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.

TORONTO VOCATIONS OFFICE

Tel. 416-968-0997 Fax 416-968-1227 Email: vocations@globalserve.net

OUR SCHOOLS

St. Leonard	905-846-2086
Sacred Heart	905-846-0802
St. Stephen	905-840-3921
St. Agnes	905-840-5020
St. Rita	905-595-0911
St. Josephine Bakhita School	905-846-0078
St. Evan School	905-843-6159
Notre Dame High School	905-840-2802

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 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, January 13 - St. Hilary 9:00 a.m. - TONY EDWARD ATKINSON R.I.P. 5:00 p.m. - BILL MCLOUGHLIN R.I.P.

Sunday, January 14

9:00 am. -FRANK & CARMEN SPITERI R.I.P.10:30 a.m.-DON ANTHONY NIMAL LEANAGE R.I.P.12:00 noon-FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Monday, January 15 9:00 a.m. - CHAO JUNG YANG R.I.P.

Tuesday, January 16 7:00 p.m. - RAMAN MAKASARE R.I.P.

Wednesday, January 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot 7:00 p.m. - MARIAMA JOHN R.I.P.

Thursday, January 18 7:00 p.m. - JOSIP HORVAT R.I.P.

Friday, January 19 9:00 a.m. - INT. FOR TERRY CARUANA

Saturday, January 20 9:00 a.m. - MANUEL ESPOSA R.I.P. 5:00 p.m. - ADINA ALTOBELLI R.I.P.

Sunday, January 21

9:00 a.m. -FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH10:30 a.m.-JEYAPALAN ANTHONIPILLAI R.I.P.12:00 noon-PATRICK PENA R.I.P.

Readings for January 14

1 Samuel 3.3b-10, 19 1 Corinthians 6.13c-15a, 17-20 John 1.35-42

CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT



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 February 6th.

CWL BAKE SALE

The CWL will be hosting a bake sale on Saturday, January 27th and Sunday, January 28th after all the Masses in the parish hall.



Being a Witness of Christ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. John 1:40–42

In God's divine plan of salvation, He regularly uses the mediation of others to bring forth the conversion of hearts. We see this on many levels. First and foremost, He uses our Blessed Mother as the Mediatrix of Grace to bring forth His grace upon us all. She is the instrument and Jesus is the source. Through her mediation, there are other saints who act as intercessors. And there are countless angels who also act as distributors of God's grace and mercy. God is the source of all but uses the heavenly hosts to bring forth His grace upon us all.

The same is true within our earthly existence. In addition to the numerous angels and saints who act as intercessors and mediators, God uses each one of us to bring about His Kingdom here and now in the lives of many. Every time we speak God's words or witness to God through our actions, we become instruments of God's mercy. And if we fully commit ourselves to the divine will, there are many who will be converted by God's grace through us.

Reflect, today, upon the holy and sacred calling you have received to act as a mediator of God's infinite grace and mercy. First, think about the many people God wants to touch through you. Also think about the fact that those people might never be drawn to God if you fail to act. God can do all things and touch many people in varied ways, but the fact remains that He does want to use you for His mission. Say "Yes" to that mission so that you, like many others, will share in the glorious calling of being an intercessor and a mediator of God's grace.

(Excerpt from mycatholic.life)



A good vocation prayer to say every day - from the time we are young until we are in our golden years - is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with

sincerity, starting today and, if you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

Altar Servers please pick up your schedules in the Sacristy

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Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on **January 18-25**. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical

and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

Prayer Service - 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.

Labelled donation envelope boxes are in the foyer for pick-up. Unlabelled boxes are in the sacristy upon request. **PLEASE DISCARD ALL OLD ENVELOPES.**

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



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-25 school year is open. Parents/guardians can register online at <u>https://www.dpcdsb.org</u>. Registration is open to Catholic children and children of Catholic parents (Roman Catholic baptism certificate required). Students must be at least 4 years of age by December 31, 2024.



Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's (DPCDSB) Special Education and Learning Services Department will host

an information session to support the entry planning and transition of students with differing abilities who will be new to the DPCDSB for September 2024. During this session, parents/guardians will have the opportunity to meet with board staff and learn about the entry planning process for students with differing abilities. Differing abilities may include, but are not limited to the following areas: blind low vision, hearing, speech, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays in the cognitive and/or motor areas. The information session will be held at St. Marcellinus Catholic Secondary School (730 Courtneypark Dr. West, Mississauga) on Wednesday, January 24th from 7:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Fara Miranda Fernandes, Resource Secretary, Special Education & 905-890-0708 Learning Services Ext.24011 at or Fara.MirandaFernandes@dpcdsb.org.



SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD ABOVE AND BEYOND ALL OTHER THINGS ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO-PASTORAL LETTER

On January 1, 2024, the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, the Most Rev. Francis Leo released a Pastoral Letter, <u>"Seeking the</u> <u>Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other</u> <u>Things."</u>

The letter is directed to the People of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto and offers a deep theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we begin a new year.

The human person is thus called to work with his hands, mind, and heart for the coming of God's Kingdom into the world. This is especially true of those who are called to the sacred ministry and the apostolate and are, as St. Paul says, "fellow workers for the kingdom of God" (Col 4:11) but is also true of every human person.

On a pastoral level, inspired by solid theological and spiritual considerations, it seems to me that when we promote in our personal lives, in the community, through our relationships and in our pastoral and social engagements the characteristics of the Kingdom, imbued with the mind and spirit of Christ, we not only allow for him to reign in our hearts but we effectively also contribute to building-up his Kingdom in our midst.

(Excerpt from Archbishop Francis' pastoral letter)

The full Pastoral Letter may be found on our website.

