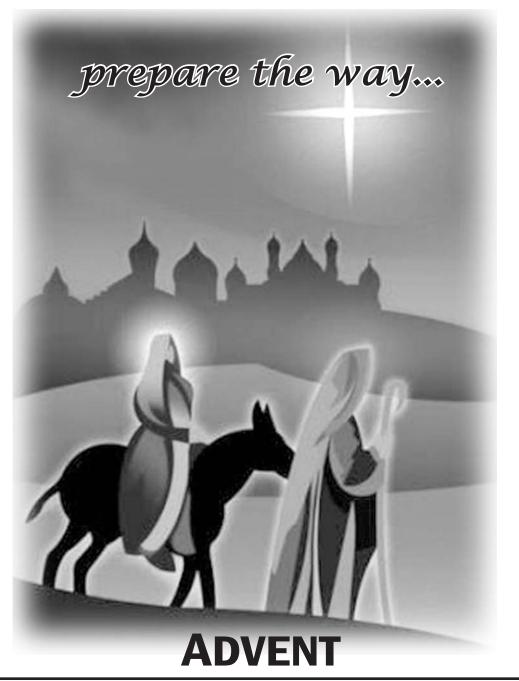
The Parish Community of **St. Leonard**

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OUR PARISH TEAM:

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





Saturday, December 21 - St. Peter Canisius 9:00 a.m. - GORDON HAYDEN R.I.P. 5:00 p.m. - RAFFAELE VISCONTI R.I.P.

Sunday, December 22 - 4th Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. - KEITH BURTLES R.I.P. 10:30 a.m.- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 12:00 noon- SHARMAINE CORONEL R.I.P.

Monday, December 23 - St. John of Kanty 9:00 a.m. - MARY SUU & JOSEPH QUANG VU R.I.P.

Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)5:00 p.m. -MIGUEL TEVES R.I.P.7:00 p.m. -MARIA & CHARLES AZZOPARDI R.I.P.9:00 p.m. -JOHN BRONIZEWSKI R.I.P.12:00 Midnight - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Wednesday, December 25 - Nativity of the Lord 10:30 a.m. - ANNETTA & RORY MCGUCKIN R.I.P. 12:00 noon- BRUNO DEFINA R.I.P. (NO 9:00 A.M. MASS)

Thursday, December 26 - St. Stephen 7:00 p.m. - **THANKSGIVING INT. OF MARIA PINTO**

Friday, December 27 - St. John, Apostle 9:00 a.m. - DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FIGLIANO & DEFINA FAMILIES R.I.P.

Saturday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents

9:00 a.m. - MARIA ANTOINETTE REBELO R.I.P. 5:00 p.m. - VINCENZO & ASSUNTA FILOSA and PAUL & ANGELA SCHIRRIPA R.I.P.

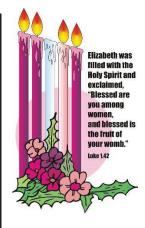
Sunday, December 29-Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph9:00 a.m. -FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH10:00 a.m. -TANYA & JOHN WOOD R.I.P.12:00 noon -VICTOR BELLUOMINI R.I.P.

Readings for December 22 Micah 5.2-5a Hebrews 10.5-10 Luke 1.39-45



Fr. John, Fr. Jobby, Deacon James, Deacon Nan, and the office staff would like to take this opportunity to which you and your families a very Happy and Blessed Christmas.

The Parish Office will be closed December 24th at noon and re-open January 6th.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Luke 1:45

As we enter into the fourth week of Advent, we are given our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph to reflect upon. Though our Blessed Mother was perfect, and St. Joseph was a deeply virtuous man, they were both still fully human and would have

walked through Mary's pregnancy and Jesus' birth with every human emotion and experience.

Both Mary and Joseph are wonderful models of faith and obedience. They were obedient to the will of God despite the fact that the will of God drew them into an incredible and unfathomable mystery. They were first-hand witnesses to the salvation of the world and to the greatest act ever known. And they both embraced this mystery and accepted it in faith.

(From mycatholic.life)

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 **church**, 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 light refreshments downstairs in the parish hall following the play. You are welcome to bring cookies, baked goods, TimBits, etc. if you would like.



LESSONS AND CAROLS

You are invited to join St. Leonard's Choir to participate in the Lessons and Carols program at 11:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. This will consist of carol singing and

scripture reading before Midnight Mass.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all Parishioners who supported our annual Christmas program to help our SSVP Families in our community through the 'SSVP Christmas Angel Tree' and donations of non-perishable food items.



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My Dear Brothers and Sisters, Praised be Jesus Christ. Christmas is a wonderful time that provides us with a unique and blessed occasion of grace to contemplate the immensity and graciousness of God's love for us and the hope and joy which this love brings to our lives. The mystery of the Incarnation - which we celebrated nine months ago on March 25th at the Annunciation - has now culminated in the birth of the child Jesus, the Prince of Peace: God becoming man out of love for us. We remember also how that same unconditional love of the Word made flesh (cf. Jn 1:14-18), invades the world as we know it with a peace that transcends all understanding (cf. Phil 4:7). Jesus Christ himself, and no other, is the light that scatters the darkness of our lives, our relationships and communities and imbues them with newness of life if only we let him into our hearts though faith and surrender to that love which knows no end and no limitations.

We celebrate the Birth of Christ among us, in our human flesh, in our world. Though he was "born of the Father before all ages and through whom all things were made", yet he was born in time, in Bethlehem, of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary; he was given birth in our very own wounded world; he is one of us, one like us in all ways, except sin. He comes to us from the heights and the glory of Paradise where he existed together with the Father and the Holy Spirit from all eternity, adored and praised by the multitude of the heavenly hosts. He leaves the loftiness of Heaven to descend among us and become like us, born in our midst to walk among us as a friend, a brother, a companion, a teacher, a Saviour, our God in the flesh.

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis inaugurates the Jubilee Year with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, and asked that on December 29, in cathedrals around the world, a holy Mass be celebrated as a solemn opening of the Jubilee Year in each diocese. His Holiness will be celebrating at his cathedral, St. John Lateran, in union with diocesan bishops around the world (Spes non Confundit, 6). Here in the Archdiocese of Toronto, I will be presiding over a Eucharistic celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on December 29. I invite all of us to join in that Mass in union with all other dioceses around the world in giving witness to that hope and love which comes from the heart of the Saviour. What a beautiful sign of the unity and catholicity of the Church it will be.

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.)

Masses for Christmas Day - December 25

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)

Friars Student Writing Contest 2025 (November 11, 2024 - January 13, 2025) Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)

High school students aged 13 to 19 from the Catholic School Boards in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event, which honours the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity taking place from January 18 to 25. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2025 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions.

Students are encouraged to explore the resources at https://bit.ly/3zOVHly to gain insight into the meaning and purpose of the theme. Entries are to be submitted at https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward.

Email ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527 with any questions, or for more information.

Confirmation Enrollment forms for students <u>not</u> attending one of our seven parish schools are available on our website or contact the parish office. Please return the form, along with a copy of the student's Roman Catholic baptism certificate. Classes will begin on February 19^{th,} 2025.



Offertory envelopes for <u>2025</u> 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 are available in the sacristy. (Pink Visitor envelopes can be used for the remainder of 2024.)

THE LAST DEPOSIT FOR 2024 WILL BE ON THE MORNING OF <u>DECEMBER 30TH</u>.

