

# The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



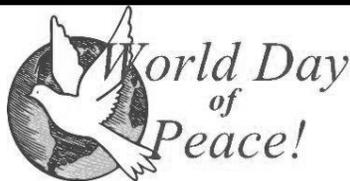
<b>Saturday Dec 30</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	† <b>Adam Lecznar</b> (Parents & Sister) † <b>Frederick, Evelyn &amp; Karen Haslan</b> (Denise & Joanne Haslan)
<b>Sunday Dec 31</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>"In Onore al Bambino Gesù"</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b>	† <b>Adam Lecznar</b> (10:00 am Choir) † <b>Walenty &amp; Jadwiga Gorski</b> (Family Member)
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>"Blessings &amp; Thanksgiving for Aida &amp; Mark"</b> (Aida Manlangit)
<b>Monday Jan 1 New Year Day</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	† <b>Aldo Gemma</b> (Lucy Gemma & Family) † <b>Diane Louise Lewin</b> (Deborah & Paul Ferguson)
<b>Tuesday Jan 2</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	† <b>Marco G. Celis</b> (3rd Anniversary Memorial and Birthday Remembrance) (Wife Shirley Hernando)
<b>Wednesday Jan 3</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	
<b>Thursday Jan 4</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>PRO POPULO</b> (Sunday Dec 31)
<b>Friday Jan 5</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	
<b>Saturday Jan 6</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	
<b>Sunday Jan 7</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	† <b>Luigi Nifo</b> (Gina Rossi)
	<b>10:00 am</b>	† <b>Deceased Dos Santos &amp; De Melo Families</b> (The Family) † <b>Rocco Santaluce</b> (Vittoria Santaluce & Family)
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>PRO POPULO</b>

### Purification of Jesus

Biblical law taught that the first-born male of any animal had to be offered as a sacrifice to God. This applied to human children as well. Naturally most parents were reluctant to do this. Instead they could offer a substitute of a pair of pure white birds. Usually this happened 40 days after the birth. We celebrate this event on February 2. The Gospel is read today because it shows the Holy Family performing their religious duties. They are blessed by God through two prophets. (Lonsdale Commentaries and Clip-Art)



Joseph and Mary  
took him to  
Jerusalem  
to present him  
to the Lord



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### New Beginnings

The arrangement of our calendar is so symbolic. We have Thanksgiving. Then Christmas follows with all the promises. Salvation, grace, love, hope, and peace; New Year follows immediately. The possibility of a new beginning, a new start, a new birth; someone wrote words like this many years ago "The New Year lies before us, like a field of freshly fallen snow, be careful where you walk, for every step will show". He said the great thing about the Christmas message was that "no matter what your past has been, you can start over again; God has made it possible in the sending of His Son to save us from our sins." We can thank God for all the blessings that have been ours during the year. In life God loves us and no matter what we've been, we can start over. That's the Christmas message. That's the challenge of a New Year.

*new year  
new beginnings*

### A New Year filled with Hope and Joy

Today we stand on the doorstep of a new year. The old year is almost gone. May we leave behind all struggles, sorrows and pain and walk hand-in-hand with Jesus our Savior into a future filled with hope and joy. On New Year's Day we join our brothers and sisters all over the world in a prayer for peace and reconciliation among nations and peoples. We encourage every parishioner to seek the intercession of Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God. Pray the Rosary and ask her to intercede with Jesus her Divine Son. To all who call St. Leo's Parish their home we wish many blessings in the New Year! May God always keep you in his care!

### New Year's & New Year's Day

#### Mass Schedule

Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup>

Regular Sunday Schedule

8:30 am Italian

10:00 & 11:30 am English

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

11:00 am only

### 12 days starting when?

Some people think the Twelve Days of Christmas come to an end on December 25th. Wrong! They officially begin with the first Mass of Christmas and end on the Feast of the Epiphany (Jan 6). Don't take down the tree and the lights just yet. Savor the season.

Offering of Tabernacle Flowers

## In Loving Memory

"Marco G. Celis"

3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Memorial &

Birthday Remembrance

By wife: Shirley Hernando

### Thank you for the Donation

We wish to acknowledge a donation from the St. Leo's Quilters from selling tickets for the quilt they raffled and the Bake Sale/Bazaar that was held in Dec. 9/10 in our Parish. They have donated a check for \$1,400.00 to St. Leo's Building/Renovation fund; the money will be used to buy new items for the church. By the way the quilt was won by Yvonne Ribeiro.

### What is a parishioner?

Many of you attend Mass often here at St. Leo, and give generously to our offertory/building fund and special collections. (Thank you). However that does not automatically make you a "Registered" parishioner. A "Registered" parishioner is one who attends Sunday Mass at St. Leo regularly and participates in our community-life. Using **church envelopes** helps us to confirm your membership in our parish for special occasion such, being asked to be a Godparent at Baptism or a Sponsor at Confirmation, or preparation for one of the Sacraments. Registration forms can be found on the front page of our bulletin, or visit the parish office during office hours.

### Serra Vocation

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### Memorial Mass

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

### Interfaith Lecture Series

#### Understanding our Abrahamic Roots

Join with Islington United Church's Interfaith Circle in January to learn more about our Abrahamic roots at a lecture series on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 pm – January 10, Tom Reynolds, Associate Professor Theology, Emmanuel College, Victoria University; January 17, Rabbi Michael Satz, Associate Rabbi, Holy Blossom Temple; and January 24, Timothy Gianotti, Associate Professor Islamic Studies, Renison College, University of Waterloo. These three lectures will be followed by a panel discussion on February 7 exploring

opportunities about building relationships and sharing our values in seeking justice and peace. Check out the flyer on the Islington web site, [www.islingtonunited.org](http://www.islingtonunited.org) register using the Eventbrite link. Or sign-up for the series by contacting [b.sheffield@rogers.com](mailto:b.sheffield@rogers.com).

### Silence at Mass

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

### Saint Leo's Website

If you use the internet you should find our parish website ([saintleosmimico.ca](http://saintleosmimico.ca)) interesting. If you don't, maybe we are doing something wrong that we need to fix. The website includes information about parish resources, groups, and schedules, but it adds much more. It includes multimedia music, art, movie clips, news, links, and teaching. Check it out, subscribe for emailed updates, and let us know how we can serve you better. [www.saintleosmimico.ca](http://www.saintleosmimico.ca)

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of January 2018 is sponsored by an anonymous parishioner for:

"Special Intentions and Thanksgiving"

The Sanctuary lamp burns continuously reminding us of Christ the eternal and everlasting light, it is scheduled on a first come first serve basis, to ensure an equal opportunity for everyone.

