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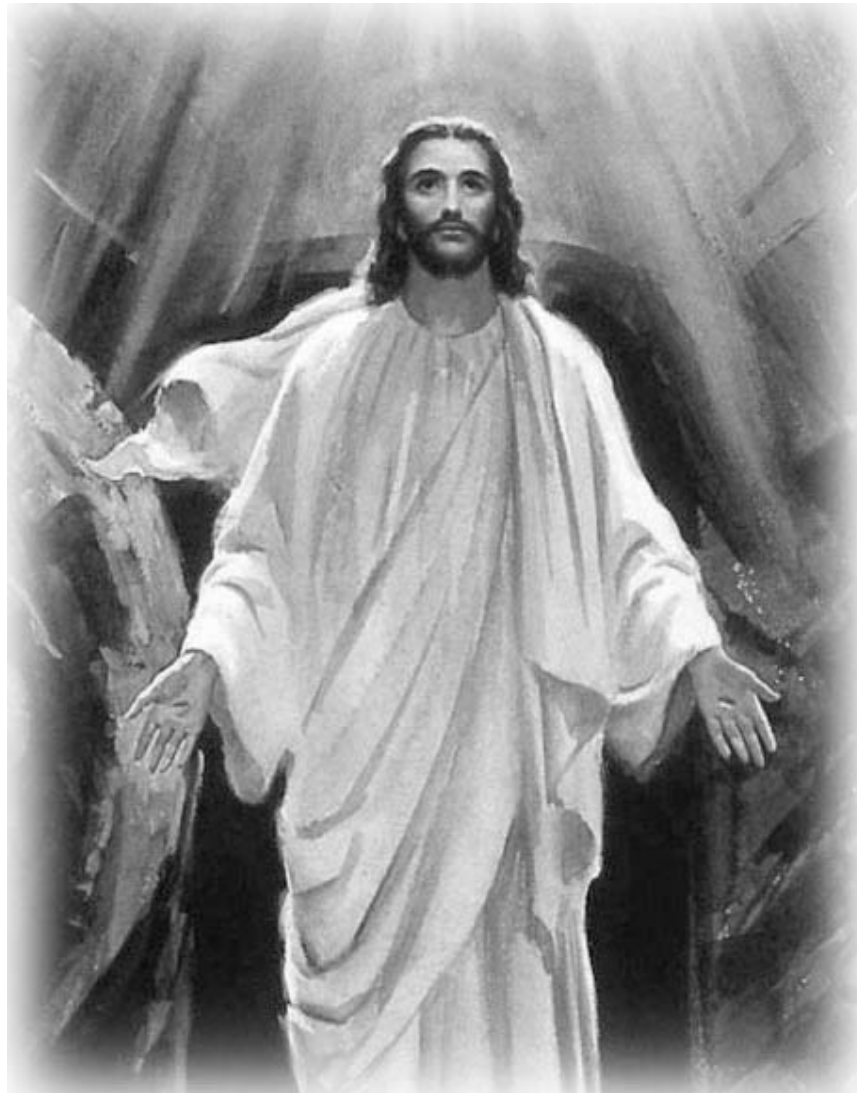
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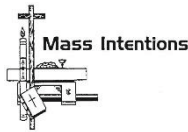
In Residence - Fr. Damian Gumbo

Deacons - James Bell, Ferdinand Valera



Rejoice!
For the Lord is truly risen!

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION



Saturday, April 4 - Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m. - † BRUNO & ADRIANA DEFINA

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. - † LOUELLA LAGTAPON-PIOL

10:30 a.m. - † MICHAEL PAIVA

12:30 p.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Monday, April 6

9:00 a.m. - † JUNIPERO LAGTAPON SR.

Tuesday, April 7

7:00 p.m. - † MAURA SHAW

Wednesday, April 8

No regular Mass - Confirmation-St. Rita & Catechism Class

Thursday, April 9

No regular Mass - Confirmation St. Evan & St. Stephen

Friday, April 10

9:00 a.m. - † FERNANDES D'SOUZA

Saturday, April 11

9:00 a.m. - INT. OF WALTER DEMELO & FAMILY

5:00 p.m. - † LIONEL BURTLES

Sunday, April 12 - Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00 a.m. - † PATRICIA RYBKA

10:30 a.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

12:00 noon - † DECEASED MEMBERS OF STUGLIK and STARZYK FAMILIES

Readings for April 5

Acts 10.34a, 37-43 Colossians 3.1-4

John 20.1-18



Message for Easter His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto April 5, 2026

Our Lord's Death and Resurrection are not simply events of the past; they are the living form of the Church's existence. As you may remember, before the Resurrection, the disciples were scattered, fearful, and locked away. After the Resurrection, they are transformed, those fleeing to Emmaus return to Jerusalem, and those locked away in fear eventually venture out to the ends of the earth to proclaim the Good News. The Resurrection does not eliminate the journey of life with its trials and uncertainties; rather, it gives the journey its meaning, purpose, new hope and new dynamism. In the same way, the difficulties we experience – personally and communally – are not magically erased.

