



## MASSES For The Week

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| <b>Saturday<br/>Jan 7</b>   | 5:00 pm  | † <b>Daniel Gouveia</b><br>(Wife Maria & Family)  |
| <b>Sunday<br/>Jan 8</b>     | 8:30 am  | † <b>Giovannina Foschini</b><br>(Gina Rossi)<br>† <b>Nicolau Bettencourt</b><br>(The Lopes Family)  |
|                             | 10:00 am | † <b>Jan Posluszny &amp; Ida Calabrese</b><br>(The Family)  |
|                             | 11:30 am | † <b>Felisa Canonigo</b><br>(Paulino Family)  |
| <b>Monday<br/>Jan 9</b>     | 8:00 am  | † <b>Brian Maehado</b><br>(Wendi Chreptak)  |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>Jan 10</b>   | 8:00 am  | <b>PRO POPULO</b><br>(Jan 8)  |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>Jan 11</b> | 7:00 pm  | <b>"For the Health of Margaret Hourihan"</b><br>(The Family)  |
| <b>Thursday<br/>Jan 12</b>  | 8:00 am  |   |
| <b>Friday<br/>Jan 13</b>    | 8:00 am  |   |
| <b>Saturday<br/>Jan 14</b>  | 5:00 pm  |   |
| <b>Sunday<br/>Jan 15</b>    | 8:30 am  | † <b>Biagio Forte</b><br>(Civita Forte & Famiglia)<br>† <b>Vittorio Foschini</b><br>(Fiorina Foschini)  |
|                             | 10:00 am | † <b>Aristides Tavares</b><br>(The Family)<br>† <b>Joao De Medeiros &amp; Parents</b><br>(Maria De Medeiros)<br>† <b>Anton Gornik</b><br>(Son Tony) |
|                             | 11:30 am | <b>PRO POPULO</b>   |

### The Magi or Wiseman

In ancient Iran--also known as Persia--a priest was called a "magus." The plural is "magi". The word "magic" comes from the same root. Magi were experts in astronomy. This was useful in determining the calendar and the end of winter and the spring planting season. They believed that stars and other celestial objects actually influenced, rather than merely coincided with, earthly events. One, or possibly a series of omens, led them to believe that a royal prince had been born in Israel. They were sent as ambassadors to provide tribute to the newborn. The bible does not say how many Magi visited. It is assumed that there were three because of the number of gifts.



(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

### Holiday Thanks

We extend our sincere thanks to all those who made our Christmas celebration a hospitable and wonderful event: Eucharistic ministers, ushers, musicians, lectors, altar servers and all the people who gave of their time and effort so that our celebration would be extra ordinary. Thank you to all our volunteers who throughout the year with their continued service contribute greatly to the growth of our parish. Special thanks to the ladies of the altar society for keeping the church spotless, Bruno Vanin for mounting the Christmas Trees and the manger for the Nativity scene; thanks also to the Italian community for the flower donation. Special thanks to all our parishioners for making these joyous days a special blessing for the entire community with your presence, prayers and support. May God Bless You All!



### Thank you!

We want to express our deepest thanks to the St. Leo's Quilters for the recent donation of \$1,000.00 to the St. Leo's Building Fund; we appreciate and are grateful for all that you do for St. Leo's Parish.

### Welcome Home Catholics

No matter how long you have been away from the Catholic Church, you can always come home. Whether you are just beginning to think about returning to Church or can't wait to get involved, we are glad you are here. Join us for a Sunday or weekday liturgy – This is a wonderful time to come together as a community and lift our hearts toward God. All are welcome.

### New to the Parish

If you are new to St. Leo's Parish please introduce yourself to Fr. Frank after Mass. Make sure you register and pick up a box of weekly envelopes; you are welcome to become involved in any of the organizations or ministries that may interest you.

### Place an Announcement in the Bulletin

If you would like to place an announcement in our church bulletin, please call the parish office and make your request no later than the Tuesday of the week that the announcement should run. If you wish you may also e-mail your request to [st.leo.etobicoke@rogers.com](mailto:st.leo.etobicoke@rogers.com) All announcements are subject to approval and space availability. Bulletin announcements may run for a maximum of three consecutive weeks.

### Children's Program Resumes this Sunday

St. Leo's Parish is blessed with children's Sunday school. Children from 3 years of age to Grade 3 are invited to participate at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday mornings. They go to the parish hall for a Liturgy of the Word geared to their age and attention span and then return to their parents at the Offertory.

