

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



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| Saturday Dec 23 | 5:00 pm | † Marco G. Celis (Shirley Hernando) † Linda Rose Fletcher (Husband John Fletcher) |
| Sunday Dec 24 | 8:30 am | † Biagio Forte (Civita Forte & Famiglia) |
| | 10:00 am | † Aldo Gemma (Lucia Gemma & Family) † Maria & Pietro Cerullo (Anna Maria Cerullo) † Adam Lecznar (Family & Friends) † Aniceta Moreno (The Family) |
| | 11:30 am | PRO POPULO |
| | 5:00 pm Christmas Eve | † Adriano C. Rodriguez (The Family) † Deceased De Melo & Dos Santos Families (The Family) † Domenico Veglia (The Family) |
| | 7:30 pm Christmas Eve | † Walenty & Jadwiga Gorski (Family Member) † Helen Sikora (Family Member) |
| Monday Dec 25 Christmas Day | 8:30 am | † Pasquale & Angelina Martino (Mafalda Perri) † Giulia & Amedeo Perri (Mafalda Perri) |
| | 10:00 am | † Kateryna Yanushevsk (Daughter Irena Budz) |
| | 11:30 am | “For the Intentions of Rita Crowe” (Friends & Family) |
| Tuesday Dec 26 | 8:00 am | † Nicola Colangelo (Mafalda Perri) |
| Wednesday Dec 27 | 7:00 pm | “Blessings for Ida, Mark & Ava” (Ida Manlangit) |
| Thursday Dec 28 | 8:00 am | † Deceased Members of the Torrone & De Caro Families (The Family) |
| Friday Dec 29 | 8:00 am | † Magrit Colonello (Nick Colonello) † Michele Pinto (1 st Year Mem.) (The Family) |
| Saturday Dec 30 | 5:00 pm | † Adam Lecznar (Parents & Sister) † Frederick, Evelyn & Karen Haslan (Denise & Joanne Haslan) |
| Sunday Dec 31 | 8:30 am | “In Onore al Bambino Gesù” |
| | 10:00 am | † Adam Lecznar (10:00 am Choir) † Walenty & Jadwiga Gorski (Family Member) |
| | 11:30 am | “Blessings & Thanksgiving for Aida & Mark” (Aida Manlangit) |

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE AND WISHES FROM FR. FRANK

‘I wish all the parishioners of St. Leo’s Church a most Blessed and Merry Christmas and a prosperous and health-filled New Year’.



Christmas is a special time for the worship of God and the care of the family. The two go very much together for the sincere Catholic Christian. If you understand the hearts of your children, how much they desire joy from you, their parents and grandparents, and if you realize that true joy only comes from the presence of God, who is Love, then you know that your worship of God in Spirit and in Truth is the only way to bring our children lasting peace and joy. God made the hearts of children to desire joy from us, and truth in the heart tell us that without God we cannot fulfill this need that He created in them to bring them his joy.

Let every parent and grandparent and guardian take fully and consciously upon the self the task and the privilege of making the feast of Christmas in the family a special time of joy for the children. Begin with the sincere worship of God in Christ at the Eucharist. The child born in Bethlehem, God’s greatest gift is the pledge of joy and peace on earth, our source of eternal hope. For having Him, let us at Christmas praise, adore, love and thank God the Father in worship by Holy Spirit.

Joy to the World

We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmastime, not in a cold manger of our heart but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another. The coming of Jesus at Bethlehem brought joy to the world and to every human heart. The same Jesus comes again and again in our hearts during Holy Communion. He wants to give the same joy and peace. May his coming this Christmas bring to each one of us that peace and joy that he desires to give. Let us pray much for this grace of peace and joy in our own heart, in our communities and our society and in the Church.

Serra Vocation

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God’s plan for her life and she said “Yes!” And so the Savior came into the world. Pray to know God’s Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 email vocations@archtoronto.org

Mass Schedule

Monday December 25th Christmas Day

Regular Sunday Schedule

8:30 am Italian

10:00 & 11:30 am English

Sunday December 31st

Regular Sunday Schedule

Monday January 1st 2018

11 am Only

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, here is where we come to know one another and put our gifts at the service of God's family, the Church. We hope you will follow the stirrings of your hearts which have led you here.

Parish Support

The new offering envelopes for 2016 are located on the right side of the church, they are filed numerically; an alphabetic master list is available for your convenience. The parish envelope weekly collection is the main source of income for our parish and it is vital that as many people use them. If it has not been your custom to use the weekly envelopes why not begin in 2018? Blank boxes are available. A very sincere "THANKS" to all our parishioners and friends of the parish who support us by their generosity and presence. This witness is deeply appreciated and we ask you for your continuing support at this time.

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.

Memorial Mass

Saturday December 30th 2017 @ 9:30 am a memorial mass will be celebrated for the soul of Carmela Santaluca who passed away December 30th 2016. The parishioners are invited to participate. *Eternal rest grant unto them o Lord!*

The Parish Office will close
Friday December 22nd @ noon
The office will remain closed until
Wednesday December 27

Christmas Bells

Bells have many voices. Jingle bells are light and lively, sleigh bells promise fun. Today, Christmas bells of all kinds ring joyfully across the land. In the fifth century, bells were used to call monks to worship. Long ago, when bells were rung during or after worship services, the bell ringers looked through sighting holes or used mirrors so they could see the altar and determine when the bell should ring. These holes are still visible in old European church towers. In our world, bells and chimes have become part of the noise clutter that surrounds us: a bell rings when the microwave is done, dings when the oven is ready and wakes us in the morning. During the holidays, sleigh bells, jingle bells and church bells spread sounds of holiday cheer. Today, the Christmas bells ring with a single, joy-filled message: Rejoice! Jesus is born!



Thank you!

We want to thank Mike Cerullo for donating \$245.00 to our Building Fund from the latest Casino trip to Fallsview on December 2nd. Thank you Mike for everything you do for St. Leo's Parish.

Offering of Tabernacle Flowers

In Loving Memory

Marco G. Celis

3rd Anniversary of his passing by wife:

Shirley Hernando

The Christmas Mass on TV

For those who cannot make it to church, please join the Catholic Community this Christmas

Watch the Daily TV Mass:

Christmas Eve on Vision TV at 9:00 pm ET

Yes TV at 10:00 pm ET

Christmas Day at 8:00 am and 12:00 pm ET

on VisionTV

11:00 pm ET on Salt + Light.

1:00 pm on yesTV

*May your Christmas sparkle with
Moments of love, laughter and goodwill
And may the year ahead be full of
Happiness and joy
have a Merry and Blessed Christmas.*