

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

<b>Saturday</b> Mar 18	5:00 pm	† <b>Jaroslav Chokota</b> (Mila & Paul) † <b>Joe &amp; Tony Galardo</b> (Carmela Galardo)
<b>Sunday</b> Mar 19	8:30 am	† <b>Biagio Forte</b> (Civita Forte & Famiglia) † <b>Michele Pinto</b> (Carmela Di Franco) † <b>Nunzio Fiorito</b> (Ada Nifo & Famiglia)
	10:00 am	† <b>Aldo Gemma</b> (Wife Lucy & Family) "All Souls of Purgatory" (Maria De Medeiros)
	11.30 am	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
<b>Monday</b> Mar 20	8:00 am	† <b>Joe Lo Giudice</b> (Giulia & Family)
<b>Tuesday</b> Mar 21	8:00 am	"All Souls of Purgatory" (Barry)
<b>Wednesday</b> Mar 22	7:00 pm	"Margaret Hourihan Health" (The Family)
<b>Thursday</b> Mar 23	8:00 am	"In Thanksgiving" (Mary Surman)
<b>Friday</b> Mar 24	8:00 am	-
<b>Saturday</b> Mar 25	5:00 pm	† <b>Maria &amp; Jan Majernik</b> (Mila & Paul)
<b>Sunday</b> Mar 26	8:30 am	† <b>Donato, Concetta &amp; Giuseppe Zita</b> (Lucy Zita) "In Onore al Bambino Gesù" † <b>Carmela &amp; Pellegrino Nifo</b> (Vittorio & Famiglia Nifo)
	10:00 am	† <b>Joao De Medeiros, Antonio, Lourdes &amp; Jose</b> (Maria De Medeiros)
	11:30 am	<b>PRO POPULO</b>

**THE WATER ROCK**

It is possible to find water in the driest desert. There are limestone springs in the Sinai. Eventually a crust forms over them, blocking the flow. Anyone who had lived in the area for several years would be likely to recognize the signs of such springs. Moses only had to

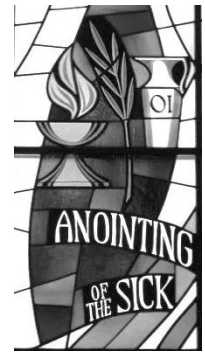


break through the crust to release the water. He becomes frustrated at the slow response and shows a lack of trust in God.

(Lonsdale Commentaries and Clip-Art)

**HEALING CELEBRATION & SACRAMENTAL ANOINTING**

We are inviting all members of our parish who feel they are in need, to receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the Healing Mass Celebration on Sunday **April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 pm.** Anointing of the Sick gives health to our soul and sometimes our body by prayer and anointment of oil. Its purpose is to give Christians special grace who are suffering from illness or old age. The Sacrament of the Anointing most certainly is not a sacrament for the dead, but for the living, whereby we are able to experience the healing ministry of Christ within our own lives whether young or old.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

During the Lenten Season, Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday @ 7:00 pm; this is an invitation for everyone to pick up our cross and journey in faith with Jesus this Lent.

**DAILY MASS IN LENT**

Lent is all about drawing closer to Jesus. We strongly encourage parishioners to attend daily Mass during Lent. Bring your struggle against sin and personal weakness to the altar and unite it to the Heart of Jesus. Parents, consider bringing your children to morning Mass before school begins. Working people, try to come to Mass on Tuesday or Thursday morning.

**PASSIONATE SISTERS OF ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS**

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the death of Sr. Carmelina Tarantino of the Cross, the Passionate Sisters of St. Paul invite all of you to participate in a triduum leading up to the annual mass. The prayers will be held in Italian and in English at the convent of the Passionist Sisters – 1421 Clarence St. Woodbridge, for more info please call 905-552-1432 416-242-4207. Mass for Sr. Carmelina will take place at St. Fidelis Church – Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm - 33 Connie Street Toronto 416-247-8741.

**SERRA VOCATION**

"But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? 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. [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**THE TRAVELING CHALICE**

We would like to thank the family who has hosted the travelling Chalice Paul & Deborah Ferguson; if your family is interested in hosting the Chalice, please call the parish office or speak with Fr. Frank.



*Would you like to be a gift bearer at weekend masses? If so, please inform an usher when you arrive for Mass.*

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### BEHIND THE SCENES IN THE SACRISTY

St. Leo's Parishioners are very fortunate to have 2 dedicated priests who reverently offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass every day. But even before the priest enters the sacristy to dress for Mass, many preparations must be made. The sacristy is the room directly adjacent to the sanctuary of a Catholic Church, in which the priest puts on his vestments before Mass, and in which those vestments are kept, along with altar linens, sacred vessels, books, candles, etc. In Catholic Churches around the world, devoted sacristans take on the many duties related to the care and organization of the physical things necessary for the celebrating of Mass by arranging all the various items needed before each celebration so that everything is in its proper place. Our thanks go to all who work in the sacristy for their time, talent, and support which contributes so much to the spiritual life of the parish.



