



Masses For The Week

Saturday Feb 25	5:00 pm	† Anna Janosova & Teresa Turik (Mila & Paul)
Sunday Feb 26	8:30 am	† Maria Rita & Domenico Del Buono (Lucia Zita) "In Onore al Bambino Gesù" † Giuseppe Sarrapochiello & Francesco Salvatore (Franco & Luisa)
	10:00 am	† Ted Bak (Wife Joanna & Family) † Christine Ann Maninang (Myrna Foran) † Giovanni De Luca (Dora & Phyllis De Luca) "Steven Hayden's Health" (The Leane Family)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO
Monday Feb 27	8:00 am	-
Tuesday Feb 28	8:00 am	† Fr. Gino Carinci
Wednesday Mar 1	7:00 pm	"Margaret Hourihan's Health" (The Family) † Federman Feo (Tony & Cathy Dodds)
Thursday Mar 2	8:00 am	-
Friday Mar 3	8:00 am	-
Saturday Mar 4	5:00 pm	"Margaret Hourihan's Health" (The Family)
Sunday Mar 5	8:30 am	† Biagio Forte (Civita Forte & Famiglia) † Antonio & Vincenza Giannini (La Famiglia)
	10:00 am	† Rocco Santaluca (Vittoria Santaluca & Family) † Genowefa Kudlaciak (The Family) † Deceased Members of the Pocino Family (Agostino & Vittoria Pocino)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO

40 DAYS OF LENT

LENTEN FASTING REGULATIONS & DIRECTIONS

1) Abstinence on all the Fridays of Lent, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

No meat may be eaten on days of abstinence. Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat. Invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

2) Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength; two smaller, meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but they should not together equal the one full meal. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Catholics from age 18 through age 59 are bound to fast. Again, invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Lenten season Stations will be prayed every Friday beginning March 3rd @ 7:00 pm Fr. Frank, Fr. George and Deacon Alan will lead the service. Stations of the Cross will be followed by the celebration of the mass. Eucharistic Ministers, Parish associations and Parishioners are asked to participate in this very important Lenten observance.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday March 3rd 2017 - 2:00 pm

This year the World Day of Prayer will be Friday March 3rd 2017 and will be hosted by St. Margaret's Anglican Church located at 156-6th street in Etobicoke. World day of Prayer is a movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together in an annual day of celebration – the first Friday of March – to which everyone is welcome. The World Day of Prayer has a special theme and is prepared by a specific country. This year theme is called "Am I being unfair to you?" and the country is The Philippines.

ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 1

Ashes will be blessed and distributed in Church in the morning from 8:00 – 9:00 am. The liturgy of Mass will be celebrated for St. Leo's & St. Louis Schools at 9:30 am, parishioners are invited and welcome to attend. Evening mass will be celebrated at 7:00 pm. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will begin at 6:45 pm with the imposition of ashes immediately following Wednesday devotion. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. It is a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.



COME AND SEE WEEKEND

Friday, March 17 (begins at 7 p.m.) to Sunday, March 19, 2017 at St. Augustine's Seminary. Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest; please contact (the Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION @ ST. LEO

- 1) 1st Communion St. Louis School Sunday April 30th @11:30 am Mass
- 2) 1st Communion St. Leo's School Sunday May 7th @11:30 am Mass
- 3) Confirmation St. Leo, St. Louis and Public School Children Sunday May 28th @ 4:00 pm
- 4) Confirmation preparation for Public School Children grades 7 or 8 or any young people in high school will begin Sunday April 23rd at 11:00 am in the church basement hall for 5 consecutive weeks. All parents/guardians must register their child at the Parish Office in order to request any Sacraments for their child. The parish office is offering extended registration office hours on Monday February 27th and Monday March 6th the office will remain open until 7:00 pm. Last day for registration for all the Sacraments is Friday, March 24th.

CAN YOU SEW A STITCH?

