

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

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## **OUR PARISH TEAM:**

Pastor - Fr. P. John Nosan  
Associate Pastor - Fr. Benny Joseph Ezhormattam  
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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Notre Dame High School	905-840-2802

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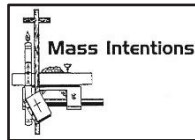
Must be registered in the parish for at least three months. A baptism date will be set after attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class.

## **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, December 2**

9:00 a.m. - INT. OF WALTER DEMELO & FAMILY  
 5:00 p.m. - EVERARD, EDWIN & DOLLY DESOUZA R.I.P.

**Sunday, December 3 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 10:30 a.m.- JOSIE FERLITO R.I.P.  
 12:00 noon- IRENE PEREIRA DUARTE R.I.P.

**Monday, December 4 - St. John Damascene**

9:00 a.m. - RODNEY FERNANDES R.I.P.

**Tuesday, December 5**

7:00 p.m. - WALTER & ROSE PEREIRA R.I.P.

**Wednesday, December 6 - St. Nicholas**

7:00 p.m. - ANDRIANO RODRIGUES R.I.P.

**Thursday, December 7 - St. Ambrose**

7:00 p.m. - CHAO JUNG YANG R.I.P.

**Friday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception**

9:00 a.m. - COSIMO PERRI R.I.P.  
 7:00 p.m. - CELSA LEAL R.I.P.

**Saturday, December 9 - St. Juan Diego**

9:00 a.m. - SPECIAL INT. OF MARIA FRIAS  
 5:00 p.m. - LILY HSIUNG R.I.P.

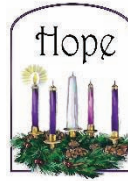
**Sunday, December 10 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. - NICHOLAS KOSTER R.I.P.  
 10:30 a.m.- CORRADO & SALVATRICE CALLERI R.I.P.  
 12:00 noon- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Readings for December 3**

Isaiah 63.16b-17, 64.1, 3-8    1 Corinthians 1.3-9  
 Mark 13.33-37

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



*"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man." - Pope Francis*

This Sunday marks the beginning of the Liturgical year and the season of Advent. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 524) says,

*When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease."*

We light an **advent candle** today, a small dim light against a world that often seems forbidding and dark. But we light it because we are a people of hope, a people whose faith is marked by an expectation that we should always be ready for the coming of the Master. The joy and anticipation of this season is captured beautifully in the antiphons of hope from the monastic liturgies:

See! The ruler of the earth shall come, the Lord who will take from us the heavy burden of our exile. The Lord will come soon, will not delay. The Lord will make the darkest places bright.

We must capture that urgency today in the small flame of our candle. We light the candle because we know that the coming of Christ is tied to our building of the kingdom. Lighting the flame, feeding the hungry, comforting the sick, reconciling the divided, praying for the repentant, greeting the lonely and forgotten – doing all these works hastens His coming.



**CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

There will be a children's choir at the **5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass**. Practices will be on Saturdays at 2:00-3:00 p.m. on **December 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 23<sup>rd</sup>** in the church. Those interested in singing with the choir, please contact the parish office at 905-846-5385 or email at [stleonardsbr@archtoronto.org](mailto:stleonardsbr@archtoronto.org). Please pick up a volunteer screening package in the Sacristy or at the office.



**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - DECEMBER 8TH**

This title acknowledges that grace filled her soul from the moment of her conception, thus preserving her from the stain of sin. Though this truth had been held for centuries among the Catholic faithful, it was solemnly declared as a dogma of our faith on December 8, 1854, by Pope Pius IX. In his dogmatic declaration he stated:

We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful.

**December 8<sup>th</sup> - Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

**Congratulations to our altar servers: Daniel Bell, Arielle Drapeza, Jonathan Nguyen, Thomas Nguyen, and Audrey Robert, who all received the Bishop's Altar Server Award for Service, given by the Serra Clubs of the Archdiocese of Toronto.**

## HIGHLIGHT ON MINISTRIES

Founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, the **Knights of Columbus** was established in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney. Our Heart Lake Council #9108 was founded in 1985 through the efforts of the Knights and the Pastor of St. Leonard's Parish. It is named after the Heart Lake community in the north of Brampton. The Heart Lake Council works closely with the Catholic Parish of St. Leonard's. They provide funding for various projects to help the parish, community and beyond. They are dedicated in living out the ideals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

The Knights of Columbus is open to all Catholic men 18 and older. If you are interested in becoming a Knight and finding out more about what they do, speak to one of the ushers at the weekend Masses.



## ADVENT Day of Confessions

During Advent, we are invited to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord – to wait in joyful hope for his return in glory at the end of time and to prepare for the annual celebration of his birth.

The following are the extra times for Confession during this Advent season:

### Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Msgr. Conrad

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Msgr. Ace

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon- Msgr. Conrad

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Msgr. Ace

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Fr. Joseph Pham

## BRUNCH WITH SANTA



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting Brunch with Santa on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish hall. There will be a 50/50 draw music, and of course, a visit from Santa.

Tickets will be on sale this weekend after all the Masses. Adults: \$10 and Children 12 and under: \$5.

## CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be providing help for Christmas to those in need in our community. The 'Christmas Angel Tree' will be in the foyer this weekend and December 9/10 & 16/17. Please take an angel which will indicate the family size on the back and provide a gift in the form of cash or cheque, grocery store or Walmart gift card, to help the family this Christmas. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items. These can be placed in the bin available in the foyer.

Tax receipts for donations of \$20.00 or more will be issued by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Please provide your full name and address on the envelope. We thank you for your generosity and support.

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**SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES FOR LECTORS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST & ALTAR SERVERS ARE IN THE SACRISTY.**

Our Archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the consultation, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation) to complete a brief survey by December 15, 2023, where you can offer your suggestions and insights.

The process should take just a few minutes and we ask that you complete the short survey as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas, and discernment.

## POTLUCK - PASTORAL VISITORS

The Pastoral Visitors will be having a Potluck dinner on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



Offertory envelopes for 2024 are available downstairs in the first room. If you used envelopes in 2023, you will find a box with your name. If you would like to begin using envelopes in 2024, unlabelled boxes will be available in the sacristy later this month.

**PLEASE DO NOT START USING THE NEW ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

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