

 Mass Intentions for the Week		
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 Santaluce (Vittoria Santaluce & Family) † Genowefa Kudlaciak (The Family) † Deceased Members of the Pocino Family (Agostino & Vittoria Pocino)
	11.30 am	PRO POPULO
Monday Mar 6	8:00 am	-
Tuesday Mar 7	8:00 am	-
Wednesday Mar 8	7:00 pm	-
Thursday Mar 9	8:00 am	-
Friday Mar 10	8:00 am	-
Saturday Mar 11	5:00 pm	-
Sunday Mar 12	8:30 am	† Vittorio Foschino (Ada Nifo & Famiglia)
	10:00 am	"All Souls of Purgatory" (Maria De Medeiros) † Marian Martin (The Martin Family) † Dr. Earle Varty (Tony & Cathy Doods)
	11:30 am	† Frances Camilleri (Daughter Marion & Family)

LENT IS A GIFT

During the time of lent, we are challenged to be more aware of God's presence in our lives than at other times of the year. We have the opportunity to make a few sacrifices which remind us that there are many people in the world who don't have the basic necessities required to survive or thrive -- things we unfortunately take for granted every day. By doing without some of these things, we can better stand in solidarity with those who are less fortunate. Let's be grateful for the season of Lent -- for the opportunities it provides and for the ultimate celebration to which it leads us. Let's hope we can stay focused for these next forty days, and the Sundays, too, on how God is present and active in our lives and in the lives of those around us. Yes, Lent is a gift.



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.



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.

SATAN THE TEMPTER

Before he begins his public ministry, Jesus makes a religious retreat in the desert. The vast emptiness allows him to fully commune with his Father. He is not alone, however. Satan comes to tempt his human nature. The word "Satan" means "adversary" in Hebrew. In the Old Testament, Satan was believed to be an agent of God. His mission was to test human beings to strengthen their faith. Eventually he was seen as the ultimate adversary, the tempter of all humanity. He came to be known as the "Devil," from a Greek word that means "one who slanders". Jesus submits to this temptation to teach us how to avoid our own enticements. We must be steadfast in our resolution to follow the way of the cross, no matter how alluring is the easy way through life. (Fr. Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip Art)



SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSOR

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of March is sponsored by an anonymous parishioner for "Special Intentions and Thanksgiving"



THE TABERNACLE

The Tabernacle of our church is a sacred place. Jesus dwells there in the mystery of the Eucharist. The Sanctuary candle reminds us that he is truly present. Catholics show their faith in the "Real Presence" by genuflecting toward the Tabernacle each time they enter or leave the church. A spirit of prayerful quiet and attention should be maintained in the area near the Tabernacle out of respect for the presence of the Lord.

NEW TO PARISH

If you are new to St. Leo Church please introduce yourself to Fr. Frank after Mass. Make sure you register; a registration form is available on the front page of our weekly bulletin. Call the office and ask for a box of envelopes at the church door. You are welcome to become involved in any of the organizations or ministries that may interest you.

SERRA VOCATION

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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

TWELVE THINGS TO GIVE UP FOR LENT

1. *Having the last word*
2. *Taking those you love for granted*
3. *Worrying about things you cannot change or control*
4. *Losing your temper*
5. *Trying to be a perfectionist*
6. *Patronizing people who work for or with you*
7. *Complaining*
8. *Carrying grudges*
9. *Expecting to be bored by any and all sermons*
10. *Nagging*
11. *Thinking about money*
12. *Feeling sorry for yourself*

-A modern Parable by Ignatius Drostin

PRIMA DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA

Ha inizio la Quaresima, un tempo da vivere imitando Gesù. E come lui sapendo rinunciare a tante cose. Cibo, gioco, tv..... Ci si dedichi a una preghiera più intensa, l'aiuto in famiglia o agli amici più deboli e poveri. Per raggiungere un traguardo, lo sappiamo, non è sufficiente entusiasmo o volontà: occorre impegnarsi in una lunga e laboriosa preparazione, il rinnovamento della propria vita non è affare di un momento, ma è frutto di sacrificio, di costanza, di pazienza. La Quaresima è per noi il "tempo della prova", il "tempo della conversione". L'occasione di rinnovare e di rendere più perfetta la scelta di Dio nella nostra vita di ogni giorno.



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.

DODICI COSE DA RINUNCIARE PER LA QUARESIMA

1. *Avere sempre l'ultima parola*
2. *Approfittarsi delle persone amate*
3. *Preoccuparsi delle cose che non puoi cambiare*
4. *Perdere il controllo*
5. *Cercare di essere un perfezionista*
6. *Sentirsi superiore alle persone che lavorano per noi o con noi*
7. *Lamentarsi delle cose inutili*
8. *Serbare rancori*
9. *Esseere annoiato a tutte le prediche*
10. *Essere Fastidioso*
11. *Pensare ai soldi*
12. *Sentirsi dispiaciuto per te stesso –*
Una parabola moderna di Ignatius Drostin

IL TABERNACOLO

Il tabernacolo della nostra Chiesa è un luogo sacro. Gesù abita lì nel mistero dell'Eucaristia. La candela del Santuario ci ricorda che egli è realmente presente. I cattolici mostrano la loro fede alla "Presenza reale". Si genuflette verso il tabernacolo ogni volta che si entra o si esce la Chiesa. Silenzio e attenzione deve sempre essere mantenuto nella zona vicino al tabernacolo per rispetto verso la presenza del Signore.

Il digiuno non ama le chiacchiere, purifica l'anima, eleva la mente, sottomette la carne allo spirito, rende il cuore contrito e umiliato, dissipa le nebbie della concupiscenza; smorza gli ardori della libidine e accende la luce della castità.

(Sant'Agostino, de oratione et jeiuno serm. 73)