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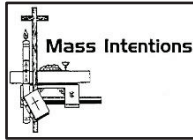
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**Saturday, April 20**

9:00 a.m. - **MANNIE MANBODH R.I.P.**  
 5:00 p.m. - **FRANK EGAN SR. R.I.P.**

**Sunday, April 21**

9:00 a.m. - **ROQUE CABRAL R.I.P.**  
 10:30 a.m.- **FATIMA MONIZ UZUELI R.I.P.**  
 12:00 noon- **FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

**Monday, April 22**

9:00 a.m. - **KEITH BURTLES R.I.P.**

**Tuesday, April 23**

7:00 p.m. - **THANKSGIVING INT. FOR RITA D'SOUZA**

**Wednesday, April 24**

7:00 p.m. - **KIM SA SHIU R.I.P.**

**Thursday, April 25**

7:00 p.m. - **FR. ANTONI MENDRELA & DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS R.I.P.**

**Friday, April 26**

9:00 a.m. - **DECEASED MEMBERS OF FERNANDEZ FAMILY R.I.P.**

**Saturday, April 27**

9:00 a.m. - **DINO MARTINA R.I.P.**  
 5:00 p.m. - **PADDY HAND R.I.P.**

**Sunday, April 28**

9:00 a.m. - **FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**  
 10:30 a.m.- **PIERINA PORFIDO R.I.P.**  
 12:00 noon- **DECEASED MEMBERS OF VIDAD FAMILY R.I.P.**



**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR  
 VOCATIONS**

"Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers to his harvest" (Mt 9,38; Lk 10,2). In obedience to Christ's command, every World Day of Prayer for Vocations distinguishes itself as a moment of intense prayer, that absorbs the entire Christian community in an incessant and fervent invocation to God for vocations. How important it is for Christian communities to become *real schools of prayer* (cf. *Novo Millennio ineunte*, n. 33), capable of educating for dialogue with God and forming the faithful to open themselves ever more to the love with which the Father "so loved the world that he gave His only Son" (Jn 3,16)! Prayer developed and lived, will help us to be guided by the Spirit of Christ to collaborate in building up the Church in charity. In this context, the disciple grows in an ardent desire that all may encounter Christ and achieve the true freedom of the children of God. This eagerness will lead the believer, following the example of Mary, to be ready to pronounce a full and generous "yes" to the Lord who calls him or her to become a minister of the Word, the Sacraments and Charity, or to become a living sign of Christ's chaste, poor, and obedient life among the people of our time.

(St. John Paul II, 2001)

The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or diaconate, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.



Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
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**Readings for April 21**

Acts 4.7-12      1 John 3.1-2  
 John 10.11-18

Pope Francis declares 2024 a Year of Prayer. The children from the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Loving Heart of the Good Shepherd Atrium (St. Leonard Parish) and St. Michael Atrium (St. Mary Parish)

invite you to a prayerful gathering of the

**LIVING ROSARY**

Date: **SUNDAY APRIL 21, 2024**  
 Time: **2:00 pm**  
 Location: **St. Leonard Parish**

- Light refreshments immediately following the rosary in the parish hall.
- Special thanks to St. Leonard's CWL and Knights of Columbus for their support.

Please join us and pray with us.



**First Communion - Confirmation -  
 Baptism**

If you need gifts for these please consider checking out the items in The Catholic Women's League Gift Ministry located at the back of the Church. This is a service provided by the CWL to give parishioners easy access to religious gifts. It is usually staffed by a CWL member after every Mass.

**Congratulations to the students of St. Leonard and St. Stephen who received their First Holy Communion on April 20<sup>th</sup>.**



## BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



Birthright Brampton has been in operation for over 27 years and is fully staffed by dedicated volunteers. We are currently assisting over 700 moms. Last year we welcomed **372 babies (10 sets of twins and 1 set of**

**triplets).** Some of the challenges that our moms face are financial hardship, abusive relationships, mental health, addictions, refugees, newcomers and human trafficking to name a few. Please help us to help mothers **CHOOSE LIFE for their unborn child!**



Our Totus Tuus camp will be running at St. Leonard's this summer from July 28 - August 2, 2024. **Forms are available in the church and on our website:**

<https://stleonardsbr.archtoronto.org>. 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!

### DAY PROGRAM

The day program runs from Monday to Friday. Children entering grades 1 through 6 in the upcoming Fall school year participate in four classes each day, attend daily Mass, learn the Mass parts and liturgical songs, participate in games, icebreakers, skits, songs, recess, and prayer. Our curriculum helps children to learn and be reinforced in important principles of their Catholic faith. Furthermore, Totus Tuus strives to help students be clear and consistent in their faith. College students who are on fire with their faith give the students living examples to observe and then imitate. This process teaches them that being a witness to their faith in the world around them is a very realistic and worthwhile goal. Finally, Totus Tuus endeavours to show children that the humble, yet courageous process of seeking Christ is a journey that must be aided by prayer and the Sacraments.

### EVENING PROGRAM

The evening program runs from Sunday to Thursday and is designed for students in Grade 7-12 who are seeking to deepen their faith and grow in their personal relationship with Jesus. It is facilitated by our highly trained, college-age Totus Tuus missionaries, with support from our Parish Coordinator. It begins with dinner, instruction, small group discussions, quiet meditation, prayer, and fellowship. The team teaches in such a way as to continually offer a dialogue by which each person feels respected in his or her most basic dignity.



## MARCH FOR LIFE

The annual March for Life will be held on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> in Ottawa. There will be Mass at St. Leonard's at 5:45 in the morning and the bus will leave after Mass and return at approximately 9:00 p.m.

This event is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and St. Leonard's Parish. Tickets for the bus can be purchased at the parish office for a cost of \$40.00 per person. If you are interested, please contact the office at 905-846-5385. For more information, please call Eric at (416) 402-4091 or Joe at (647) 281-9212 or email: [JoeResendes19@gmail.com](mailto:JoeResendes19@gmail.com).



### Invest in our Church's future by giving to ShareLife

Your kindness and devotion enable St. Augustine's Seminary, along with the Office of Vocations and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, to provide an excellent formation for our seminarians as they pursue a life of service. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

This Sunday, April 21, we celebrate the 61<sup>st</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There has never been a better time to support and pray for our seminarians, wherever they may be on their journey.

Next **Sunday, April 28** is our second ShareLife Sunday. Please give at the parish using the ShareLife envelope in your donation box (envelopes also available in the foyer), online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### SPRING TEA AND FASHION SHOW



The Catholic Women's League will be hosting a Spring Tea and Fashion Show on Sunday May 5, 2024 in the Parish Hall from 3:00 pm - 5:00pm. Tickets are \$25 for CWL members and \$30 for non-members. Tickets will be on sale after the weekend masses.

**Women's Day Retreat at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre**  
617 Blythe Road, Mississauga  
Saturday May 9, 2024

**Theme: Attitude with Gratitude**

**Time: 8:30 am – 3:00pm**

**Cost: \$45.00 includes lunch**

For more information: contact: Jean 905-2785229 or [office@qoa.ca](mailto:office@qoa.ca)

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