.P.**  
 10:30 a.m.- **MITCH CHAVEZ R.I.P.**  
 12:00 noon- **FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

*Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go."*  
 Matthew 21:28-30

When we look at these two sons, we must humbly strive to be like the first one. We must begin by acknowledging that we have refused to obey the will of God in many ways throughout our lives. God has invited us to serve Him, and we have said "no." Acknowledging this is an essential starting point for a life of true conversion and service of God. When we fail to humbly admit that we have sinned, we are acting like the second son. We are living a lie and are trying to convince ourselves that we are faithful to the will of God when we are not. This second son represents a very dangerous interior disposition that we must avoid with all of our might. It is the sin of impenitence, a sin against the Holy Spirit. It is dangerous because this type of self-righteousness keeps a person from truly serving the will of God. They believe their own lie and see no need to repent.

Which of these two sons are you most like? Are you keenly aware of your weaknesses and sins? Can you humbly admit them to yourself and to God? Or do you tend to present yourself as one who is holy and does not need to repent? Never be afraid to admit your sin. Never pretend to be someone you are not. Never allow yourself to be drawn into self-righteousness. We are all called to a life of ongoing conversion. Seeing that fact, admitting to it and striving for that conversion will win for us the glorious Kingdom of Heaven.

*(Excerpt from mycatholic.life)*

**Readings for October 1**

Ezekiel 18.25-28    Philippians 2.1-11  
 Matthew 21.28-32

**FIRST FRIDAY**



First Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>: Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by Adoration. In the evening there will be Adoration at 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**



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

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY - October 1**



Join us today (Sunday) from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Southeast corner of Sandalwood Parkway and Conestoga Drive to stand for life.



Baby Bundle Sunday - Oct. 14/15  
 SSVB Bundle Weekend - Oct. 21/22  
 CWL Christmas Bazaar - Nov. 18

More information to follow about these events in the next bulletins.



**HIGHLIGHT ON MINISTRIES**

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. Sign up sheets are in the foyer.

Last weekend was Stewardship Sunday. Archbishop Leo wrote to us about *“sharing our love and kindness, our abilities, our time, our skillsets, our faith, our experiences, our wisdom.”*



Over the next few weeks, we will be highlighting some of the ministries in our parish. Prayerfully consider the ways that you can contribute and offer your time, talents, and gifts.

**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

**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



This week, our spotlight is on Music Ministry. There are a few ways that you can be a part of contributing to the Liturgy with music. If you feel that you have a talent for singing and would like to be part of a choir, come out and join. The 12:00 choir is a 4-part choir and sings every Sunday. Practices are on Wednesday evenings from 8:00-9:00.

If you don't feel called to participate in a choir, you can also contribute musically from the congregation. We are all called to sing and praise the Lord. You will find an insert in this weekend's bulletin on Liturgical Worship. *“Singing is the sign of the heart's joy.”*

**Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection  
September 30/October 1, 2023**

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held this weekend to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

Funds will support culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and families and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders, and youth with a focus on Indigenous spirituality and culture.

This is an opportunity to follow the invitation of the Holy Father for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit:

[www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation). There are also special envelopes in the pews and foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

**LAY PASTORAL VISITORS TRAINING**



The next Lay Pastoral Visitors Training will be offered online on Thursdays, October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 7 to 8:30

p.m. This program will prepare you to provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to the sick, elderly, and homebound of our parish communities who are unable to attend Mass. New and seasoned volunteers are welcome to attend. Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions and complete pre-homework to receive full training. There is no cost to attend, but register early as capacity is limited. This program is offered by the Office of Formation for Discipleship and Saint Monica Institute.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/LPVT-RegisterOctNov2023>

*“Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be.” (St. Thérèse of Lisieux - Oct. 1)*



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