

Mass Intentions For The Week



Saturday Dec 1	5 pm	"Special Intentions for Michael Nagoda" (Mom & Dad) † Gabriel Coelho (The Family)
Sunday Dec 2	8:30 am	† Biagio Forte (Civita Forte & Famiglia) † Antonio Rotondo (Lidia Rotondo & Famiglia)
	10 am	† Rocco Santaluce (Vittoria Santaluce & Family) † Deceased Members of the Mallozzi Family (Antonietta Leonelli) † Elisabete De Melo (Anselmo De Melo) † Walenty Gorski (Family Member) "On the Occasion of Lydia Sherlock Birthday" (Vivian MacNeil)
	11.30 am	PRO POPULO
Monday Dec 3	8 am	"Christina Figueiredo In Thanksgiving"
Tuesday Dec 4	8 am	
Wednesday Dec 5	7 pm	† Elisabete De Melo (Anselmo De Melo)
Thursday Dec 6	8 am	
Friday Dec 7	8 am	"For the Intentions of Irene & Andrew"
Saturday Dec 8	5 pm	"Blessed Virgin Mary" (Mafalda Perri) † Domenico & Domenica Giannini, Ottavio Cicconi & Delia Diomede & Andrew Tung (The Cicconi Family)
Sunday Dec 9	8:30 am	
	10 am	† Joao De Medeiros (Maria De Medeiros) † Joanne Bertolin (Anna Maria Cerullo) † Arno Guthschmidt (Anna Maria Cerullo) † Elisabete De Melo (Anselmo De Melo) † Maria Licinia Olaya De Feo (10 am Choir)
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The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

The Special Mass and Anointing of the Sick for Senior Members of the community will take place **next**

Sunday afternoon December 9 at 3:00 pm. Anointing of the Sick is meant for baptized Catholics of all ages who seek the recovery of physical, mental, and spiritual health, those who are seriously impaired due to sickness, injury, or old age; those who are alienated from God and community because of physical or emotional disorders.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Sunday Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2019 are located at the front of the church on the south exit door. We ask that you remember your envelope number as the envelopes are filed numerically. Volunteers are on hand with an alphabetic master list just in case. New/Un-used boxes are available for parishioners interested in using Sunday Offering Envelopes. Write your name and address on the first few 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. Thank you for your continued support!



We welcome new Members to St. Leo

If you are new to this parish please introduce yourself to our Pastor Fr. Frank after Mass. We wish to welcome you and hope that you find this to be a warm and caring community. Make sure you register. Registration forms are available in the back of the church or you can use the front page of our bulletin. Registration can be completed in a few minutes.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards

The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Grace Council are selling their religious Christmas Cards at the entrance to the church after the 10 and 11:30 mass celebrations. Consider purchasing religious Christmas cards and support your Knights in fund raising activities for their charitable efforts. The Cards are \$10.00 per package.

Christmas Fruit Cakes

Limited quantities of Christmas Fruit Cakes will be available for purchase. The cakes support the Campaign Life Coalition and **must be pre-order**. There are 2 formats - regular bar cake (600gr) @ \$20.00 and deluxe cake @ \$27.00 (1kg). Please sign up for your choice of cake on the order form located on the cabinets at the main entrance of the church. Cakes will be available the second week of December.

"Advent Week of Confessions Dec 16-22"

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. Our Pastor, Father Frank will hear confessions Wednesday December 19th from 6 – 7 pm.

Sunday Missals Available

We have Sunday Missals available for a donation of \$5.00 for parishioners who would like to have their personal copy. The Missals contains all the Sunday readings for the liturgical year cycle C which begins this Sunday December 2nd. Please see a member of our social committee in the back of the church for help.

A just shoot

Judaism, like Catholicism, is a connective religion. This means that individuals do not have to carry the burden of salvation alone. We are saved by our link to others in our faith: we're all in it together. For the Jewish people this is hereditary. God promised to bless Abraham and his descendants. This explains why there are so many genealogies in the bible — Abraham was the father of Isaac, and so on. The most important family tree was that of King David. The "just" or honorable "shoot" would be part of that tree. Jeremiah predicts this and points to Jesus.



Altar Server

Boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion are welcome to become Altar Servers. St. Leo's Church needs more children, girls and boys, to serve at the altar for the Eucharist. It's simple to join. Just speak to Fr. Frank. Training takes place on the job. Parents, encourage your sons and daughters to assist with this very important ministry. Altar servers are scheduled for all Sunday Masses, and various other celebrations throughout the Church year. Adults and teens are encouraged to take part in this ministry as well as children. If you are interested, please see Father Frank or call the parish office.

Serra Vocation

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Acts of Kindness

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.

Christmas Church Bake & Floral Sale

We are happy to be hosting a bake sale in our parish and look forward to connect with our parishioners. We will have baked goods, raffle, floral, stocking stuffer, baskets, jewelry, and much more. Church basement hall - Saturday, December 15th 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and Sunday, December 16th 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Donations of home baking are needed for our Bake Sale Table. Here are the rules: "Nothing that needs to be refrigerated (no cheesecake or anything made with cream or cream cheese, no pumpkin pies or pecan or custard pies) we would love if EVERYTHING was INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED". Please try to use containers that do not need to be returned to you. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please write your name and telephone number on the volunteer sheet in the entrance of the church. Thank you!



Pre-Order your Christmas Arrangements

A variety of Christmas Planters and Poinsettia will be available at our Bake Sale. The supplier has sent photos of the planters for advance orders. If you wish to place an order, you can do so. Order forms and photos are located on the cabinets or on the table in the back of the Church.

Raffle

Raffle tickets are on sale to raffle the Icon of the Blessed Virgin with Child donated by our parishioners Joe & Mary Garwood. Also we are selling tickets for the coffee table and side table made by Bruno Vanin. The wood that Bruno used for these tables came from the old front doors of the church. The wood Honduran Mahogany is a beautiful genuine exotic wood quite scarce and on the endangered list. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00.

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!

The Season of Advent & Christmas

Welcome to Advent! The Church's calendar begins today. This is the time in our liturgical year for quiet, hope and preparation. The word "Advent" means "coming" and starts with the message: "Be ready and watch for the coming of Jesus". While the whole secular world is bent on buying-and-selling, partying, rushing around and worrying, the Church offers us a whole other way to move through this season. We go beyond the materialism of the modern world by focusing on the real meaning of the feast: God enters human existence in a totally personal way.

