# The Parish Community of

**St. Leonard** Welcomes You

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# **OUR PARISH TEAM:**

Pastor - Fr. P. John Nosan Associate Pastor - Fr. Jobby Muppathiyil Joseph Deacons - James Bell, Ferdinand Valera

### 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	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 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.



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Saturday, December 7 - St. Ambrose
9:00 a.m. - INT. OF WALTER DEMELO & FAMILY
5:00 p.m. - LILY HSIUNG R.I.P.
Sunday, December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
10:30 a.m. - COSIMO PERRI R.I.P.
12:00 noon- ELVIRA & OLIMPIO MOLLICONE and ANGELO & SANTINA BATTISTON R.I.P.
Monday, December 9 - Immaculate Conception
9:00 a.m. - PAULO DIMARCO & DECEASED FAMILY R.I.P.
7:00 p.m. - SARAH HENRIQUES R.I.P.
Tuesday, December 10 - Our Lady of Loreto

7:00 p.m. - **REMY ESTEBAN R.I.P.** 

Wednesday, December 11 – St. Damasus I 7:00 p.m. - PIETRO, GIOVANNA, BRUNO & NANDO DEFINA R.I.P.

**Thursday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe** 7:00 p.m. - **ANGELINA & LAURA RODRIGUES R.I.P.** 

Friday, December 13 – St. Lucy 9:00 a.m. - ADA, JASON, & ANDRE WATT R.I.P.

Saturday, December 14 – St. John of the Cross 9:00 a.m. - MARY SUU & JOSEPH QUANG VU R.I.P. 5:00 p.m. - MARY, JOHN & PADDY HAND R.I.P.

Sunday, December 15 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent9:00 a.m. -MARICA & CHARLES AZZOPARDI R.I.P.10:30 a.m. -FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH12:00 noon -CARMELITA & GEORGE BARICUATRO<br/>(40<sup>TH</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

#### **Readings for December 8**

Baruch 5.1-9 Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11 Luke 3.1-6



#### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This year, the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. The title acknowledges that grace filled her soul from the moment of her conception, thus preserving her from the stain of sin. Though this truth had been held for centuries among the Catholic faithful, it was solemnly declared as a dogma of our faith on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1854, by Pope Pius IX.

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." Luke 3:5–6

These, the words of the prophet Isaiah, were spoken about the mission of Saint John the Baptist. John was to "Prepare the way of the Lord" and to "make straight his paths." In prophesying this, Isaiah goes on to give this very descriptive image of John's ministry. It would be one that levels mountains and valleys, straightens every winding road, and smooths out the rough terrain. In other words, John came to remove every obstacle to God, making it easy to encounter the Messiah.

Today, there are countless obstacles to grace that so many people encounter. Some have been drawn into the satisfactions of earthly riches and material comforts and find little need for God. Others have very little that this world can offer but are consumed with a desire for money and the passing comforts it promises. And still others are drawn into many other forms of sins and false satisfactions. But there are some who are like a dry and deserted desert, just waiting to soak up the gentle rain of God's grace. These are those who have sought to detach themselves from the false promises of this world and remain "empty" and "dry" so as to be prepared for the abundance of grace when it comes. These holy souls have heeded the call to repentance and have humbly acknowledged their need for the Savior.

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# ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS

**Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Msgr. Conrad 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Msgr. Ace 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. **Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon- Msgr. Conrad 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. **Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. **Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES FOR LECTORS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST & ALTAR SERVERS ARE IN THE SACRISTY.



#### CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be providing our annual Christmas program assistance to SSVP Families in our surrounding church communities which we have served throughout the year. The 'SSVP Christmas Angel Tree' will be in the foyer for this weekend, Dec. 7/8 and Dec. 14/15. We

encourage our Parishioners to take an angel from the 'Angel Tree' which will indicate the family size on the back and provide a gift in the form of cash or cheque, grocery store or Walmart gift card, to help the family this Christmas. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items in the SSVP bin in the foyer.

Tax receipts for donations of \$20.00 or more will be issued by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Please provide your full name and address on the envelope. We thank our Parishioners for your continued kind generosity and support to our SSVP Families.



Congratulations to our Catechumens and Candidates who were welcomed on November 24 into the Second Period of their faith journey called the Period of the Catechumenate. It is an extended period where the Church embraces them with love, support and prayers. They will continue to meet each Tuesday evening with their sponsors, plus each Sunday they will celebrate and be nourished by the Word of God. During these next months, they will become familiar with the Sacraments and the Church's teachings. Their faith and conversion to God will continue to grow and be nurtured, so they are able to make knowledgeable choices regarding their spiritual life. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

#### **Catechumens**

David Molina Gaurav Verma Harmony Trim Lolita Jaipaul Neil Shetty Nysha Shetty Sheneen Stapleton Victoria Nguyen

#### <u>Candidates</u>

Chikaodili Morakinyo Ethan Fung Jason Gradziel Kathryn Keck Kavita Beharrylal-Ramsabhag Sarah Martin

#### Sponsors

Joe Resendes Chris Belford Justina Edwards Cecilia Kyere Kevin Senra Jennifer Kyere Amelia Hazell Mike Kennelly

#### Sponsors

Susan Azzopardi Dominic Xavier Rosie Cabral Kathy Capobianco Jocylin Rivas Mary Jean Belford

# CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

# Masses for Christmas Eve - December 24

5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m., and 12:00 Midnight (Carol singing at 11:30 p.m.)

# <u>Masses for Christmas Day</u> <u>December 25</u>

10:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon (No 9:00 a.m. Mass)



#### NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 31 - 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 1 - 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon (No 9:00 a.m. Mass)

#### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 AT 2:00 PM

You are invited to a Children's Nativity Play in the Parish Hall, presented by the CGS Atrium children from St. Leonard's and St. Mary's Parishes and the St. Leonard's Youth Group. **There will be limited seating** - sign-up will be available after all Masses on the weekend of December 13/14. There will be light refreshments following the play. You are welcome to bring cookies, baked goods, TimBits, etc. if you would like.



The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo.

This weekend, Cardinal Leo is in Rome as one of the 21 new cardinals from around the world gathered with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the church.



Offertory envelopes for 2025 are available downstairs. If you used envelopes in 2024, you will find a box with your name. If you would

like to begin using envelopes in 2025, unlabelled boxes will be available in the sacristy later in December. (Pink Visitor envelopes can be used for the remainder of 2024.)

#### PLEASE <u>DO NOT</u> START USING THE NEW ENVELOPES UNTIL <u>JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup></u>.

