



## Masses For The Week

<b>Saturday Jan 5</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	† <b>Elda &amp; Paul Parteno</b> (The Family) † <b>Pat Chisholm</b> (Joan & Family)
<b>Sunday Jan 6</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	† <b>Biagio Forte</b> (Civita Forte & Famiglia)
	<b>10 am</b>	† <b>Emiliano Hernandez</b> (Lydia & Family) † <b>Daniel Gouveia</b> (Maria & Family)
	<b>11.30 am</b>	† <b>Gary Thomas</b> (Brenda Lacroix)
<b>Monday Jan 7</b>	<b>8 am</b>	
<b>Tuesday Jan 8</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
<b>Wednesday Jan 9</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	
<b>Thursday Jan 10</b>	<b>8 am</b>	
<b>Friday Jan 11</b>	<b>8 am</b>	
<b>Saturday Jan 12</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	† <b>Pearl Sheehy</b> (1st Ann. Memorial) (The Family)
<b>Sunday Jan 13</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	
	<b>10 am</b>	† <b>Gorette Fernandes</b> (Maria Gouveia & Family)
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>PRO POPULO</b>

### The Magi or Wiseman

In ancient Iran--also known as Persia--a priest was called a "magus." The plural is "magi". The word "magic" comes from the same root. Magi were experts in astronomy. This was useful in determining the calendar and the end of winter and the spring planting season. They believed that stars and other celestial objects actually influenced, rather than merely coincided with, earthly events. One, or possibly a series of omens, led them to believe

that a royal prince had been born in Israel. They were sent as ambassadors to provide tribute to the newborn. The bible does not say how many Magi visited. It is assumed that there were three because of the number of gifts. (Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)



### Holyday Thanks!!

We thank all those who made our Christmas Celebrations a welcoming and wonderful experience. Thank you to all our volunteers who throughout the year with their continued service contribute greatly to the growth of our parish.



Ministers of Communion, Readers, Ushers, Custodians and Altar Servers, Choir Groups, the Altar Society ladies that prepare and keep the altar and the linen clean every week. Thanks to the parishioners of the 8:30 mass for the donation of \$100.00 for the Christmas flowers. Special thanks to all our parishioners for making these joyous days a special blessing for the entire community with your presence, prayers and support. May God Bless you!

### Serra Vocation

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### Baptism at St. Leo

The Baptism of a child is an important event. Parents must be registered members of St. Leo's Parish to begin the process. Attendance at Sunday Mass is a basic requirement. We invite newly registered families to join us at Mass for several months before making any Baptism plans. Instructions are mandatory for parents and godparents. Please call or visit the parish office for more information and a baptismal package.

### Please note:

Your 2019 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.



### 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. Don't forget to register. Registrations forms are available on the front page of our weekly bulletin. Or you can call the Parish office during business hours @ 416-251-1109.

### **Flu Season**

Flu season is out and it's here. Common sense tells us to stay home from Mass if we have symptoms of the flu. Hands should be washed frequently and thoroughly. Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your sleeve. At the "Sign of Peace" let's exchange a gracious bow or a verbal greeting.



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### **Place an Announcement in the Bulletin**

If you would like to place an announcement in our church bulletin, please call the parish office and make your request no later than the Tuesday of the week that the announcement should run. If you wish you may also e-mail your request to [st.leo.etobicoke@rogers.com](mailto:st.leo.etobicoke@rogers.com) all announcements are subject to approval and space availability. Bulletin announcements may run for a maximum of three consecutive weeks.

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### **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".***

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### **Altar Servers**

Boys and girls who have made their First Communion are welcome to become Altar Servers. It's simple to join. Just speak to Fr. Frank. Training takes place on the job. Parents, please encourage your sons and daughters to assist with this very important ministry. Any child that has received their 1st communion is welcome to serve at the Altar. 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 call the parish office.

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### **Signs of the Spiritual**

In sickness we need reminders of the spiritual world. Catholic tradition has always recommended visual signs like holy water (a reminder of baptism), a crucifix, the rosary, and blessed pictures to keep our minds and senses aware of God's presence. Nor should we neglect any sign of beauty that will lift up our hearts when they are heavy. A flower, a plant, a card of greeting, music that we love can raise our spirits and give our bodies strength. In illness we need an environment of hope. The parish community supports and prays for all who are sick, whether they are at home, hospitalized or in a nursing home.

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### **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.

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### **Sanctuary Lamp**

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

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The 50+ Open House Program resumes Tuesday January 15<sup>th</sup>. It is part of the social activities at St. Leo's Parish.



You are welcome to join this friendly group every Tuesday morning from 8:30 am until 11:00 am in the basement of the Church.