**Please note:**

Your 2017 offering envelopes are made up of two parts; **ordinary offering** and **building fund**; after you write your name and address, write in the amount for the offertory and the amount designated to the building fund, it is easier for our counters to allocate the funds that way. Although we no longer take a second collection, please remember to use your blue envelopes every month so we can pay off \$117,200.00 we owe to the Family of Faith Campaign.

**Thank you from St Leo's St Vincent de Paul**

We were overwhelmed with your generous response to our Christmas collection. A big thank you to all parishioners who donated to the Christmas collection as well as those who delivered presents for us and sponsored families. Your contributions helped to make Christmas a more joyous occasion for our less fortunate neighbors. God bless you and all the best for 2017!

**Blessing for Expectant Mothers**

Expectant mothers who are carrying God's precious gifts have a special rite of blessing that they can receive before they give birth, a meaningful blessing ceremony to mark the occasion and acknowledge what is going on in your life. If you are an expectant mother and you wish to receive a special blessing, please call Fr. Frank or the rectory to arrange a time.

**Kindergarten Registration**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board welcomes families with kindergarten-aged children to register for the September 2017/2018 school year. Children born in 2013 are eligible to register and attend St. Leo's Catholic school or St. Louis Catholic school. Registrations begin January 18<sup>th</sup> 2017. Parents are encouraged to apply early. Please check with your local schools for specific details.

**Serra Vocation**

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, at 416-968-0997. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**Grazie**

Vogliamo prendere questa opportunità e esprimere i nostri sinceri ringraziamenti a tutti coloro che sono stati coinvolti nella preparazione delle Feste Natalizie. Le signore assistenti all'altare hanno che tutte le settimane mangengono l'altare in ordine; e tutti i volontari che nel corso dell'anno con il loro continuo servizio contribuiscono immensamente alla crescita della parrocchia. Ministri dell'Eucarestia, uscieri, musicisti, lettori, chierichetti, la comunità Italiana che ha offerto i fiori e tutti coloro che un modo o nell'altro hanno aiutato a rendere la celebrazione più speciale. Uno speciale ringraziamento a tutti i parrocchiani per la loro presenza, le preghiere e il sopporto. A tutti grazie e che Dio vi benedica.

**Grazie**

Vogliamo esprimere la nostra gratitudine alle signore del circolo di cucito della nostra parrocchia per la recente donazione di \$ 1,000.00 al Fondo Restauro Chiesa. Apprezziamo e siamo grati per tutto quello che fate per la parrocchia di St Leo.

**Grazie da parte della San Vincenzo di Paola**

Un grande ringraziamento a tutti i parrocchiani che hanno donato per la raccolta di Natale della Società San Vincenzo di Paola, e anche coloro che hanno consegnato regali o sponsorizzato intere famiglie. I vostri contributi hanno fatto del Natale un'occasione più gioiosa per i meno fortunati nella nostra zona. Dio vi benedica e auguri per il 2017!

**Per favore notare:**

Le buste 2017 sono composte di due parti; **offertorio** e **fondo restauro chiesa**. Dopo aver scritto il nome e indirizzo, scrivete la somma che volete assegnare all'offertorio e la somma al restauro chiesa. Così è più facile per le persone che contano. Nonostante che non più facciamo la seconda colletta, per favore ricordatevi di usare le buste blue ogni mese per pagare il debito di \$117.200.00 alla Campagna "Family of Faith"

**Come inserire un annuncio nel bollettino**

Se desiderate inserire un annuncio nel nostro bollettino, si prega di chiamare l'ufficio parrocchiale e fare la vostra richiesta entro e non oltre il martedì della settimana che l'annuncio deve essere pubblicato. Se lo desiderate potete anche mandare un messaggio elettronico con la vostra richiesta [st.leo.etobicoke@rogers.com](mailto:st.leo.etobicoke@rogers.com) Tutti gli annunci sono soggetti ad approvazione e disponibilità di spazio e per un massimo di tre settimane.

**Abbate cura**

Se siete anziani e abitate da soli, è utile avere un amico o un parente che potete chiamare giornalmente per far loro sapere che state bene, o chiedete a un amico che chiami voi se voi non avete chiamato. Inoltre, controllate gli avvisi di sicurezza disponibili sul mercato che sono molto utili per le persone che vivono soli.