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### YOUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Our senior parishioners have been our strongest financial supporters over the years. Unfortunately this faithful group is disappearing from our midst. It's time for the next generation to make the same kind of strong financial commitment to St. Leo's Parish. We would like to see a box of Sunday Offering Envelopes in the hands of every adult parishioner. Tax receipts will be issued at the end of the year. Please use them faithfully and make your weekly contribution a true sacrifice.

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### NO CELL PHONES DURING WORSHIP

We remind you that Catholics are to turn off their cell phones before entering church for any circumstance, especially for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Better yet, do not even bring your cell phones into the church. Should it happen that you forget and your cell phone rings, turn it off immediately. It is offensive behavior and breach of respect and devotion to respond in your pew or leave mass to answer. If a Catholic, for the one hour a week it takes to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and be with God, is more interested in who may be on the other side of the phone, then that person has some spiritual home work to do in order to find out where one's heart is with God.

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### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Volunteers visit needy families and individuals living within the St. Leo's boundaries. The SVDP provides spiritual, financial and social assistance. Members sponsor two annual collections to support the needy in our neighbourhood Thanksgiving Weekend in October and the Christmas collection in December. The team meets monthly in the church hall, if you wish to join this group, please call 416-855.92-002 and leave your name and number, and please don't forget the poor box on your way out from church.

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### MESSA SACRAMENTALE E UNZIONE DEGLI INFERMI

#### DOMENICA 2 APRILE ALLE 3:00 PM

Invitiamo tutti i membri della Parrocchia che hanno bisogno di forza spirituale, morale e fisica di unirsi a noi in questo periodo di Quaresima e celebrare la santa messa con l'unzione degli infermi. L'unzione degli infermi dona salute alla nostra anima e a volte al nostro corpo con la preghiera e l'unzione dell'olio santo. Certamente l'unzione degli infermi non è soltanto un sacramento per coloro che sono sul punto di morte, ma per i vivi e tutti coloro che soffrono sia giovani che vecchi, in modo che siano in grado di sperimentare la pace di Cristo

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### VIA CRUCIS

Durante il tempo della Quaresima la Via Crucis viene pregata ogni Venerdì alle 7:00 pm. Questo è un invito a tutta la comunità di raccogliersi a prendere la nostra croce e fare questo viaggio di fede insieme con Gesù.

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### MESSA QUOTIDIANA IN QUARESIMA

Quaresima è il periodo per avvicinarci a Gesù. Consigliamo i parrocchiani di partecipare alla messa quotidiana durante la Quaresima. Portate la vostra lotta personale contro il peccato e la debolezza e unitela al cuore di Gesù. La gente che lavora, può tentare di venire a messa il martedì o il giovedì mattina.

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### SUORE PASSIONISTE DI SAN PAOLO DELLA CROCE

In occasione del 25° anniversario della morte della Serva di Dio Suor Carmelina Tarantino, le Suore Passioniste di San Paolo della Croce vi invitano a partecipare a un triduo in preparazione alla messa annuale. Le preghiere saranno in Italiano e in Inglese al convento delle Suore Passioniste 1431 Clarence Street Woodbridge – per ulteriori informazioni chiamare 905-552-1432 o 416-242-4207. La Santa messa si celebra Venerdì 24 Marzo alle 7:30 pm - chiesa di San Fidelis – 33 Connie Street Toronto – 416-247-8741.

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### DIETRO LE QUINTE NELLA SACRESTIA

I parrocchiani di St. Leo sono molto fortunati ad avere 2 sacerdoti che ogni giorno si dedicano a offrire il santo sacrificio della messa. Ma molto prima che il sacerdote entri in sacrestia a vestirsi per la messa, molte preparazioni sono già in corso. La sacrestia, la camera direttamente adiacente al Santuario della Chiesa, è il posto in cui il sacerdote si veste per la celebrazione, dove sono conservati i paramenti liturgici, i vasi sacri, con i libri sacri, candele, ecc. In tutte le chiese cattoliche nel mondo, i sacrestani assumono le molte funzioni legate alla cura e all'organizzazione delle cose fisiche necessarie per la celebrazione della messa organizzando tutte le varie voci necessarie prima di ogni celebrazione in modo che tutto sia al suo posto. I nostri ringraziamenti vanno a tutti coloro che lavorano nella sacrestia per il loro tempo, talento, e sostegno che contribuisce tanto alla vita spirituale della parrocchia.

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### Domenica è:

- ....Ascoltare il Signore che ci parla
- ....Pregare il Signore che ci ascolta
- ....Gioire nel Signore che ci ama.