

# *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**

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## **OUR SCHOOLS**

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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.

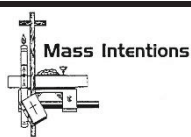
## **COMMUNION & ANOINTING FOR THE SICK:**

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.

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



## Saturday, March 8 - St. John of God

9:00 a.m. - INT. OF WALTER DEMELO & FAMILY  
5:00 p.m. - ANNA SAMMUT R.I.P.

## Sunday, March 9

9:00 a.m. - DEACON AL MOULTON R.I.P.  
10:30 a.m.- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
12:00 noon- ROMEO D'SOUZA R.I.P.

## Monday, March 10

9:00 a.m. - K.C. JOHN R.I.P.

## Tuesday, March 11

7:00 p.m. - ALVIN MASSEY R.I.P.

## Wednesday, March 12

7:00 p.m. - DOMENICO & MARIA FIGLIANO R.I.P.

## Thursday, March 13

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

## Friday, March 14

9:00 a.m. - SHEILA GRACE TISALUNA & TITO TALITE RIP  
6:00 p.m. - INT. OF JOHN & DULCE DeFRIEITAS

## Saturday, March 15

9:00 a.m. - TERESA NARDELLA R.I.P.  
5:00 p.m. - BRENDA MURRAY R.I.P.

## Sunday, March 16

9:00 a.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
10:30 a.m.- MARIO FAIOLA R.I.P.  
12:00 noon- ELIVIRA & OLIMPIO MOLLICONE and  
ANGELO & SANTINA BATTISTON R.I.P.

## Readings for March 9

Deuteronomy 26.4-10      Romans 10.8-13  
Luke 4.1-13

## Prayer for Pope Francis

*O merciful and loving God, fountain of all grace and source of eternal healing, be with our Holy Father as he faces this battle with illness. Surround him, O Lord, with boundless compassion and strengthen his spirit so that he may regain the health needed to continue to lead your flock with a father's heart. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1-2*

What temptations and sins are among your greatest struggles? In what ways do you find yourself experiencing defeat? In what ways have you taken up a defensive position to try to overcome your struggles? Too often we approach temptations in the wrong way. We see them as attacks from the evil one that we must resist and defend ourselves against. And though that is true, it is not the full truth. The full truth is that the best way to overcome the struggles we face is to confront them directly in a vigorous and offensive way by choosing the opposite virtue.

As we begin this forty-day Lenten journey, reflect, today, upon the sins and temptations in your life that need to be overcome. If you find yourself in an ongoing defensive position toward certain struggles, especially if you find yourself losing the battle at times, it's time to change your strategy. Embrace the opposite virtue of the sins you are most tempted with this Lent. Embrace those virtues in an offensive manner. Choose kindness if you struggle with anger. Choose fasting if you struggle with gluttony. Choose generosity if you struggle with greed. Whatever your struggle, turn to the virtue you need the most and make it your focus this Lent so that you, too, will be well-prepared to reject the evil one and his lies when temptation comes your way.

*(From mycatholic.life)*



## WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL BREAKFAST

Women of the parish, you are invited to join the Catholic Women's League on **Saturday, March 22, 2025 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** in the church hall for the Annual Women's Spiritual Breakfast. It will be a wonderful opportunity for prayer and fellowship led by Fr. Jobby. This year's theme, "A Lenten Reflection," will be sure to inspire. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased following each Mass this weekend March 8/9 and next weekend March 15/16.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be a **6:00 p.m.** Mass on the Fridays during Lent followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.





### Your love is a guiding light during Lent

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?  
*(In the words of Pope Francis)*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and have trust with God
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness; fill your heart with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words; be silent and listen

How about you - what are you willing to fast from this Lent?

Maria, a 64-year-old newcomer to Canada, arrived seeking a fresh start but found herself struggling to find both stable employment and affordable housing. Through your support of ShareLife, she received personalized guidance at Catholic Crosscultural Services that helped her secure both a job and a home. She found stability and peace of mind, giving her the strength to embrace her new life.

Now, she's a guiding light for seniors, helping others access the support that changed her life. This Lent, you can walk the same path as a testament to resilience and the transformative power of community.

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



**Birthright Brampton's Annual Baby Bottle Campaign** is our main fundraiser. Please take a few moments to sign out a bottle today after mass and take it home so you can fill your bottle with coins, bills or cheques and return it the weekend of April 4th/5th. Tax receipts will be issued

for any donation of \$20.00 or more.

Credit card donations can be made through <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/birthright-brampton/>. Thank you for your generosity!!!

**Please make cheques payable to: Birthright Brampton.**

### High School Come & See Day Retreat, March 29, 2025



The Office of Vocations is hosting a high school day retreat for high school men, in grades 11 & 12, at St. Augustine's Seminary, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This retreat is designed to help young men cultivate a deeper prayer life & relationship with the Lord. Seminarians will offer reflections on practical aspects of faith. This retreat will offer opportunities for communal prayer, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & socializing. Lunch will be provided.

Registration for the retreat is to be done online at: [www.vocationstoronto.ca/hscomesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/hscomesee).

For more information please email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### Jonathon Van Maren Speaks on "How We Got Here" March 19, 2024 at 7:30 PM St. Francis Xavier Parish, Mississauga

If you are interested in how we have arrived at today's anti-Christian culture, how it influences our children, and how we can respond, don't miss this talk by Jonathon Van Maren. He will give an overview of his new book "How We Got Here", on how and why everything changed, and how Christians can move forward today. Sponsored by the Right to Life Association of Mississauga and Area; held at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall, 5650 Mavis Road Mississauga at 7:30 pm on March 19.

See bulletin board and/or contact: [righttolifemb@gmail.com](mailto:righttolifemb@gmail.com) or 647-990-2656 for more information.



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*). There is a great need in our community with the economic situation today. Anything you can do at this time, and all year round, is very much appreciated.



The Knights of Columbus have their General Meeting on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

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