

		
Saturday Sept 23	5:00 pm	
Sunday Sept 24	8:30 am	† Giuseppe Zita (Lucy Zita) "In Onore al Bambino Gesù † David Gonsalves (Mrs. Beatrice Lopes)
	10:00 am	† Aldo Gemma (Lucia Gemma & Family)
	11.30 am	PRO POPULO
Monday Sept 25	8:00 am	
Tuesday Sept 26	8:00 am	
Wednesday Sept 27	7:00 pm	
Thursday Sept 28	8:00 am	† Jadwiga Gorski (Family Member)
Friday Sept 29	8:00 am	† Michele Pinto (Family & Friends) † Bruno Pozzobon (The Pozzobon Family)
Saturday Sept 30	5:00 pm	
Sunday Oct 1	8:30 am	† Biagio Forte (Civita Forte & Famiglia) † Domenico & Maria Rita Del Buono (Lucy Zita)
	10:00 am	† Rocco Santaluce (Vittoria Santaluce & Family) † Anton Gornik (Son Tony Gornik)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO

I long to depart

Have you ever wondered why God keeps you alive? Many people who are elderly and infirm long for death. They may even think that the Lord is cruel "not to take me." Paul faces this quandary, though for a different reason. He has already "been caught up to heaven"--seen a vision of paradise. He longs to make it permanent. Paul

realizes that God needs him on earth. He is a witness for Jesus. There are people who might not listen to God, but could hear Paul. He accepts his fate, waiting for the Lord to make the choice of the time of his death. If you are discouraged about life: remember that God still needs you here. He has a vital job that only you can accomplish. Be patient! (Fr. Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)



Thanksgiving Mass & Food Drive

Monday, October 9th is Thanksgiving Day in Canada. Please join us for Mass at 10:00 am as we give thanks to God for all his many gifts: our families, our work, our country, our health, etc. NO 8:00 am mass that morning. Please bring a donation of canned goods or other non-perishable food items for the "St. Francis Table" and "The Good Shepherd Refuge". A collection will be taken up for the St. Vincent de Paul Society to assist families in need in our community. Please help feed those in need this Thanksgiving Holiday!



Update on Saint Leo's

Saint Vincent de Paul Conference

At St Leo's we have made 108 home visits to 72 households in our neighborhood to date this year. We have distributed \$5,600 in food assistance as well as \$350 of household items from our store and filled multiple furniture orders. During this time we have collected \$3,700 from the poor box. Please remember the St Vincent de Paul when considering your charitable giving. On behalf of the people we assist, thank you for your generosity.

Special collection

The second collection today is for the Needs of the Canadian Church. Your gifts are used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity. Thank you for your support of this important work.

Meet & Greet for John Fletcher

St. Leo's parish is sponsoring a meet & greet on the occasion of John Fletcher's 80th Birthday. John has been a devoted parishioner of St. Leo for a very long time and is very well known in the community. Parishioners are invited on Saturday September 30th from 1 to 4 pm downstairs in the parish church hall to celebrate John's special day, to wish him good health and many happy returns of the day. We hope to see you there!

Quilt Raffle

The St. Leo's Quilters are selling tickets this weekend after each mass celebration to raffle off a beautiful handmade quilt, tickets \$1.00 each. Please show your support to the St. Leo's Quilters.

Join the Choir

September is a great time to join the choir. Rehearsals for the 10:00 am choir are every Tuesday in the church from 7 to 8 pm has begun September 12th.

Welcome and thank you for visiting our parish

As a Catholic Church and Faith Community, we give thanks to God for the gift of our Faith, for the gift of one another as Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We are all on a great journey, the journey of life itself to our heavenly homeland. If you are living in the area, we hope you will be able to come and join us in gathering as God's family each Sunday to give thanks, praise and worship to God. We hope you will follow the stirrings of your hearts which have led you here. God Bless You!

Sunday school resumes this Sunday

Sunday school program will resume this Sunday September 24th. Children from 3 to 7 years will be invited to join our catechists in the parish hall for a Liturgy of the Word suited to their age and understanding. They return to sit with their family at the Our Father.

Serra Vocation

"Seek the Lord while he may be found..." While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Altar Servers Call

Boys and girls who have made their First Communion are welcome to become Altar Servers. It's simple to join and training takes place on the job. Parents, please encourage your sons and daughters to assist with this very important ministry. Altar servers are scheduled for all Sunday Masses, and various other celebrations throughout the Church year. Adults and teens are also encouraged to take part in this ministry. If you are interested, please see Father Frank or call the Coordinator Olivia Morris @ 416-233-7130.

Rosaries Sale

This weekend after each Mass celebration, Carmela Loconte will be selling rosaries for Dr. Simone organization. All proceeds collected will go towards feeding the poorest of the poor in developing countries throughout the world.

Celebrate Your Marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling. Upcoming Weekend: October 20-22, 2017 (Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga) For more information and application, please go to www.wwme.org or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925.

The Role of Godparents

Godparents play an important role in the spiritual life of a child. They are charged with serving as an example to their godchild of Christian living. In today's world, the role is often honorary but should never be regarded as completely so. As a result, parents should be careful to select people who will be good role models for their children. Church law doesn't speak about godparents but about "sponsors". A sponsor must be Catholic and in good standing with the Church. A person who is not Catholic, but is a baptized Christian, may serve as a "Christian witness." The term "godparent" generically applies to both positions. Ideally, there is to be at least one sponsor. But several are permitted. The same is true of Christian witnesses, but in that case there must be at least one catholic sponsor. For more information about Baptisms and Sponsors at St. Leo's, please contact the parish office at 416-251-1109.

Life Chain 2017 Sunday Oct 1st



Annual day of public witness for children killed by abortion. Life Chain is held simultaneously in more than 200 locations across Canada each year; it's a simple and prayerful way to give public witness to the Truth that abortion is a violent destruction of human life. It takes only an hour and all you have to do is stand quietly with others, holding a sign with a simple message. This year Life Chain takes place on Sunday, **October 1st from 2:00 to 3:00pm**. Our church will be at the corner of Kipling and the Queensway. Please offer up this simple hour.

Silence at Mass

Our world is a noisy place and silence is a rare commodity. Our 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"

LET'S GIVE THANKS!

♪ opened two gifts this morning.

They were my eyes.
