



Masses For The Week

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| Saturday Dec 24 Christmas Eve | 5:00 pm | † Helen Sikora (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 |
| Monday Dec 26 | 8:00 am | |
| Tuesday Dec 27 | 8:00 am | “All Souls of Purgatory” (Barry) |
| Wednesday Dec 28 | 7:00 pm | “Special Intentions for Mary Alves Birthday” (Marie Paul) |
| Thursday Dec 29 | 8:00 am | † Magrit Colonello (Nick Colonello) |
| Friday Dec 30 | 8:00 am | “Blessings & Thanksgiving for Mark, Aida & Ava” (Aida Manlangit) |
| Saturday Dec 31 New Year’s Eve | 5:00 pm | † Jadwiga & Walenty Gorski (Family Member) † Fred, Evelyn & Karen Haslan (The Haslan Family) |
| Sunday Jan 1 New Year’s Day | 8:30 am | † Biagio Forte (Civita Forte & Famiglia) |
| | 10:00 am | † Aldo Gemma (Lucia Gemma & Family) † Rocco Santaluce (Vittoria Santaluce & Family) |
| | 11:30 am | PRO POPULO |

Day of Midian

Isaiah predicts a victory for God’s people. It will be a time of "a great light" which the Church connects with Christmas. Isaiah compares it with a famous battle of the past. Midia was a region of northern Arabia. Moses had lived peacefully with them—even marrying a Midianite woman Zipporah. During the time of the Judges c. 1225-1100 B.C. Midian raiding parties had wreaked havoc on Israel. One Judge, Gideon, won a decisive victory—here referred to as "The Day of Midian." (Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)



**A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE AND WISHES FROM
FR. FRANK**

‘I wish all the parishioners of St. Leo’s Church a most Blessed and Merry Christmas and a prosperous and health-filled New Year’.

Christmas is a special time for the worship of God and the care of the family. The two go very much together for the sincere Catholic Christian. If you understand the hearts of your children, how much they desire joy from you, their parents and grandparents, and if you realize that true joy only comes from the presence of God, who is Love, then you know that your worship of God in Spirit and in Truth is the only way to bring our children lasting peace and joy. God made the hearts of children to desire joy from us, and truth in the heart tell us that without God we cannot fulfill this need that He created in them to bring them his joy.

Let every parent and grandparent and guardian take fully and consciously upon the self the task and the privilege of making the feast of Christmas in the family a special time of joy for the children. Begin with the sincere worship of God in Christ at the Eucharist. The child born in Bethlehem, God’s greatest gift is the pledge of joy and peace on earth, our source of eternal hope. For having Him, let us at Christmas praise, adore, love and thank God the Father in worship by Holy Spirit.

Welcome and thank you for visiting our parish

As a Catholic Church and Faith Community, we give thanks to God for the gift of our Faith, for the gift of one another as Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We are all on a great journey, the journey of life itself to our heavenly homeland. If you are living in the area, we hope you will be able to come and join us in gathering as God’s family each Sunday to give thanks, praise and worship to God, here is where we come to know one another and put our gifts at the service of God’s family, the Church. We hope you will follow the stirrings of your hearts which have led you here.

Part time opening available

St. Leo Catholic School has an opening for a part time Nutrition Program Coordinator. A love of healthy cooking & recipes and children’s nutrition are great assets for this position. Any qualified applicants are invited to apply- if you are interested and can provide a letter of reference, a police check (Vulnerable Sector) and a Pastoral letter, please call or email Mrs. Ugrin to set an appointment to discuss your interest in the position.

Christmas Bells

Bells have many voices. Jingle bells are light and lively, sleigh bells promise fun. Today, Christmas bells of all kinds ring joyfully across the land. In the fifth century, bells were used to call monks to worship. Long ago, when bells were rung during or after worship services, the bell ringers looked through sighting holes or used mirrors so they could see the altar and determine when the bell should ring. These holes are still visible in old European church towers. In our world, bells and chimes have become part of the noise clutter that surrounds us: a bell rings when the microwave is done, dings when the oven is ready and wakes us in the morning. During the holidays, sleigh bells, jingle bells and church bells spread sounds of holiday cheer. Today, the Christmas bells ring with a single, joy-filled message: Rejoice! Jesus is born!



