

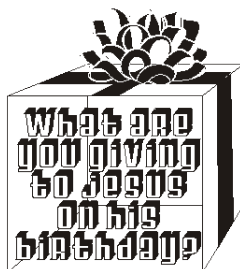


Masses For The Week

Saturday Dec 17	5:00 pm	"For the Perri & Sante Families" (Mafalda Perri) † Pietro Cerullo (The Cerullo Family)
Sunday Dec 18	8:30 am	† Biagio Forte (Civita Forte & Famiglia)
	10:00 am	† Aldo Gemma (Lucia Gemma & Family) "Intentions for 10am Choir" (Anonymous)
	11.30 am	† Duila Urdaneta de Araujo (The Family) † Rafael Bakidan (Mary Grace Bakidan)
Monday Dec 19	8:00 am	"All Souls of Purgatory" (Barry) † Anna & Francesco Mongillo (Maria Creta)
Tuesday Dec 20	8:00 am	† Frederick Hawes (Our Lady of Peace Eucharistic Ministers)
Wednesday Dec 21	7:00 pm	† Elio Riccio (Agostino & Vittorio Pocino)
Thursday Dec 22	8:00 am	† Pasquale & Angelina Martino (Mafalda Perri) "Birthday Blessings for Cristina Celis" (Grandma Lola)
Friday Dec 23	8:00 am	† Marco M. Celis (Wife Shirley Hernando)
Saturday Dec 24 Christmas Eve	5:00 pm	† Jadwiga & Walenty Gorski (Family Member) † Secondina & Fiorenzo Piciacchia (Robin & Jack Korpela)
	7:30 pm	"For Mary Alves & Family" (Marie Paul)
Sunday Dec 25 Christmas Day	8:30 am	† Biagio Forte (Civita Forte & Famiglia) "In Onore al Bambino Gesù"
	10:00 am	"All Souls of Purgatory" (Maria De Medeiros) † Duila Urdaneta de Araujo (The Family)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO

Joseph's Divorce

There were severe laws against pre-marital sex and adultery in Biblical times. If a man discovered that his fiancée was pregnant by another man, he had right to denounce his wife. She could be sentenced to death by stoning. The husband-to-be would cast first rock. Joseph discovery's Mary's pregnancy and is shamed. He is a righteous man--a strict observer of Jewish Law. He is also a compassionate person and decides to arrange a no-fault separation, without admitting or denying paternity of child. This will save Mary's life. God intervenes to state that there is no human father for Jesus. Joseph's faith leads him to accept.



Advent Season

Christmas is almost here! The fourth candle in our Advent wreath is lit, time is running short. Our time of preparation is coming to an end. It is a time to relax, reflect, and savor the moment of the season. It is a time to enjoy family and friends. It is a time to share gifts of love. It is the one day of the year when "peace on earth, good will to all people" can seem to be a reality, a time when we dare to hope in a different world because God's Light is here on earth and it shines upon us. Let's prepare gracefully to the Nativity of our Lord; let's try to find the time for prayer and let's approach the sacrament of reconciliation without rushing. Let us not unnecessarily waste money, insulting the poor and their misery! Let us try to find time for others, a gesture, a word, a visit to those who, in these days of celebration, will experience stronger suffering and loneliness.



Archdiocese of Toronto Celebrates 175th Anniversary

December 17 marks the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, kicking off a year-long celebration of this historic milestone. Originally part of the Diocese of Kingston, on December 17, 1841, Pope Gregory XVI formally created the Diocese of Toronto and named Michael Power its first bishop. The Archdiocese of Toronto is planning numerous historical and spiritual activities to commemorate the 175th anniversary, including a large-scale celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on May 30, 2017.

Christmas Collection for St Leo's St Vincent de Paul Society

This weekend the second collection goes to fund St Leo's St Vincent de Paul's Christmas outreach. Last year we assisted over 175 people during the Christmas season. We expect to help at least this many people again this year. There are envelopes in the pews and at the back of the church. Please remember the needy of our parish as you prepare this Advent season and be as generous as you can. God bless!

Acts of Kindness

Men's & Women's shelters provide clean, washable clothing to people who need them. There is a need for new socks and underwear. Parishioners are asked to purchase sport/work socks and/or underwear, when doing their Christmas shopping, and bring them to the hamper which will be placed inside the entrance of the church. Deacon Alan will ensure they are delivered to the Good Shepherd Centre or other men's/women's shelters. It is remarkable how much joy such a simple act of kindness can bring.

