

The Parish Community of St. Leonard

187 Conestoga Drive, Brampton, ON L6Z 3X8

905-846-5385 Fax 905-840-2361

E-mail: stleonardsbr@archtoronto.org **Website:** stleonardsbr.archtoronto.org

OUR PARISH TEAM:

Pastor - Fr. P. John Nosan

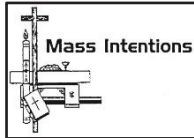
Associate Pastor - Fr. Benny Joseph Ezhormattam

Deacon - James Bell



Oh Come
Let us Adore Him

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Saturday, December 30

9:00 a.m. - VICTOR BELLUOMINI R.I.P.
5:00 p.m. - BARBARA FERNANDEZ R.I.P.

Sunday, December 31 - Feast of the Holy Family

9:00 a.m. - KENNETH & VIRGINIA HO R.I.P.
10:30 a.m.- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
12:00 noon- JENNIFER MAHABIR R.I.P.

Sunday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

5:00 p.m. - IRENE & LOPE VIDAD R.I.P.

Monday, January 1-Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

10:30 a.m.- ANTONIO DI MASCIO R.I.P.
12:00 noon- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Tuesday, January 2 - Sts. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen

7:00 p.m. - CHRISTINE RECLASADO R.I.P.

Wednesday, January 3

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

Thursday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00 p.m. - BRENDA MURRAY R.I.P.

Friday, January 5

9:00 a.m. - NITA PACCEHO KHAN R.I.P.
7:00 p.m. - MARINA DAVID R.I.P.

Saturday, January 6 - St. André Bessette

9:00 a.m. - INT. OF WALTER DEMELO
5:00 p.m. - JAMES BELVEDERE R.I.P.

Sunday, January 7 - Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. - DIMITRA SINAJ R.I.P.
10:30 a.m.- JERRY PYJOR R.I.P.
12:00 noon- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Readings for December 31

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3.12-21
Luke 2.22-40

A Celebration of Marriage in the Archdiocese of Toronto

MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO

Sunday, February 11, 2024, 3:00 p.m.
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
65 Bond Street, Toronto

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Special recognition and reserved seating available for couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ anniversaries in 2024

For more information and registration
visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

In 1893, Pope Leo XIII instituted the Feast of the Holy Family as a liturgical celebration to be celebrated in any diocese that requested it. The feast continued to spread, bringing about a renewed appreciation for the sacredness of family life. In 1921, three years after

the end of World War I, Pope Benedict XV, sharing the concerns of his predecessor Pope Leo XIII, added the Feast of the Holy Family to the universal Church calendar.

In 1964, while making an apostolic visit to the Holy Land, Pope Paul VI gave a beautiful speech in Nazareth on the Holy Family. This speech is now included in the Office of Readings for the Feast of the Holy Family. He begins by saying, "Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, profound yet full of hidden meaning." In that speech, the Holy Father wanted to help make Jesus' family life, culture, and daily interactions as a child tangible and relatable to all so that His childhood, along with the role of His parents, would be a source of reflection for the strengthening of the family.

As we honor the Holy Family, one of the best ways to do so is to prayerfully ponder the daily life that the Holy Family shared. Because Scripture does not record many of their family interactions in Nazareth, much is left to our prayerful imagination. What we do know is that human familial virtue within the Holy Family, especially between mother and Son, was at a level of perfection. The kindness, respect, obedience, unity, charity, and every other Christian virtue that they lived must become the model for Christian living and for family life.

(from mycatholic.life)

FIRST FRIDAY



Friday, January 5th is the First Friday of the month. Mass, Adoration, and Confession will be celebrated in the morning at 9:00 am. and in the evening

beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Adoration, followed by Mass.

GOOD SHEPHERD OUTREACH

The next drop off date for the Good Shepherd Prepare-a-Meal Program is Saturday, January 6th from 11:00 till noon around the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.



NEW YEAR'S MASS
SCHEDULE
SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD

Sunday, December 31 - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 1 - 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon
(No 9:00 a.m. Mass)

As well as Sundays, this is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 495) teaches,

Called in the Gospels "the mother of Jesus," Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as "the mother of my Lord." In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly "Mother of God" (Theotokos).

Mary was declared the Mother of God (Theotokos) in 431 AD at the Council of Ephesus.

Confirmation Enrollment forms for students **not** attending one of our seven parish schools are available on our website or contact the office. Please return the form, along with a copy of the student's Roman Catholic baptism certificate. Classes will begin later in the new year.



Friars Student Writing Contest 2024
(November 8, 2023, to January 15, 2024)

Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions.

Resources for the theme: <https://rb.gy/>; Entries can be submitted to:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

CONTACT: ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or questions.



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 are available in the sacristy upon request or call the office. Please write the name to be used for your tax receipt and full address on the first few envelopes that you use.

PLEASE DISCARD ALL OLD ENVELOPES

Tax receipts for 2023 will be issued by the Archdiocese of Toronto by the end of January/beginning of February. All **2023** envelopes received by **December 31st** will be included in the 2023 tax year. Donations with **2024 envelopes** will be included in the 2024 tax year.

**** We have not been able to identify Envelope user #46. If you have this number, please contact the office.****

Update Regarding the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

On December 12, 2023, the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families.

Recipients include the **Embrace Life Council** located in Iqaluit, Nunavut, that will receive \$250,000 over five years. The funds will be used for grief care packages to assist those mourning the loss of a loved one by suicide.

Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. To learn more, visit www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2024- Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4 p.m.



Venue: St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral
(455 Ferrier St., Markham, Ont. L3R 5Z2)

Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

Advent Accounting Service and Tax Returns • E File
Michael Nahirny
 Senior Accountant
 michael.advent@bell.net
 905.840.1053 416.520.4650



HANDY MAN
 Interior Renovations, Decks, Fences & Concrete
 Free Estimates, Carlos Simoes
647-986-4113

VIN BON
 THE BEST GRAPE JUICES
 Wine Making on Premises
 Wine Kits & Supplies
 367 Main St N. 905-456-9180

THE WATER STORE
 Purified Water by Reverse Osmosis
 Cleanest Water Anywhere... Guaranteed!
 Water Purification Systems
OPEN 24 Hours
 367 Main St. N. 905-451-2444

Call Neil for a Free Home Evaluation



Neil McIntyre
 Sales Representative
 Direct: **416-805-2562**
 NeilMcIntyre.net
 NeilMcIntyre@rogers.com



RE/MAX Realty Services Inc. Brokerage

My family & I are Parishioners, a donation will be made to the parish with any purchase or sale transaction.



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
 FUNERAL SERVICES
 www.catholic-cemeteries.com
 Assumption Cemetery 905-670-8801
 Queen of Heaven Cemetery 905-851-5822
 Catholic Cremation Services, Funeral • Cremation • Burial
 905-670-8801

RIVERSTONE
 DENTAL CARE
 5 Cherrycresc Dr, #5
 905-913-8100

NORTH PARK
 FAMILY DENTAL CARE
 9886 Torbram Rd, #101
 905-789-8116



www.drcriisol.com

A lifetime of smiles begins with us

Dr. Marjanette Crisol



Lakeside GARDEN GALLERY
 Since 1984
 Garden Centre • Floral Shop
 10753 Heart Lake Rd.
905.846.3773
 Open 7 Days a Week
 We Deliver
 www.lakesidegardengallery.com



SANDALWOOD MEDICAL PHARMACY

FREE PRESCRIPTION DELIVERY
 SENIORS DISCOUNT
 MEDICATION PLACED IN BLISTER PACKS
 OR PILL ORGANIZERS
 OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK
 170 Sandalwood Pkwy. E, Unit 1
 (Sandalwood Pkwy & Conestoga Dr.)
905.495.5855

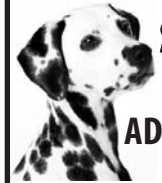
GP SERVICES
 SALES • SERVICE • PARTS • REPAIRS

BEAM
 CENTRAL VACUUM SYSTEMS

NAPOLEON OUTDOOR GRILLS

13 Fisherman Drive, Unit 16
905-459-1818

THE PERFECT SPOT TO ADVERTISE



TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL
905-624-4422



Jen and Tessie Lagtapon
 Sales Representatives
416-419-6114

RE/MAX Realty Services Inc. Brokerage†



Sales and Service
 www.royalsecurity.ca

Locksmithing - Door Hardware - Automatic Doors
 CCTV - Access Control - Medeco Security Locks

80 Hale Rd. Unit #9-10 (Rutherford/Glidden)
905-840-0522

\$ Personal & Corporation Income Tax
 \$ Computerized Accounting & Bookkeeping (includes HST, WSIB returns)
 \$ Payroll Services (preparation, payment to your employees, remittance to government)
 \$ Small business Consulting & Cash Flow Forecast
Alain I. Lising 905-792-1848 on parle FRANCAIS
 www.smallbizpros.ca



DOMENIC D'AGOSTINO
 REAL ESTATE AGENT



647.203.2287 @domicrealty
 domicrealty.com
 domnoblecorp@gmail.com



WARD FUNERAL HOMES
 100 YEARS
BRAMPTON CHAPEL
 52 Main St South
905-451-2124
 wardfuneralhome.com



Ralf Dietert
 647 406 2977
 Mortgage Agent, Level 1



Each office independently owned & operated.



Century 21
 People's Choice Realty Inc. Brokerage

As parishioners, a donation to an organisation of your choice upon close of transaction.

Welda Dietert
 647 282 9653
 Realtor

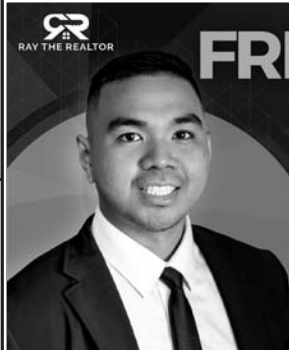


Do something today that your future self will thank you for.
 Sean Flannery

SALES REPRESENTATIVE WANTED

Liturgical Publications, your weekly bulletin printer has an opening for a **full time Sales Representative**.
 Base Salary • Commission • Car Allowance • Travel Expenses
 If you have a drive to succeed and are self-motivated, email your resume to salesrep@parishbulletins.com

Remember...
 Let our advertisers know you saw their ad here.



FREE! • First Time Home Buyer Seminar
 • We Have Your Legal Fees Covered
 • Home Evaluation

BUYING | SELLING | INVESTING

RAYMUND AGUILAR
 Sales Representative



Homelife / Miracle Realty Ltd. | Brokerage

647.261.6200

raguilar.realestate@gmail.com

A donation will be made to the parish with any purchase or sale transaction.