



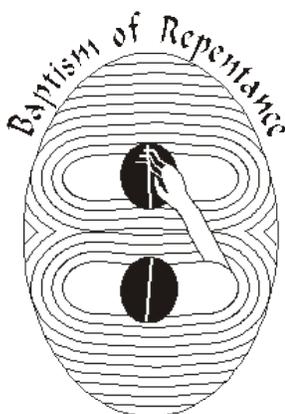
Masses For The Week

Saturday Jan 12	5 pm	† Pearl Sheehy (1st Ann. Memorial) (The Family) † Josefa Paklos (The Family)
Sunday Jan 13	8:30 am	† Vittorio Foschini (Fiorina Foschini & Famiglia)
	10 am	† Gorette Fernandes (Maria Gouveia & Family) † Stanislas Ruta (Jaroslaw Szolimicki)
	11.30 am	PRO POPULO
Monday Jan 14	8 am	† Margaret Hourihan
Tuesday Jan 15	8 am	"All Souls of Purgatory" (Barry)
Wednesday Jan 16	7 pm	
Thursday Jan 17	8 am	
Friday Jan 18	8 am	"Lino Figuerido in Thanksgiving"
Saturday Jan 19	5 pm	
Sunday Jan 20	8:30 am	† Biagio Forte (Civita Forte & Famiglia) † Giovanni & Giovannina Foschini (Fiorina Foschini & Famiglia)
	10 am	† Etelvina Da Costa (Joao Costa) † Aldo Gemma (Lucy Gemma & Family) † Anton Gornik (Son Tony) † Jan Posluszny (Michalina Posluszny)
	11:30 am	† Silvio Ciccocelli (Lina Ciccocelli & Family) "For Mary Alves & Family" (Marie Paul)

Why did Jesus ask to be baptized?

Neither John nor Jesus invented baptism. It had been practiced for centuries among the Jews as a ritual equivalent of Confession. Until the fall of the Temple in 72 A.D. it was common for Jewish people to make a spiritual cleansing in a special pool called a MIKVEH--literally a "collection of water". This was said to remove spiritual impurity and sin. Men did this weekly on the eve of the Sabbath. Women did it monthly. Converts were also expected to do it before entering Judaism. Orthodox Jews still retain the rite. John

preached that such a bath was a necessary preparation for the cataclysm that would be wrought by the coming Messiah. Jesus transformed this continual ritual into the one single, definitive act by which we begin our faith. In effect he fused his divine essence with the water and the ceremony. (Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)



Children's Program Resume 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 downstairs in 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 2019/2020 school year the week of January 14-18, 2019. Catholic schools will be open that week for students and their parents/guardians to visit the school, meet staff, and drop off registration documents. Your local Catholic school will also be offering extended registration hours during the month of January. Please drop-in to visit your local Catholic school or call the school to make an appointment to visit during regular business hours.

Thank you

To all the parishioners who generously donated socks, underwear, hats, scarves, clothing, for our "Socks for Shelters" drive; 3 industrial size bags of men's, taken to the Good Shepherd, 1 Industrial size bag of women's & children's taken to Canadian Food For Children (recommended by Good Shepherd). All donations probably close to 100 kg. Total. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

50+ Social Ministry

The 50 + Open House Program will begin again on Tuesday January 15th. 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.

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.



Take care

If you are elderly and living alone, it is always helpful to have a friend who you can call on a daily basis to let them know you are well; ask a friend to call you if he/she doesn't hear from you. Also, check into safety alerts available on the market that are very helpful.

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.



Remember the Poor Box

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society is always on duty. Volunteers field calls from individuals and families in need within our parish boundaries. They respond with home visits, grocery assistance and love. Please remember the Poor Box on your way out of church.

Care for the Sick

Visitation and/or Communion for the sick is available upon request. 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 and please remember to keep in your prayers the sick in our community.

Serra Vocation

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. 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

Offering of Tabernacle Lamp for the Month of
January is reserved for:

In Loving Memory

"Marco G. Celis"

4th Anniversary Memorial &

Birthday Remembrance

By wife: Shirley Hernando

Romano Guardini's "Signs"



The Paten

One morning I had climbed a high hill and was turning around to go back. Below me, in the early light, ringed around with the silent hills, lay the lake, crystal clear. Great green trees bordered it with their nobly-sweeping boughs. The sky was high and spacious. The whole scene was so fresh, so clear, that a feeling of joy took possession of me. It was as if invisible noiseless fountains were shooting up into the bright, far, distance.

Then I came to understand how a man, whose heart is overflowing, may stand with uplifted face, and hands outspread like the shallow dish of the paten, and offer up to the Infinite Goodness, to the Father of lights, to God, who is love, the world around him and within him, the silent world brimming over with life and light, and how it would seem to him that that world, lifted up on the paten of his open hands, would be clean and holy.

Thus did Christ once stand on the spiritual mount and offer up to his Father the holocaust of his love and his life's breath. On a lower eminence of that same mountain, on the foothill of Mount Moriah, Abraham performed his sacrifice. And in the same spot before this the King and Priest Melchisidech had made expiation. In the self-same place, in the first age of the world, Abel's simple offering rose straight up to heaven.

That spiritual mountain still rises, and the hand of God is still stretched out above, and the gift mounts up every time a priest--not in his own person, since he is merely the instrument, of no value in itself,--stands at the altar and raises in his outspread hands the paten with the white bread on it. "Receive, O Holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, this spotless victim, which I, thine unworthy servant, offer to thee, O God, living and true, for all my countless sins and negligence's, and for all those here present...that it may avail for my and their salvation into life everlasting."