2016 Christmas Schedule

Saturday December 24th

(Christmas Eve)

5:00 pm (Christmas Children's Liturgy)

7:30 pm (Christmas Eve Mass)

(Carols @ 7:00 pm)

Sunday December 25th

Regular Sunday Schedule

8:30 am Italian

10:00 & 11:30 am English

Saturday December 31st

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday January 1st 2017

Regular Sunday Schedule

Confessions:

Wednesday December 21st 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Let's have fun and enjoy

We hope our parishioners will visit the parish hall and support our bake sale this weekend; we have a great assortment of baked goods and beautiful Christmas arrangements. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and share warm thoughts of Christmas. Please remember that whether it's hosting or baking, donating or buying delicious items, it's as much about bonding with the community as it is about raising funds. We hope to see you all there.

Sanctuary Lamp

The month of December the Sanctuary Lamp is sponsored by Shirley Hernando & Family:

In Loving Memory of Husband

"Marcos G. Celis"



Offering of Candle

We wish to say thank you for the \$80.00 donation for the sponsoring of the Sanctuary Lamp from an anonymous parishioner received last week. At this very special time, we wish to thank all our Sanctuary Lamp Sponsors for the donations throughout the year that keep the flame alive reminding us of the "Eternal and everlasting Light"

Many Thanks to Mike Cerullo

Mike has raised \$245.00 and donated to the Building Fund at the last casino trip he organized. St. Leo's Parish is grateful to Mike, he is always around the parish doing all kinds of jobs and available anytime he's called. Thank you Mike, we appreciate everything that you do for the Parish.

Serra Vocation

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Programma Natalizio & Orario delle Messe

Sabato 24 Dicembre

5:00 pm & 7:30 pm in Inglese

Domenica 25 Dicembre

8:30 am Italiano – 10:00 & 11:30 am Inglese

Sabato 31 Dicembre

5:00 pm

Domenica 1 Gennaio 2017

Orario regolare domenicale

Confessioni:

Mercoledì 21 Dicembre 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Societa San Vincenzo di Paola

Questo fine settimana la seconda raccolta sarà per aiutare la San Vincenzo di Paola ad assistere i confratelli e le sorelle che sono nella comunità e hanno bisogno di aiuto. L'anno scorso hanno assistito oltre 175 persone durante il periodo natalizio. acquistando carte di regalo per prodotti alimentari e anche coordinare donazione di regali per i bambini. Anche quest'anno sperano di aiutare questo numero di persone. Ricordate i bisognosi della nostra parrocchia durante questo periodo d'Avvento e cercate di esser generosi. Dio vi benedica!

Natale è festa di persone non di cose

Un momento in cui si ritrovano valori, affetti, tenerezze, attenzioni che finiscono troppo spesso smarrite nell'incalzare frenetico delle giornate. I doni più belli sono quelli che riguardano le relazioni con le persone che amiamo.

Andiamo e partecipiamo!

Ci auguriamo che i nostri parrocchiani questo fine settimana faranno una visita sotto nella sala parrocchiale e vedere la nostra vendita di dolci. Abbiamo un grande assortimento di prodotti. Questa è una buona opportunità per incontrare gli amici parrocchiani e condividere con loro cordiali e affettuosi saluti in questo periodo Natalizio. Ricordate che ospitare o fare dolci, donare o acquistare merce deliziosa, non vale tanto per raccogliere fondi ma tanto per creare e coltivare il legame con la comunità. Dunque, tutti alla vendita dei dolci!

Stagione d'Avvento

Il Natale è quasi arrivato! La quarta candela nella corona d'Avvento è illuminata, Il nostro tempo di preparazione si sta volgendo al termine. È un momento per rilassarsi, riflettere e assaporare il momento magico della stagione, per godere la famiglia e gli amici. È un tempo per condividere i doni d'amore. È un giorno dell'anno quando "pace sulla terra, e a tutti gli uomini di buona volontà" può sembrare quasi una realtà, che osiamo sperare in un mondo diverso, perché la luce di Dio è qui sulla terra e brilla su di noi. Prepariamoci degnamente al Natale del Signore; cerchiamo di trovare il tempo necessario per la preghiera e per accostarci senza fretta al sacramento della Riconciliazione. Sforziamoci a non sprecare inutilmente denaro, insultando i poveri e la loro miseria! Cerchiamo di trovare il tempo per gli altri, con un gesto, una parola, una visita a coloro che, proprio in questi giorni di festa, avvertiranno più forte la sofferenza e la solitudine.