

# *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](mailto:vocations@globalserve.net)

## **OUR SCHOOLS**

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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:**

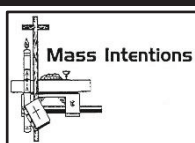
Must be registered in the parish for at least three months. A baptism date will be set after attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class.

## **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 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.



**Saturday, February 24**

9:00 a.m. - INT. FOR ANDREA O'HEA & FAMILY  
 5:00 p.m. - INT. FOR VINCENT NGUYEN-VAN-HIEN

**Sunday, February 25**

9:00 a.m. - DAVID BENNITZ R.I.P.  
 10:30 a.m.- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 12:00 noon- ANGEL MARIE FERNANDES and GRIBA FURTADO R.I.P.

**Monday, February 26**

9:00 a.m. - TITO TALITE R.I.P.

**Tuesday, February 27**

7:00 p.m. - SERVISTO D'SOUZA R.I.P.

**Wednesday, February 28**

7:00 p.m. - ROMEO D'SOUZA R.I.P.

**Thursday, February 29**

7:00 p.m. - MICHAEL FERNANDES R.I.P.

**Friday, March 1**

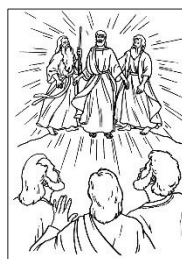
9:00 a.m. - DECEASED MEMBERS OF NOVIELLI FAMILY  
 6:00 p.m.- ENRICO & ERLINDA ANGLO R.I.P.

**Saturday, March 2**

9:00 a.m. - ADRIAN CUSTODIO R.I.P.  
 5:00 p.m. - BARB PITCHFORTH R.I.P.

**Sunday, March 3**

9:00 a.m. - DEACON AL MOULTON R.I.P.  
 10:30 a.m.- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 12:00 noon- ELVIRA & OLIMPIO MOLLICONE R.I.P.



**Second Sunday of Lent (Year B)**

*Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Mark 9:2-3*

Just six days prior to this glorious event of the Transfiguration, Jesus spoke for the first time to His disciples about His pending crucifixion and death. He taught them that "the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days" (Mark 8:31). Recall that Peter had a difficult time accepting this teaching. Jesus went on to rebuke Peter for his refusal to accept this prophetic teaching and further explained that "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34).

In your life, is there something that God is trying to say to you that you have difficulty accepting? If so, it will most likely be related to God's call to you to take up your cross and follow Him. The Cross of Christ comes in many forms throughout life. It might be experienced when we allow the passion of anger to die so that pure mercy can be offered to one who has hurt us. Or it might be that God is calling you to step out in faith to embrace some endeavor that requires courage and trust. Or it might be that God is calling you to accept some hardship in life that is difficult to accept, such as the loss of a loved one, an illness, the loss of a job or any other difficulty that you struggle to accept with love and trust. Bitterness, resentment, anger, fear, and the like are often the most difficult crosses we are called to embrace and let die.

Though it lasted for only a short time, this manifestation of Jesus' glory was all that these disciples needed to begin to accept Jesus' prediction of His passion. On one hand, they feared what Jesus said was going to happen. But on the other hand, they saw His glory and majesty. By combining these two experiences, these disciples were given a new hope and strength to trust that whatever was to happen in the future, God was in control.

*(Source of content: mycatholic.life)*

**Readings for February 25**

Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18    Romans 8.31b-35, 37  
 Mark 9.2-10

**FIRST FRIDAY**



Friday, March 1st is the First Friday of the month. There will be Adoration, and Confession following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

**Please note:** There will **not** be a Holy Hour in the evening. Mass is at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.



**GOOD SHEPHERD OUTREACH**

The next drop off date for the Good Shepherd Prepare-a-Meal Program is Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 till noon around the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

## COME & SEE WEEKEND RETREAT



**Come and See - Day Retreat – Saturday, March 19 (9:00am – 3:30pm) at St. Augustine’s Seminary:** Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God’s call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection, and information on the process of becoming one of Christ’s disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee) For more information, please contact (your Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations via email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).



We are excited to announce that Totus Tuus will be returning to St. Leonards this summer! Our camp will run from July 29 - August 2, 2024. **Registration opens up March 2nd and registration forms will be available starting next weekend.** For more information, please email [totustuus\\_stl@yahoo.com](mailto:totustuus_stl@yahoo.com). We look forward to another summer of fun, faith, and fellowship!



Lent is a time for almsgiving. You can help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul assist the needy by dropping your loonies/toonies or spare change in the poor box during Lent: “I assure you as often as you did it for one of the least brothers, you did it for me.” (*Matthew 25:40*). Thank you for your generosity in these difficult times for so many in our community.

## **LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024 METRO CONVENTION CENTRE - 9:00 AM-5:30 PM**

Theme: Take Heart - By His Wounds We are Healed  
There will also be a separate Youth Rally (ages 13-18) with powerful music and talks.  
Tickets are \$30 for the Adult Rally and \$15 for the Youth Rally. For tickets and information: [www.LJHR.ca](http://www.LJHR.ca).

## **QUEEN OF APOSTLES LENTEN RETREAT** Saturday March 9, 2024

Facilitated by the centre team  
Cost: \$45.00 includes coffee/tea with muffins and a hot lunch  
Registration 8:30am  
Please call Jean 905-278-5524 or email: [office@qoa.ca](mailto:office@qoa.ca)

## **LENTEN RETREAT - ST. FRANCIS CENTRE** Saturday March 9, 2024

Theme: THE RESURRECTION: A GIFT TO US – A CALL TO ACTION

Registration begins at 8:30am; Retreat concludes with liturgy at 4:00pm. Cost is \$40.00 and can be paid at the door in cash or cheque. This includes coffee/tea, lunch and all materials. Call 519-941-1747 or email [admin@stfranciscentre.org](mailto:admin@stfranciscentre.org) to register.



## **ST. FRANCIS CENTRE MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM**

St. Francis Centre will be hosting the first of our Pre-Marriage weekend retreats utilizing the Joy Filled Marriage Program, the weekend of April 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. If you are interested in participating, please contact St. Francis Centre by phone 519-941-1747 or by email [admin@stfranciscentre.org](mailto:admin@stfranciscentre.org) for information. You can also check out our website at [www.stfranciscentre.net](http://www.stfranciscentre.net) for more information.



## **LENTEN DAYS OF CONFESSION**

*To return to the Lord with integrity, we benefit greatly from celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year, we will provide the opportunity for all. This Lent, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions. Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness. In our parish, the schedule for extra confessions is as follows:*

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.



ShareLife Sunday is March 17. Our parish goal for this year’s campaign is **\$94,200.00**.

Through your kindness, over 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies can help marginalized members of our community. No one is turned away due to inability to pay. This is all possible through your support.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

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