**The Parish Office will be closed as normal practice
Friday December 23rd @ noon
The office will remain closed
December 26 and 27 and January 2**

Serra Vocation

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called 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

Thank you for your Support!!!

Whether you volunteered your time, donated baked goods, made a donation, bought floral or baked good, helped with the set up or the clean-up... **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!** Because of your help and in spite of the frightful weather, we had a tremendous event. Baked Goods, Christmas Flowers, Raffles, Super Delicious Spring Rolls, Gifts and so much more, we profited a total of \$4,127.35. Many thanks to the local businesses for their donations; **NO FRILLS @ 220 Royal York Road, NO FRILLS (Royal York and The Queensway), MARIA SIBILIA at SOBEYS (Kipling Location) EDITH TABONE** donation of Christmas needlepoints, **BEVERLY** donation of knitted goods, **VALU-MART (Lakeshore Location) CLAUDETTE** (beauty baskets), and many, many other that contributed with gifts for our raffle table. Thanks to **SAM PISCIONE** for taking care of the signs, posters and advertising; **BRUNO VANIN** available every time he's needed, and to **WENDI CHREPTAK** always present and ready to help. To our volunteers and committee members' **THANK YOU** for the enormous amount of work and your generous donations, it was a terrific effort; we look forward to working together in the future for the enhancement of our community. Merry Christmas everyone and God Bless You!!



MESSAGGIO NATALIZIO E AUGURI DAL PARROCO FR. FRANK

"Auguro a tutti i parrocchiani della Chiesa di St. Leo un "Santo e Felice Natale un prospero Anno Nuovo pieno di salute e di pace".



Natale è un tempo speciale per venerare Dio e avere cura della famiglia, I due vanno molto bene insieme per il cristiano cattolico sincero. Se capite che cosa c'è nel cuore dei vostri bambini, quanta pace e gioia desiderano da voi, genitori, nonni, guardiani, e se vi rendete conto che la gioia viene dalla presenza di Dio, che è amore, allora sapete che adorando lo Spirito della verità, è l'unico modo di dare a loro quella serenità che durerà per sempre. Lasciate che tutti i genitori, nonni e guardiani siano pienamente e con coscienza responsabili a fare della festa del Natale in famiglia un periodo speciale di gioia e felicità, cominciando con il sincero adorare di Dio in Cristo nell'Eucarestia. Il bambino nato a Betlemme, il regalo di Dio per noi sia di un'eterna speranza. Amiamo e adoriamo e ringraziamo Dio il Padre, Cristo il Figlio insieme con lo Spirito Santo.

Grazie per il vostro sopporto!

Se avete dato del vostro tempo, donato dolci, fatto una donazione monetaria, comprato fiori o dolci, o avete aiutato a organizzare o alla pulizia, vi ringraziamo molto! È con il vostro gentile aiuto che siamo riusciti ad avere un evento di grande successo. Dolci, lotteria, deliziosi spring rolls, fiori di Natale, regali ecc, tutto combinato abbiamo generato un totale netto di \$4,127.35. Molte grazie ai commercianti locali per il loro contributo. Ringraziamo il Comitato Sociale per l'enorme quantità di lavoro e il generoso contributo che hanno dato e che generosamente danno del loro tempo per organizzare varie attività sociali per raccogliere fondi e anche per dare ai parrocchiani l'opportunità di incontrarsi come comunità, **GRAZIE DI CUORE**, tutti sono rimasti impressionati dal grande sforzo. Buon Natale a tutti e che Dio vi benedica.

Natale

L'annuncio nella notte di Natale del Figlio nato per noi chiede una sola parola in risposta: «grazie». Oggi in famiglia ripercorriamo il cammino: in questo mese abbiamo cercato, talvolta con fatica, di crescere nella pazienza, nell'impegno, nella sincerità e nell'ascolto. Oggi scopriamo che questi atteggiamenti del cuore sono doni ricevuti: accogliamo con gratitudine come doni che il Figlio di Dio ha voluto portare nella nostra famiglia in questo Natale!

In questo periodo speciale ricordate nelle vostre preghiere, coloro che soffrono nella malattia, loro e le loro famiglie hanno bisogno di preghiere e di sostegno. Le anime dei defunti e coloro che ne piangono la mancanza.