

Parish of Saint Leonard



****Our Mission**** To be a visible sign of the Body of Christ in our welcome, witness and celebration of all that we are as people of God.

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Our Sunday Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 12:10 pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

After 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held on the third weekend of each month.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

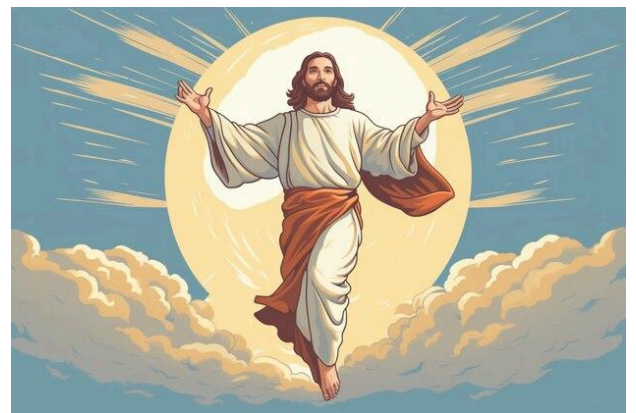
May 2 & 3, 2026

First Reading: Acts 6.1-7

Psalm: 33

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2.4-9

Gospel: John 14.1-12



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Rev. Gerry White, Winston Fraser Jennex, Patricia Pembroke, Greg Miller, Robert Joseph White.** May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



We Believe

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more. The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

The celebration of the First Eucharist will take place THIS Sunday, May 3 at the 11:00 am Mass.

Please keep the children receiving this special sacrament in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey. We warmly invite all parishioners to join us in celebrating this joyful occasion.



Baptismal Preparation

Parents who wish to have their child baptized are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Session. To register, please contact Marian Grant at 782-777-1253 or capermarian1954@gmail.com.

Baptisms are held on the third weekend of each month.

Faith Formation

➤ **Confirmation Preparation** takes place every Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

Contact Marian Grant at 782-777-1253 for more information.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We encourage all parents/caregivers of children ages 4 to 12 years, and particularly the First Eucharist Candidates, to attend the 11:00 am Sunday liturgy to give them the opportunity to know and understand God's Word.

Supporting ourselves as a Parish Weekend of April 25 & 26, 2026

Sunday

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Total		\$3272.30

Donations to our parish are appreciated and can be submitted in the following ways:

❖ Contribution Envelopes

Envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church or at the Pastoral Centre.

❖ E-Transfer:

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❖ Mail

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❖ Pre-authorized Debit

Call 902-862-2255 to arrange

Upcoming Events

Would you like to help your Parish? We may have just the place for you!

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality, Altar Servers and Sacristans. Training will be provided before you are assigned your role.

Please contact Angela MacKinnon 902-862-3915, email angelamckinnon020144@gmail.com, or the parish office 902-862-2255, pastoralcentre@parishofsaintleonard.com.

Thank you and God Bless.



Parish 50/50 Draw



Support our parish and try your luck in our 50/50 Draw!

Tickets are available at church and will be available at large soon. Every ticket truly makes a difference in helping us continue our ministries and activities.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness, generosity, and continued support of our parish. Good luck to everyone!

Cemetery Labourers

New Waterford & Area Cemetery Society is accepting applications for labourers. The job includes mowing and general cemetery maintenance. Interested persons may leave their resumes at the Pastoral Centre or email to pastoralcentre@parishofsaintleonard.com.



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Men's Cursillo Weekend will take place on May 21–25 at Camp MacLeod, Albert Bridge.

Women's Cursillo Weekend will take place on June 4–7 at Camp MacLeod, Albert Bridge.

For more information, please contact Arlene Edwards 902-577-4214, Karen MacSween 902-317-5425.

The Men of the Deeps Concert will be on Sunday, May 31 at 2:00 pm, at Holy Cross Church, Glace Bay. Tickets are \$25 Each. For tickets, call Jacqueline 902-565-3672 or the parish office 902-849-6749.

Memorial Fund—April 2026

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