

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday Jan 13	5 pm	
Sunday Jan 14	8:30 am	† Vittorio Foschini (Fiorina Foschini & Famiglia) † Biagio Forte (Civita Forte & Famiglia) † Luigi Nifo (Gina Rossi) † Stefano Fabrizio Ferrari (Nonna & Nonno Fabrizio)
	10 am	† Joao De Medeiros & Parents (Maria De Medeiros) † Deceased Dos Santos & De Melo Families (The Family) † Anton Gornik (Son Tony Gornik) † Michael Philip Sheridan (The Sheridan Family) † Adam Lecznar (Family & Friends)
	11.30 am	PRO POPULO
Monday Jan 15	8 am	
Tuesday Jan 16	8 am	† Emiliano Hernandez (The Family)
Wednesday Jan 17	7 pm	
Thursday Jan 18	8 am	"On the Occasion of Lino Figuerido's Birthday" (Tony & Camen Martins)
Friday Jan 19	8 am	
Saturday Jan 20	5 pm	
Sunday Jan 21	8:30 am	† Biagio Forte (Civita Forte & Famiglia) † Giovannina Foschini (Gina Rossi)
	10 am	† Aldo Gemma (Lucy Gemma & Family) † Jim & Joan Sheridan (The Sheridan Family) † Enzo Spada (The Family) † Adam Lecznar (Family & Friends)
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Ordinary time

We begin what is called "Ordinary time" in the Church calendar. Ordinary does not mean plain or simple. It means "numbered" as in first, second, etc. the ordinal numbers. This was the original sense of the word, this title has come to represent a less spectacular or more "average" period in Church celebrations. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Jan 8) officially brings the Christmas Season to a close. The numbers are meant to remind us that we are working toward a goal. (Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip Art)



Children's Program Resumes this Sunday

St. Leo's Parish is blessed with children's Sunday school. Children from 3 years of age to Grade 3 are invited to participate at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday mornings. They go to the parish hall for a Liturgy of the Word geared to their age and attention span and then return to their parents at the Offertory.

Kindergarten Registration

The Toronto Catholic District School Board welcomes families with kindergarten-aged children to register for the September 2018/2019 school year. Children born in 2014 are eligible to register and attend St. Leo's Catholic school or St. Louis Catholic school. Registrations begin January 17th 2018. Parents are encouraged to apply early. Please check with your local schools for specific details.

World Day of Migrants & Refugees This Sunday Jan 14

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 2018 World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Welcoming, Protecting, Promoting and Integrating Migrants and Refugees". In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that "every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age..." A special Mass commemorating the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated this Sunday, January 14 at 1 pm at the Good Shepherd Chaldean Catholic Cathedral, located at 2 High Meadow Place in North York. Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will be the homilist.

Serra Vocation

A good vocation prayer to say every day - from the time we are young until we are in our golden years - is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997

Email vocations@archtoronto.org

Blessing for Expectant Mothers

Expectant mothers who are carrying God's precious gifts have a special rite of blessing that they can receive before they give birth, a meaningful blessing ceremony to mark the occasion and acknowledge what is going on in your life. If you are an expectant mother and you wish to receive a special blessing, please call Fr. Frank or the rectory to arrange a time.

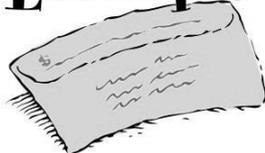
School Mass

Wednesday Jan 17th the students of St. Leo's school will come to the church to celebrate the liturgy at 1pm. They extend a warm welcome to parents and parishioners who might wish to join them for their celebration of the Eucharist.

Please note:

Your 2018 offering envelopes are made up of two parts; **ordinary offering** and **building fund**; after you write your name and address, write in the amount for the offertory and the amount designated to the building fund, it is easier for our counters to allocate the funds that way. Although we no longer take a second collection, please remember to use your blue envelopes every month so we can pay off \$117,200.00 we owe to the Family of Faith Campaign.

Offering Envelopes



Please consider...

As a Catholic community, we ask our parishioners to consider their parish in their annual giving plans. As we start a new year please consider the increased costs of running the parish. We have no other funding; only you can keep this place of worship possible, the restoration of the church and the many ministries and programs that we provide this community. As Christ blesses us each year, please consider a sacrificial increase in your offertory. Thank you.

We welcome new members to St Leo

If you are new to this parish, we wish to welcome you and hope that you find this to be a warm and caring community. Should you wish to register in our parish please complete the registration form on the front page of our weekly bulletin and drop it in the collection basket; or you can call the Rectory office 416-251-1109. Registration can be completed in a few minutes over the phone.

Sunday: The Original Feast Day

Sunday, the day of the Lord's resurrection, is the original Christian feast day. Following the tradition handed down from the Apostles, we gather in community to hear the Word and to celebrate our communion with Christ in the banquet of his Body and Blood. Catholics who come to Mass bring themselves closer to Christ and the communion of the Church.

Novena, Prayers & Devotions

Devotion prayers to **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** are prayed every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm; prayers are followed immediately by Mass and benediction with the Blessed Sacrament.



Care for the Sick

Visitation and/or Communion for the sick is available upon request please call the parish office. Our Eucharistic ministers can make arrangements for regular home visits to bring Holy Communion. Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with the seriously ill, those undergoing surgery or those enfeebled by old age. Please notify the parish office to make arrangements.

Votive Candles

People light candles in church as a prayer for someone, or in memory of someone. The candle serves as a visual reminder of the prayer or memory. Votive candles are available usually at the back of the church before and after each mass celebration @ \$3.00 each. A volunteer member of our social committee is available to assist you.



50+ Social Ministry

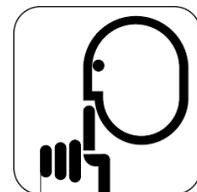
The 50 + Open House Program has begun again. We want to invite those who would like to get to know other people in the parish in a relaxed atmosphere to join us every Tuesday between the hours of 9:00 am and approximately 11:00 am. The words Open House means that you can just come in and have a cup of coffee and refreshment. We have prayers appropriate to the season, videos; health related and age related speakers. We would enjoy your company.

Silence at Mass

Our world is a noisy place and silence is a rare commodity. The previous Holy Father Pope Benedict encouraged 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".



Personal Belongings

Please keep your belongings with you at all times during Mass and especially when you are going up to receive the Eucharist. Do not leave any valuables in the pews, such as bags/purses, cameras, cell phones etc. Thank you!

Living with Separation and Divorce

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a psycho-educational program for those dealing with the stress of the ending of a relationship. The sessions facilitated by a clinical social worker will be held February 13 to April 3, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 1155 Yonge St. There is a \$30 fee per session. Please contact Alpana Das at 416-921-1163 x2232 or email adas@cfstoronto.com for more information.