

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Jan 27	5 pm	† Elvira Stabile Tedesco (Husband John Tedesco)
Sunday Jan 28	8:30 am	"In Onore al Bambino Gesù"
	10 am	† Jim & Joan Sheridan (The Sheridan Family) † Adam Lecznar (Family & Friends) † Daniel Paklos (Niewmski Family) † Alfonsa P. Ponsoy (B'day Remembrance) (Jess & Maryli Luzadas) † Elisabete De Melo (Anselmo De Melo) † Dmitri Papadoupoulos (The Molto Family) † Anastacio Cruz & Gary Lopes (The Manalac Family) † Ruena H. Lopez (The Family)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO
Monday Jan 29	8 am	
Tuesday Jan 30	8 am	
Wednesday Jan 31	7 pm	† Elisabete De Melo (Anselmo De Melo)
Thursday Feb 1	8 am	
Friday Feb 2	8 am	
Saturday Feb 3	5 pm	
Sunday Feb 4	8:30 am	† Biagio Forte (Civita Forte & Famiglia) † Rocco Santaluce (Vittoria Santaluce & Family) † May Brady & Family (The Sheridan Family) † Adam Lecznar (Family & Friends) † Daniel Paklos (Halina Family) † Herman Liebe (Wife Aurora Liebe) † Pat & Dick Moralis (Aurora Liebe & Family)
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With authority

Jesus preaches his first sermon in Capernaum. It elicits a favorable response from the congregation. They admire the fact that he speaks "with authority" in contrast to the scribes. The latter could read and write, but were afraid to be pinned down on specifics. When asked a question, they would merely quote the opinions of others. They would not give a definitive response. They would answer one question with another. Jesus does give specifics; standing on his own authority to teach. This impresses his audience even more when he works a miraculous healing (Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)



Candlemas

The Christian Festival of Lights is celebrated annually on February 2nd. It celebrates three occasions; the presentation of the child Jesus; Jesus' first entry into the temple; and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin. Christians consider Jesus as the "light of the world" so it is fitting that candles are blessed on this day. Next weekend all celebrations will be preceded by the blessing of candles available for home use (\$5.00). On this day parishes around the world will also celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. Next weekend we will also have the annual blessing of the throats after each mass celebration in honor of St. Blaise Bishop & Martyr celebrated February 3rd protector of throat ailments and other illnesses.



Great series of feasts this week

- **January 28th Saint Thomas Aquinas**, Priest and Doctor of the Church.
- **Jan 31st - St. John Bosco (1815 – 1888)** Patron of youth, founder of the Salesian Society, dedicated his life to the betterment and education of the disadvantaged youth.
- **Feb 2nd – Candlemas Day**
- **Feb 3rd - St. Blaise Bishop and Martyr** Patron and protector against afflictions of the throats.

Marriage Sunday Feb. 10/11, 2018

As part of Marriage Sunday 2018 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun will preside at a special Mass to honor couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2018. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th 40th 50th or 60th wedding anniversary this year, they are invited to join in this special celebration. The mass will take place at 3 pm on Sunday February 11th at Blessed Trinity Parish (3220 Bayview Avenue North York). A reception will follow. All are welcome to attend – couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online to ensure reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling 416-934-3400 X 523.

Serra Vocation

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If 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

Reading at Mass

Do you ever wish you could lector at Mass? Do you wonder what it takes to be a lector? Do you yearn to participate more actively in the liturgy? As you listen to the readings do you feel the call to liturgical ministry to proclaim the Word of God? To proclaim Scripture in the worshiping community as a lector is a sacred trust. As the voice of the Lord, the lector needs to be an ardent lover of Sacred Scripture for a deeper understanding of the Word of God. We invite you to call the Parish office if you are interested in becoming a lector.



Memorial Mass Policy

A Memorial Mass is considered a private mass, often requested upon the immediate anniversary (i.e. 1 month, 40 days) of the passing of a loved one and sometimes upon the first annual anniversary of the deceased, or even some later annual anniversary. The mass requests can be booked through the parish office during regular office hours. A memorial mass can be scheduled on a weeknight @ 7:00 pm or Saturday morning at 9:30 am. Stipends for the priest and musician (if requested) are a set rate. Please call the parish office for assistance.

Holy Water at the Door

At the doors of every Catholic Church you will find a Holy Water Font. The traditional Catholic custom is to bless oneself with Holy Water on entering the Church and when leaving. This simple gesture reminds us that Baptism is the gateway to life in Christ and membership in the Church.

Sanctuary Lamp

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. We invite to make an offering of candle to the Blessed Sacrament, it can be made in memory of a loved one, a birthday, an anniversary or a special family occasion; call the parish office at 416-251-1109 to reserve the lamp.

St. Leo's St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in our parish meet in the church hall the second Tuesday of the month. Any parishioner interested in learning more about their work with the poor and the disadvantage in our area is welcome to attend. And please.....remember the Poor Box after Mass.

Why use offering envelopes?

- Maintains confidentiality, they do not require a name or amount to appear on the envelope
- The numbers ensure accurate recording of weekly donations
- Allows you to give in accordance with your changing circumstances
- Designates how the offering is to be used
- Benefits of tax deductions
- You help your parish stay financially healthy

Please consider starting this year to use offering envelopes. Blank boxes are available on the cabinet in the main entrance of the church, or contact the parish office.

2018 Sunday Envelopes - Last Call

There are still a number of boxes of 2018 Sunday Offering Envelopes which have not been claimed. The envelopes are located on the cabinet in the back of the church. Unmarked boxes are available for first time users. Please do NOT use envelopes from previous years, as your number may have changed. After this week parishioners may pick them up at the parish office from Monday to Friday during office hours. Many thanks for your support.

St. Leo's School Silent Auction

St Leo's School is holding a birthday celebration and auction night on Feb 9th at 7:30pm at the Maple Leaf House on Lakeshore. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are \$10 each which covers entry and appetizers. You can purchase tickets by contacting cspc.stleo@tcdsb.org. All proceeds go to supporting St Leo CS.

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 rediscovers 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: March 2-4, 2018 (Four Points by Sheraton, Argentic Rd., 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.

Holy Name of Mary College School

HNMCS educates, inspires & empowers the girls of today to become the next generation of confident female leaders of character. Visit us on Saturday, February 3rd and experience the transformative power of an all-girls education at HNMCS in a distinctly Catholic school community. Talk to current students, faculty members, school administrators and parents and get a true sense of student life at Holy Mother School. For more info please visit www.hnmcs.ca or call Giselle Fernandes on 905-891-1890 extn. 103. **Open House: February 3rd from 10 am – 2 pm.**
