

 <b>Mass Intentions for the Week</b>		
<b>Saturday Dec 9</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	
<b>Sunday Dec 10</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	† <b>Anna &amp; Francesco Mongillo</b> (Maria Creta)
	<b>10:00 am</b>	† <b>Joao De Medeiros &amp; All Souls</b> (Maria De Medeiros) † <b>Joanne Betolin</b> (Anna Maria Cerullo) † <b>Arno Gutschmidt</b> (Anna Maria Cerullo) † <b>Adam Lecznar</b> (Family & Friends) † <b>Deceased De Melo &amp; Dos Santos Families</b>
	<b>11.30 am</b>	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
<b>Monday Dec 11</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	
<b>Tuesday Dec 12</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>"Christina Figuerido Thanksgiving"</b> (Tony & Carmen Martins) <b>"Special Birthday Blessings Marian Stoute"</b>
<b>Wednesday Dec 13</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	† <b>Amedeo &amp; Giulia Perri</b> (Mafalda Perri) † <b>Elizabeth De Melo</b> (7th Day Memorial) (The Family)
<b>Thursday Dec 14</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	† <b>Deceased Members of the Posa Family</b>
<b>Friday Dec 15</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>"Thanksgiving Mass"</b> (Agnes Martinez)
<b>Saturday Dec 16</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>"On the Occasion of Fidel &amp; Shirley 25th Wedding Anniversary"</b> † <b>Rocco Pagnielo</b> (The Family)
<b>Sunday Dec 17</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	† <b>Biagio Forte</b> (Civita Forte & Famiglia) † <b>Enzo Spada</b> (La Famiglia)
	<b>10:00 am</b>	† <b>Michael March</b> (Anna Maria Cerullo) † <b>Bruno Pozzobon</b> (Anna Maria Cerullo) † <b>Aristides Tavares</b> (The Family) † <b>Adam Lecznar</b> (Family & Friends)
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### John the Priest

Mark's Gospel offers no background for John the Baptist. He simply appears in the Judean desert quoting Isaiah: "A voice in the wilderness ...." He apparently sees himself as some sort of fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. Luke supplies more background. John's parents both descended from priestly families. Hence he shares in the hereditary office. In the 1st century a group of Jews had rejected the corrupt line of priests that served the Temple. John seems to have joined this movement, which was known as the Essenes. If true, this means that John was a rebel who had turned from his father's faith. His doom's day message fits the Essene theology, as does the baptism of penance he preached.

*(Father Lonsdale Commentaries and Clip-Art)*

### Sunday Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2018 are located at the front of the church on the south exit door. We ask that you remember your envelopes number as the envelopes are filed numerically. An alphabetic master list is available just in case. New/Un-used boxes are available for parishioners' interested in using Sunday Offering Envelopes. For those parishioners who have not made a formal contact with the parish over the past year, envelopes have been cancelled. This process allows us to tidy up our computer listings and frees unused boxes of envelopes. In the New Year, we ask that you kindly discard any leftover envelopes from this or previous years. Thank you for your support.



### Registration Makes Sense

We encourage all who attend Mass at St. Leo to formally register with the parish. Young adults now out in the working world should register under their own name. This will be important when you need a reference letter or wish to be married. Pick up a box of 2018 envelopes. The first envelope is your registration form. The number on the box is your personal number. Use the envelopes whenever you come to Mass.

### Christmas Outreach Program

The 2nd collection next weekend is for the Christmas Outreach for St Leo's St Vincent de Paul conference. Last year we assisted over 100 households including 98 children with grocery store gift cards and presents. We expect by the end of December to have helped at least the same number of people if not more. We wouldn't be able to carry out this work without your kind support. Envelopes are in the pews and at the back of the church. At this special time of year, please remember the less fortunate in our community and be generous as you can. Thank you and God Bless.



### Good deeds

Men's & Women's shelters provide clean, washable clothing to people who need them. There is a need for new socks and underwear. Parishioners are asked to purchase sport/work socks and/or underwear, when doing their Christmas shopping, and bring them to the hamper which will be placed inside the entrance of the church. Deacon Alan will ensure they are delivered to the Good Shepherd Centre or other men's/women's shelters. It is remarkable how much joy such a simple act of kindness can bring.

### New Season - New Prayer Book

The new prayer book "St. Joseph's Sunday Missal" for the 2017/2018 season is now available. The cost of the Sunday Missal is \$5.00. Volunteers of the social committee are happy to help you.



*Christmas Schedule 2017*

**Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**(Christmas Eve)**

5:00 pm (Christmas Children's Liturgy)

7:30 pm (Christmas Eve Mass)

(Carols @ 7:00 pm)

**Monday December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

Regular Sunday Schedule

8:30 am Italian

10:00 & 11:30 am English

**Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Regular Sunday Schedule

**Monday January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018**

11 am Only

**Confessions:**

Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 7:00 pm

**Advent 2017 Day of Confessions**

**Dec 10 – 16**

Most parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto are providing special opportunities for people to receive this sacrament during Advent in the "Archdiocesan Day of Confessions" by hosting individual reconciliation services. In our parish, Father Frank will hear confessions Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7 pm.

**Thank you for the Donation**

We wish to acknowledge a donation from the Charismatic Polish group of our Parish. They have donated \$1000.00 to our St. Leo's Building Fund, the money will fund the landscaping on the north side of the church.

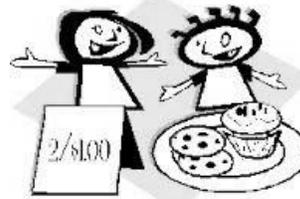
**Christmas Fruit Cakes**

Limited quantities of Christmas Fruit Cakes are available for purchase. The cakes support the Campaign Life Coalition. There are 2 formats - regular bar cake (680gr) \$18.00 and deluxe square cake for \$25.00. The cakes have arrived and are available for pick up; Mike Cerullo will be more than happy to help you.



**Memorial Mass**

Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 @ 9:30 am a memorial mass will be celebrated for the soul of Antonio Di Como who passed away one year ago this month. The parishioners are invited to participate. *Eternal rest grant unto them o Lord!*



Please join us for our annual  
Christmas Bake & Plants Sale  
This Saturday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> - 10-6pm  
And Sunday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> - 9-1 pm  
Church Basement Hall

**Bulletin Advertising**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in March 2018 & supports the bulletin service. Please support our advertisers and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

**Serra Vocation**

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**At this very special time of the year, please  
remember in your prayers**

....those who are suffering from illness; they and their loved ones need our constant prayers and support  
....the souls of the deceased and those who mourn them



Commemorated on December 13  
Holy Martyr Lucy, pray to God for us!