We are in need of people on Mondays anytime between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Church basement. (Stanley Ave Entrance) Between noon and 1 p.m. we stop to have lunch and socialize. (Tea is provided). Please come and join our happy group. Also....we have several handmade baby quilts for sale, they make great gifts that would be treasured and will last for years. For information call Jean at 416-259-8765 or Lorraine at 905-696-7039

SERRA VOCATION

"No one can serve two masters." If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

"THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK"

Six minutes reflections on the Passion according to John.

Your companion for upcoming season of Lent, take it with you where ever you go, it can be used everywhere, it provides brief, spiritual reflections for each day of the Advent season. Get your personal copy for \$3.00; see members of our social committee, they are on hand to help.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER 2017- A FAITH-FULFILLING DAY

Saturday, March 4th, 9:00 am to 5:30 pm

Metro Toronto Convention Centre - 255 Front Street West

Compelling Speakers, Inspiring Personal Testimony, Inspiring Christian Music, Divine Mercy Celebration, Eucharistic Procession, Ministry with Prayers for Healing and Empowerment, Closing Mass with Cardinal Collins.

<https://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca/>

1 MARZO 2017 MERCOLEDÌ DELLE CENERI

Le ceneri saranno benedette e distribuite in chiesa la mattina dalle 8:00 - 9:00. La Santa Messa per i studenti di St. Leo & St. Louis sarà celebrata alle 9:30 am, i parrocchiani sono benvenuti e invitati a partecipare. Mercoledì sera alle 7:00 Santa Messa con l'imposizione delle ceneri sarà celebrata subito dopo la novena alla Madonna che comincerà alle 6:45 pm. Comincia il periodo quaresimale, tempo forte dell'anno liturgico. Viviamo bene la Quaresima ricordandoci: L'ASTINENZA E IL DIGIUNO (Mercoledì delle ceneri e Venerdì Santo) e l'astinenza dalla carne ogni Venerdì fino alla Pasqua, non trascurando mai la preghiera e aiutare coloro nel bisogno.

VIA CRUCIS

Durante il tempo della Quaresima la Via Crucis verrà pregata ogni Venerdì alle 7:00 pm cominciando il 3 Marzo. Seguirà immediatamente la Santa Messa. Ministri Eucaristici, Lettori e i gruppi parrocchiali con i parrocchiani sono invitati a partecipare.

INIZIO DELLA QUARESIMA

Durante i 40 giorni della Quaresima la Chiesa ci chiama alla preghiera, al digiuno e all'elemosina. Preghiera: trascorrere del tempo ogni giorno a parlare con Gesù e meditare sulla sua parola. Digiuno: consiste nel rafforzare la nostra disciplina al rinuncio. L'elemosina: entrare nel mistero di Cristo che ha dato la migliore parte di sé donando seriamente ai poveri e bisognosi.

MERCOLEDÌ DELLE CENERI

Negli ultimi anni di san Gregorio Magno si cominciò il digiuno quaresimale con il mercoledì precedente la prima domenica di Quaresima che fu chiamato *caput ieiunii* o anche *caput Quadragesimae*. In tale giornata, tutti i cattolici dei vari riti latini sono tenuti a far penitenza e ad osservare il digiuno e l'astinenza dalle carni. La parola "ceneri" richiama in modo specifico la funzione liturgica durante la quale il celebrante sparge un pizzico di cenere benedetta sul capo o sulla fronte dei fedeli per ricordare loro la caducità della vita terrena. Il rito dell'imposizione delle ceneri prevede anche la pronuncia di una formula di ammonimento, scelta fra due possibilità: «Ricordati che sei polvere e in polvere ritornerai» oppure «Convertiti e credi al Vangelo.

GIORNATA MONDIALE DI PREGHIERA

Venerdì 3 Marzo 2017 - 2:00 pm

St. Margaret's Anglican Church 156 - 6th Street è la Chiesa che ospiterà la giornata mondiale di preghiera; un movimento di donne cristiane di molte tradizioni che si fondono in una giornata annuale di preghiera – il primo Venerdì di Marzo – a cui tutti sono invitati a partecipare. La giornata mondiale di preghiera ha un tema speciale e sono preparati da un determinato paese. Tema quest'anno si chiama "**Sono ingiusto con tè**" e il paese è le Filippine.