Each of us has a story to tell, a sacred story to share. Each of our existential narratives are marked by light and shadows. But the author of our lives will never let us go through our hardships alone. The Power of the Resurrection is available to us today. The possibility of a new life is in our reach; the boundless energy of transforming grace is at our fingertips; the consolation and comfort of the Holy Spirit is but a prayer away; the second chances, and third and fourth which we really need, are part and parcel of God's merciful plan. There is nothing to fear; there is endless love, endless hope in this life, endless light into which we are called. The Resurrection of Christ points to the renewal of our daily lives as well as to that day, one day, the last day, when we will be called to enter the fulness of life in eternity. May that eternity begin here and now, in our families and communities, by a daily decision to live out the Catholic faith with greater commitment, outstanding generosity, abundant virtue and authentic holiness.

Blessed Easter Season to you and your loved ones. Christ is Risen – truly he is Risen.

(Excerpt from Cardinal Leo's Easter Message 2026)

GOOD SHEPHERD OUTREACH



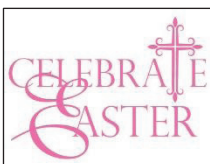
The next drop off date for the Good Shepherd Prepare-a-Meal Program is Saturday, April 11th from 11:00 till noon around the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

CONFIRMATIONS



Please note that there will **not** be a regular evening Masses this Wednesday, April 8th and Thursday, April 9th, as there will be Confirmation for the students of our Catechism Class and St. Rita, St. Evan and St. Stephen schools.

Upcoming dates for Confirmation: Wednesday, April 22nd and Tuesday, April 28th. Please keep all our students in your prayers who will be receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation throughout the Easter Season.



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

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a 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 are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. 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 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.

Come celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April 12 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

MARCH FOR LIFE



The annual March for Life will be held on Thursday, May 14th 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.

Tickets for the bus can be purchased at the parish office for a cost of \$45.00 per person. For more information, please call Joe at (647) 281-9212 or email: JoeResendes19@gmail.com.

THE RESURRECTION



In this episode, Mark Hartfiel and other experts unpack the mystery of the Resurrection, going back to the historical places where these world-changing events happened.

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TOTUS TUUS SUMMER PROGRAM

The children and youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) this summer from August 9-14. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and young adults travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechesis, Mass, confession, songs and games! The grade school program, for children entering grades 1-6, runs Monday-Friday from 9am – 2:30pm. The Intermediate/High School program for Grades 7-12 runs Sunday-Thursday from 6–9pm. The cost is only \$75 (day) and \$55 (evening) per person for the entire week. To register or for more information, please contact the parish coordinator, Ivana by email (stleonardsyouth@hotmail.com), or by cell (647) 803-1803. More information about the program is also available at www.totustuustoronto.ca

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



We will be celebrating First Holy Communion for the students in our Catholic schools and our Catechism class on the following dates:

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| April 11 | St. Evan |
| April 18 | St. Stephen |
| April 25 | St. Rita |
| April 25 | St. Josephine Bakhita |
| May 2 | St. Leonard |
| May 9 | Catechism Class |
| May 16 | St. Agnes |
| May 30 | Sacred Heart |

CWL - THE GREAT CANADIAN TEA

Sunday, May 3 - 1:30-4:00 pm



Once again this year St. Leonard's Catholic Women's League is holding its' Annual Spring Tea. This year's theme is The Great Canadian Tea and it will be held on Sunday, May 3rd from 1:30 to 4. Tickets will be on sale the weekends of April 11/12, April 18/19 and April 25/26. The price is \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth 12 and under. Join us for a fun filled afternoon of fellowship, games, prizes and of course delicious Tea/Sandwiches/Scones/Treats. Live entertainment is also on the menu. Feel free to wear red and white to show your Canadian spirit. Hope to see you there.

ADORATION AND MASS FOR VOCATIONS



Please join us to pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. On **Friday April 17**, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6pm followed by Holy Mass at 7pm.

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