# The Parish Community of **St. Leonard**

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### **OUR PARISH TEAM:**

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## He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia



Saturday, April 19 – Easter Vigil 8:15 p.m. - BRUNO DEFINA R.I.P.

Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.-FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Monday, April 21 9:00 a.m. - ROQUE CABRAL R.I.P.

Tuesday, April 22 No regular Mass – Confirmation for St. Agnes School

Wednesday, April 23 No regular Mass – Confirmation for St. Evan School

Thursday, April 24 No regular Mass – Confirmation for Sacred Heart School

Friday, April 25 9:00 a.m. - RITA FERNANDES R.I.P.

Saturday, April 26 9:00 a.m. - DECEASED MEMBERS OF NOVIELLI FAMILY 5:00 p.m. - PADDY HAND R.I.P.

Sunday, April 27 9:00 a.m. - JOHN AGUEBOR R.I.P. 10:30 a.m.- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 12:00 noon- ANGELO & FRANCISCA FURTADO R.I.P.

#### **Readings for April 20**

Acts 10.34a, 37-43 Colossians 3.1-4 John 20.1-18

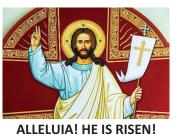


**Please note that there will <u>not</u> be a regular evening Masses this Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday**, as there will be Confirmation for the students of St. Agnes, St. Evan, and Sacred Heart schools. Please keep all of our students in your prayers who will be receiving the Sacraments of

First Holy Communion and Confirmation throughout the Easter Season.

Upcoming dates for Confirmation: April 29th, May 15th, 28th, and 29th. There will not be regular Masses on these evenings.

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed Easter Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.



The greatest liturgical celebration of the Church is of course Easter. The enthusiastic and traditional greeting on Easter morning and throughout the Easter Octave is: Christus surréxit! - Surréxit vere, allelúja ("Christ is risen!" - "He is risen indeed, Alleluia!") – and it fills us with a renewed sense

of hope and deepened trust in the Lord Jesus, our Saviour.

The unique supernatural hope that Easter brings calls us to live differently in the 'here and now' of our existence and earthly journey. It recalls the sacrificial, self-giving love of Jesus on the cross and looks to emulate it in our daily choices and decisions - to live the Resurrected new life of Christ in and through our relationships and in society. Our hope is never passive but transformative, bidding us to engage the world and proclaim the truth and love of God. We see this on the first Easter morning, when Our Lord asks Mary Magdalene to go to Galilee and tell the others what she had seen—the tomb is empty, and Jesus is risen from the dead (cf. Mt. 28:10). The same is true today. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ calls us to live in truth, with courage, compassion, and purpose; to go out to others - the young and young at heart - family, friends, colleagues, neighbours and strangers - and share with them the awesome difference it makes in our lives to know the Lord, to live in friendship with him, to love him and to serve him as best we can. We do this in word and deed, by our testimony and example, bringing hope wherever we find ourselves and inviting all people to the newness of life made possible by the Resurrection. Truly we believe and profess the Resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

(Excerpt from Message for Easter April 20, 2025, His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo)



Fr. John, Fr. Jobby, Deacon James, Deacon Nan, and the office staff would like to wish all a very Blessed and Happy Easter!

#### CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

The Catholic Women's League, St Leonard Parish Council, will be hosting their general meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 7.30 pm (after Mass) in the parish hall. We welcome all women of the parish and invite you to come and see who we are. Join us for coffee and friendship.

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#### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion

shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (Diary 699)

Come celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April 27 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

#### SSVP Summer Camp for Boys 7-12 & Girls 5-13



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is accepting applications for Marygrove Camp for Girls ages 5-13 and also

Camp Ozanam for Boys ages 7-12. These camps are offered to children of our SSVP families served in the community. For application or information, you can leave a message for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul by calling the Rectory office at 905-846-5385, and then press 3.



#### TOTUS TUUS JULY 20TH-25TH

**Grade School Program**: Grades 1-6 Monday-Friday from 9am – 2:30pm; **Intermediate/High School Program**: Grades 7-12 Sunday-Thursday from 6–9pm.

Cost: \$65: day program; \$35: evening program .To register or for more information, please contact Ivana Zuvic (<u>stleonardyouth@hotmail.com</u>) . More information about the program is also available at <u>www.totustuustoronto.ca</u>.

#### MARCH FOR LIFE

The annual March for Life will be held on Thursday, May 8<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 \$45.00 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.

"Right to Life Mississauga Brampton" will be covering the cost for all students attending the march (ages 12-20).

#### <u>SSVP Marygrove Girls Camp - 33rd Annual Rake-a-thon</u> <u>May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025</u>

Calling all willing worker volunteers and those needing a day up North!!! The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul's Marygrove Camp provides girls ages 5-13 from our SSVP families with the opportunity to enjoy an overnight camping experience on the chores of Georgian Bay at 1301 Champlain Road, Tiny, ON L9M 0E7. The Rake-A-Thon involves a few hours of raking, a picnic lunch and plenty of coffee. Families and friends are welcome, just bring a rake, gloves and join us from 9:30am to around 3pm. Email us at campinfo@ssvptoronto.ca and confirm with us your participation.



#### A DAY WITH MARY - MAY 31

Online registration is now open for A Day With Mary taking place May 31 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Villanova College in King City. During this Jubilee Holy Year, spend a day with our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope and deepen your devotion to her through a keynote

address by Dr. Josephine Lombardi, a number of inspiring witnesses and Holy Mass presided over by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. This family-friendly event will have music, food, fellowship, children's catechesis and activities – something for everyone.

For more information and to register, visit archtoronto.org/mary.

SAVE THE DATE: SSVP Bundle Up Weekend June 28-29, 2025

