



MASSES For The Week

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) † Genowefa Kudlaciak (Claudia Wooland)
	11.30 am	PRO POPULO
Monday Jan 2	8:00 am	
Tuesday Jan 3	8:00 am	
Wednesday Jan 4	7:00 pm	† Terry Connell (Maria Connell)
Thursday Jan 5	8:00 am	† Gregorio Greco (Mary Greco & Family)
Friday Jan 6	8:00 am	
Saturday Jan 7	5:00 pm	
Sunday Jan 8	8:30 am	
	10:00 am	† Jan Posluszny & Ida Calabrese (The Family)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO

May the Lord bless you!

We often hear the words "bless" or "blessing" in religion. What technically is a blessing? One major dictionary explains it as, "something promoting or contributing to happiness, well-being, or prosperity". In the religious sense, it is a prayer that God will confer this happiness, etc. on someone. Moses gave this right (or rite) to his brother, Aaron and his priestly descendants. Certainly it is appropriate to seek God's blessing at the dawn of a new year. But its use in today's Mass has a special meaning. Mary was called "blessed... among all women" by the angel. The manner of this blessing was that she gained an intimacy with God held by no other.



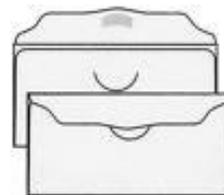
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A New Year filled with Hope and Joy

Today we stand on the doorstep of a new year. The old year is over and gone. May we leave behind all struggles, sorrows and pain and walk hand-in-hand with Jesus our Savior into a future filled with hope and joy. On New Year's Day we join our brothers and sisters all over the world in a prayer for peace and reconciliation among nations and peoples. We encourage every parishioner to seek the intercession of Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God. Pray the Rosary and ask her to intercede with Jesus her Divine Son. To all who call St. Leo's Parish their home we wish many blessings in the New Year! May God always keep you in his care!

Offering Envelopes

There are still several boxes of offering envelopes to be picked up. They are now located on the cabinet at the entrance of the church and are arranged in numerical order. A master list is available to help you if you don't remember your number. We encourage all our parishioners who attend Mass at St. Leo's Church, to register with the parish and to pick up a box of envelopes for 2017, blank boxes are available for new users. We ask that you kindly discard any left-over envelopes from 2016 or previous years. Thank you!



Care for the Sick

Visitation and/or Communion for the sick is available upon request please call the parish office. Our Eucharistic ministers can make arrangements for regular home visits to bring Holy Communion. Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with the seriously ill, those undergoing surgery or those enfeebled by old age. Please notify the parish office to make arrangements.

Thank you

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the parishioners Community of the 8:30 am Mass for the contribution of \$94.00 towards the Christmas Flowers for the Sanctuary; your support is very much appreciated. Thank you!

Holiday Engagements

The Christmas Season is a magical time. We remind couples engaged over the holiday season that the Archdiocese of Toronto asks you to give one full year's notice before a date for marriage can be set. Either the bride or the groom should be a registered parishioner and both should be attending Mass on Sunday.

Silence at Mass

Our world is a noisy place and silence is a rare commodity. The Holy Father encourages us to make room for silence in our celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. When?

- At the Penitential Rite
- After the invitation "Let us pray"
- After each scripture reading and the homily
- After Communion

"In quietness and trust you shall be saved".

A New Beginning

The arrangement of our calendar is so symbolic. We have Thanksgiving. Then Christmas follows with all the promises. Salvation, grace, love, hope, and peace; New



Year follows immediately. The possibility of a new beginning, a new start, a new birth; someone wrote words like this many years ago "The New Year lies before us, like a field of freshly fallen snow, be careful where you walk, for every step will show". He said the great thing about the Christmas message was that "no matter what your past has been, you can start over again; God has made it possible in the sending of His Son to save us from our sins." We can thank God for all the blessings that have been ours during the year. In life God loves us and no matter what we've been, we can start over. That's the Christmas message. That's the challenge of a New Year.

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.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of January 2017 is sponsored in memory of: "Rocco Santaluce" From wife Vittoria Santaluce and Family



Serra Vocation

Mary, Mother of God - January 1, 2017
Mary treasured all that God had done for her, and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. 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

No food, drink or chewing gum in Church

At no time is it respectful or allowed to bring food or drink even water, into church, let alone consume them there, least of all during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. This applies even to small children and that includes chewing gum. The only exception that is permitted is the need for bottles of milk or formula for infants.

Felice Anno Nuovo 2017

Un nuovo anno pieno di speranza

Siamo sulla soglia di un nuovo anno. Speriamo di lasciare alle spalle tutte le lotte, i dolori e i dispiaceri e camminare mano a mano con Gesù nostro Salvatore verso un futuro pieno di speranza e di gioia. Il primo Gennaio giorno di Capodanno ci uniamo con i nostri fratelli e sorelle in tutto il mondo in una preghiera per la pace e la riconciliazione tra nazioni e popoli. Incoraggiamo ogni parrocchiano a chiedere l'intercessione di Maria, la Santa madre di Dio di pregare il Rosario e chiederle di intervenire con Gesù suo Figlio Divino. Giunga il nostro augurio per un felice anno nuovo a tutti i parrocchiani che hanno scelto e chiamano la parrocchia di San Leo la loro casa!

Grazie!

Prendiamo questa opportunità per ringraziare i parrocchiani della messa Italiana delle 8:30 am della Domenica che hanno contribuito e donato \$94.00 per comprare i fiori per abbellire l'altare. La vostra partecipazione è molto apprezzata. Molte grazie.

Buste offerte Domenicali

Per favore ritirate i pacchi delle buste per il 2017. Le buste sono poste sui mobile nel retro della chiesa e sono in ordine numerico. C'è una lista a vostra disposizione per aiutarvi nella vostra ricerca. Se desiderate fare cambiamenti o se avete bisogno di assistenza chiamate l'ufficio parrocchiale durante la settimana. Sono anche disponibili scatole di buste in bianco. Nel nuovo anno chiediamo che cestiniate le buste avanzate sia di quest'anno o degli anni precedenti.

Si cerca

Ci sono delle necessità nella comunità Italiana. Un grande bisogno di persone che possono dedicare un pò del loro tempo e fare compagnia a persone sole o malate. A chi è interessato, per favore, chiamare la segretaria in ufficio per il necessario contatto.

Dio si muove nel mondo con uno stile tutto suo e secondo un calendario che non conosce la fretta impaziente e tanto meno la violenza alle coscienze. Dio è libero e rispetta la libertà di tutti. Saper attendere è una grande carità e maturità: è la maturità della carità. Anonimo