

Mass Intentions  for the week		
Saturday Mar 23	5 pm	† Joe & Tony Galardo (Carmela Galardo)
Sunday Mar 24	8:30 am	† Donato, Concetta & Giuseppe Zita (Lucia Zita)
	10 am	† Aldo Gemma (Lucy Gemma & Family) † Mario Raposo (Wife Karen Raposo) † Isabelo P. Bergado Jr. (Abel Magsila & Family) † Stanley Bugajski (The Surman Family)
	11.30 am	PRO POPULO
Monday Mar 25	8 am	“Special Intentions for Christina Figueiredo ” (Mrs. Martins)
Tuesday Mar 26	8 am	† Mary & Xavier
Wednesday Mar 27	7 pm	
Thursday Mar 28	8 am	
Friday Mar 29	8 am	
Saturday Mar 30	5 pm	“On the Occasion of Edda Spada 90th Birthday ” (The Spada Family) † Mary Kudlak (The Family) † Maria Gouveia & Gabriella Gouveia (Maria Gouveia)
Sunday Mar 31	8:30 am	“In Onore al Bambino Gesù”
	10 am	† Rocco Santaluce (Vittoria Santaluce & Family) † Ana Gornik (Son Tony)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO

The Galileans who suffered

There was a common belief in the Old Testament that all suffering and death was caused by sin. The worse the sin, the worse the disaster. Jesus rejected this idea. He cites two recent events in Jerusalem. There were two groups who died, but had directly opposite beliefs. The first group were revolutionaries from Galilee. They started a rebellion against the Romans. They were slaughtered in front of the Temple. Their own blood mixed with their sacrifices. The second group were collaborators with the Romans. They were helping to build a Roman aqueduct to bring water to the pool of Siloam in Jerusalem. The tower they were constructing collapsed and killed them. Jesus notes that both groups were sincere in their belief that they were doing right. They did not die because of any sin. God wants people to live and bear the fruit of love. (Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip Art)



Healing Celebration & Sacrament of Anointing Sunday April 7th @ 3:00 pm

The community offers prayers for Catholics of all ages who seek recovery from a chronic illness, mental or emotional illness, the infirmity of old age, impending surgery, a condition of permanent or temporary disability, and diagnosis of serious ill health. It calls upon the power of the Holy Spirit and carries the promise of the strengthening presence of God who says to the sick, "Be not afraid. I am with you".



Lenten day of Confessions

Please be reminded that the Day of Confessions for Lent will be held during the week of March 31- April 6, 2019 in over 220 Parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto at different times throughout that week. There are great benefits from celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Whether it's been weeks or months since your last Confession this is an opportunity for all Catholics to return to the Lord with honesty and integrity. Fr. Frank will hear confessions in our church on Wednesday April 3rd from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. You may visit www.archtoronto.org/confession for date and time at other parishes.

New Beginnings

New Beginnings, is a ministry dedicated to assisting those who have suffered a loss through death. If you are struggling... you don't have to do this alone. Together... we explore our grief, experience healing and renew our faith. Transfiguration of Our Lord Bereavement – Support Group Start Date: Thursday April 4, 2019 Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. For more information and to register, please contact: Arcangelo Limanni – Program Promoter alimanni@cfstoronto.com (416) 921-1163 ext. 2225

PAG Giving

Parishioners have the option to give their offertory via the Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) program. With PAG, your offering is deducted automatically by direct debit from your bank account. PAG allows you to support your parish when you are away. Most importantly, you are in control. You can increase or decrease your amount or withdraw from the PAG plan simply by dropping a signed note in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. If you want to sign up for the program, Registration forms and envelopes are available on the cabinets in the back of the church; simply fill in the form, attach a void cheque and submit it to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket. Should you have questions, do not hesitate to call the parish office anytime. Thank you for your support!

Stations of the Cross

During the Lenten Season, Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday @ 7:00 pm; this is an invitation for everyone to pick up our cross and journey in faith with Jesus this Lent.

First ShareLife Sunday – Mar 30/31 2019

You're Needed More Than Ever

By supporting ShareLife, you bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Your contribution to ShareLife supports over 40 agencies in our community and around the world, serving all regardless of religious affiliation. Over the next week, reflect on your ability to help through Catholic agencies, and make a decision to support our ShareLife parish campaign. Next Sunday, March 30/31 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.



Family of Faith 2018 Tax Receipts

The Family of Faith Campaign has now sent 2018 tax receipts to all donors. Most gifts to the campaign have been in the form of pledges, payable over five years. Charitable Tax Receipts were issued for the value of gift amounts received in 2018. If you did not receive your family of Faith campaign tax receipt, please contact the campaign's Donation Processing Centre directly at campaign@archtoronto.org Or 416-934-3400 X 622.

From the Parish Secretary:

The Parishioners that is currently using envelope number 141 please contact the parish office @ 416-251-1109 and speak with the parish secretary. We have no name attached with this number.

Serra Vocation

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. 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

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 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 HNMCS. For more information go to www.hnmcs.ca or call Giselle Fernandes at 905-891-1890, ext. 103. Open House: April 13th from 10 am – 2 pm.

The Meaning of Lent

During the forty days of Lent the Church calls us to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Prayer: spend time every day talking with Jesus and meditating on his Word. Fasting: strengthen your self-discipline by denying yourself. Almsgiving: Enter into the mystery of Christ's self-giving by donating seriously to the poor and needy.



For safety sake

If you are elderly and living alone, it is always helpful to have a friend who you will call each day, and if the friend doesn't hear from you, ask them to call to check on you. Also, check into safety alerts available in the market that are very helpful.

Communion Fast still holds

Holy Communion is Jesus! The Church still requires that Catholics prepare to receive him by fasting ONE FULL HOUR. This fast includes all food and beverages. Let's think about it! Communion with Jesus is serious business.

First Communion and Confirmation @ St. Leo

First communion for the children of St. Leo & St. Louis Catholic Schools will be Sunday May 5th 2019 @ 4:00 pm. Confirmation for St. Leo & St. Louis Schools will be Sunday April 28th 2019 @ 4:00 pm. Please note that all parents/guardians must register their child at the Parish Office in order to request any Sacraments for their child. Registration must be done in person anytime during office hours. The parish office is offering extended registration hours on Monday March 25th & Tuesday March 26th. The parish office will remain open until 7 pm on both evenings.

Treasures from our tradition

Fasting may be a priority in your Lenten spring cleaning regimen. Almost every religious tradition recognizes that fasting is a key to heightened spiritual awareness. You know this from your own experience. When you are engaged in a hobby, painting a room, keeping vigil near a delivery room, or standing watch at a sickbed, you may simply forget to eat. What you are doing so fill you that the intensity of the action is itself nourishing. In fasting from food or drink, or habitual behaviors you make room for what is truly important. Even though Lenten Sundays stand apart from the Lenten fast, you will notice traces of fasting in our liturgy. We fast from singing the Gloria and Alleluia, we fast from flowers bedecking the altar. This hints that fasting is a prelude of feasting, and the vigor of our Easter alleluias is rich fare after a long silence. In the same way, even a small fast-no cream in the coffee, no pepper in the soup, no radio in the car-not only point to deeper hungers, but help us rejoice more fully in the feast when we break our fast together. – Rev. James Field, Copyright J.S.Paluch Co.

