

# *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  
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St. Stephen	905-840-3921
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St. Rita	905-595-0911
St. Josephine Bakhita	905-846-0078
St. Evan	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.

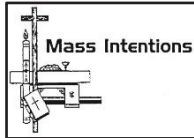
## **COMMUNION & ANOINTING FOR THE SICK:**

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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### 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.

### Monday, April 29

9:00 a.m. - ROMEO D'SOUZA R.I.P.

### Tuesday, April 30

7:00 p.m. - JOHN JAMES ROWAN R.I.P.

### Wednesday, May 1

7:00 p.m. - TSAI FU CHIANG R.I.P.

### Thursday, May 2

No Regular Mass - Confirmation St. Josephine Bakhita

### Friday, May 3

9:00 a.m. - VIRGILIO BERNARDINO R.I.P.

7:00 p.m. - MARIAMA THOMAS R.I.P.

### Saturday, May 4

9:00 a.m. - BEVERLEY KAPITAN R.I.P.

5:00 p.m. - RICHARD, KAY & JAMES MCCRON R.I.P.

### Sunday, May 5

9:00 a.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30 a.m.- JOY FORBES R.I.P.

12:00 noon- ELVIRA & OLIMPIO MOLLICONE R.I.P.

### Readings for April 28

Acts 9.26-31      1 John 3.18-24  
John 15.1-8

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you." John 15:1-3

Pruning a vine is an important part of helping it to grow and produce not only more fruit but the best fruit. If left unpruned, a grape vine will eventually produce less fruit and poorer quality fruit. Good pruning helps to direct the nourishment of the vine to the new buds that are most fruitful.

Jesus' teaching above uses the imagery of pruning a vine to help us understand that faith must lead to charity. First, Jesus says that He is the "true vine." He is the only source of the nourishment we need for the new life of grace. He is the only way to Heaven and salvation. Knowing our Lord and being attached to Him firmly is faith. Second, our Lord says that He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit. This indicates that faith without the good fruit of charity is dead and is like a branch on a vine that produces nothing. Third, when Jesus finds a branch that bears good fruit, he doesn't leave it alone. Instead, He prunes it with loving attention so that "it bears more fruit."

Reflect, today, upon this holy imagery from Jesus. It's a lesson from nature that reveals the supernatural life of grace at work. Don't be deterred by the pruning God wants to do. Embrace suffering with love, respond to injustice with forgiveness, offer mercy when you don't feel like it, and seek to serve selflessly those who seem undeserving. Doing so will prune you so that God will be able to build up His Kingdom in glorious ways through you.

(Source of content: mycatholic.life)

### PARISH NEWS

Fr. Benny will be leaving us on June 25<sup>th</sup> to become the Associate Pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Toronto (588 Adelaide St.). Even though he has only been with us a short time, he will be greatly missed. There will be a farewell gathering for him after the 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to come and offer their good wishes and prayers.

Our new Associate Pastor will be Fr. Jobby Muppathiyil Joseph who is currently at St. Anne's in Brampton.

**Congratulations to the students of St. Josephine Bakhita who received their First Holy Communion on April 27<sup>th</sup>.**



There will not be a regular evening Mass this Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, as students from St. Josephine Bakhita will be confirmed.

Also, please note that there won't be regular evening Masses on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> due to Confirmation Masses on these evenings.



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!

**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. There are still bus tickets available at the parish office for a cost of \$40.00 per person. If you are interested, please contact the office at 905-846-5385 (press 0). 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).

**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 4, 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)



**FIRST FRIDAY**

Friday, May 3rd is the First Friday of the month. There will be Adoration, and Confession following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, and also a Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.



**This weekend is our second ShareLife Sunday**

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We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

The third ShareLife Sunday of the year is June 2.

Thank you for living the Gospel!



**BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

Birthright Brampton has compassionate volunteers who give generously of their time and energy so that others will feel God's Love. We are

**always looking for new volunteers** to journey with our moms or help in various other ways. Training is provided. Please call Pauline at 905-874-0607 for more information.

**Please remember to return your baby bottle next weekend.** Thank you for your support!



The Kolbe Pro-Life group at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Mississauga invites you to a meeting with Mary Wagner who is an active advocate of the pro-life movement in Canada. She has spent about six years of her life behind bars because of her ministry, her prayerful presence and outreach at abortion clinics. She will be sharing her faith journey with us on Saturday, May 11 at 7:45 pm in the parish hall of St. Maximilian Kolbe.



**GOOD SHEPHERD OUTREACH**

The next drop off date for the Good Shepherd Prepare-a-Meal Program is Saturday, May 4th from 11:00 till noon around the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

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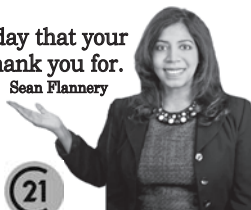


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