

		
Saturday Mar 2	5 pm	† Marion Martin (The Martin Family)
Sunday Mar 3	8:30 am	† Biagio Forte (Civita Forte & Famiglia)
	10 am	† Rocco Santaluce (Vittoria Santaluce & Family) † Deceased Members of the Pocino Family (Agostino & Vittoria Pocino)
	11.30 am	PRO POPULO
Monday Mar 4	8 am	"Priest's Intention"
Tuesday Mar 5	8 am	"Special Intentions for Irene & Andrew"
Ash Wednesday Mar 6	7 pm	† Joe Lo Giudice (The Family)
Thursday Mar 7	8 am	† Katerina & Anatoliy (Daughter Irene)
Friday Mar 8	8 am	
Saturday Mar 9	5 pm	
Sunday Mar 10	8:30 am	
	10 am	"On the Occasion of Elisa Reyes 102 Birthday" (The Family)
	11:30 am	† Genoweffa Kudlaciak (Daughter Mary Cutrara)

Tested by tribulation

The Book of Sirach is a collection of lessons from an old religion teacher. It offers practical advice on a variety of topics--sort of a "Life Instruction Manual". Today's reading is a parallel to Jesus'

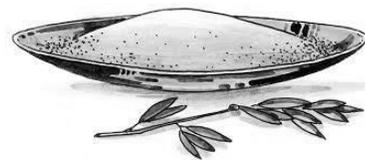
advice in the Gospel: "From the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaks." The author says that it is impossible to know a person's true character without seeing how that person reacts under stress. He compares it to the situation of a pottery maker who cannot be certain of the outcome of a clay object until it is fired in an oven.

(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip Art)



Lent Begins!

This coming Wednesday March 6th it's Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the Lenten season. All over the world Catholics will be praying and fasting for their own sins and for their conversion. Ashes will be blessed and distributed in Church in the morning from 8:00 – 9:00 am: there will be **NO** liturgy of the Mass in the morning. Fr. Frank will distribute ashes at St. Leo School at 9:30 am and Fr. George will celebrate the Eucharist at St. Louis school at 1:00 pm. Parishioners are welcome. **MASS will be celebrated @ 7:00 pm** with the imposition of ashes immediately following the Wednesday Devotion Novena which will commence at 6:45 pm.



Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

The Meaning of Lent

Each year, Lent offers us a providential opportunity to deepen the meaning and value of our Christian lives, the time of the year where we dedicate ourselves to prayer, fasting and almsgiving, a time when we are stimulated to rediscover the mercy of God; a time of preparation and repentance prior to the celebration of Easter, a time to focus on charitable deeds, by helping those in need.

Stations of the Cross

During the Lenten season Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday beginning March 8th @ 7:00 pm. The community gathers in church and Fr. Frank or Deacon Alan leads the service. The format for each of the stations is a scripture reading (read by the priest or one of the lectors), followed by a reflection (read by another of the lectors and/or the priest) and then a communal prayer. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Parish groups and Parishioners are asked to participate.



Serra Vocation

"In the Lord your labour is not in vain". Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. If 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

March 3, 2019

Tenebrae Service

Sunday March 10th 2019 @ 3 pm

MOSAIC Canadian Vocal Ensemble with members of the St. Michael's Choir School alumni will be here at St. Leo's Church to sing the profound Holy Week responsories composed by Msgr. J. E. Ronan. This Tenebrae service is in advance of their Holy Land tour. The choir will have the privilege of singing a Tenebrae service at the Church of All Nations at Gethsemane/Mount of Olives as part of their Holy Land tour starting March 12. For more information, phone/text Gordon Mansell: 416-571-3680 or email: gdmansell@sympatico.ca



Parishioner using envelope #141 please contact the parish office to enable us to credit your donations accurately for tax purposes. Thank you.

Parish Registration

Parish Registration is for those who are new to the parish and for those who have not yet gotten around to registering. While everyone who lives in the parish boundaries is automatically a parishioner of the parish, nevertheless, we invite you to consider registering for a number of reasons. Firstly, in times of emergency, like a death in the family or illness or someone taking sick at Church, it can happen that we have no contact information for a person. Secondly, if you live outside the parish, then one must register in order to establish that you indeed are a parishioner. Thirdly, for certain services like reference letters, without registration, we cannot provide such. Registration is also helpful for the church when it comes to planning and as a way for you to let the parish know how you can share your gifts at the service of God and His people. Therefore, please register by using the front page of our weekly bulletin.

Thank you! Many thanks to Mike Cerullo for donating \$315.00 to our Renovation Fund. The money was raised from the last week trip to Fallsview Casino. Thank you Mike for organizing these activities and for your continuing support. Your help is very much appreciated.

Missal Prayer Book

We still have a few copies of the new prayer book "St. Joseph's Sunday Missal" for the 2019 season available. The cost of the Sunday Missal is \$5.00. Please ask one of our social committee volunteers. They will be happy to help.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of March

Is sponsored by the Spada Family

In loving memory of:

"Enzo Spada"

On the thirtieth year anniversary of his passing.



Thank you for the donation

We are happy to inform our parishioners that the parish has purchased new vestments in green, purple and red for daily and Sunday use. A gift from the Filipino Community and Shirley Hernando-Celis.

Parishioners Feedback Needed

It has been suggested that the parish should do a new Pictorial Directory in recognition of a special occasion since 2019 marks St. Leo's Parish 110 Anniversary. The suggested frequency for church pictorial directory is every 10 years. Our last pictorial directory was done in 2009. The directory is an excellent reference for helping families to get to know one another; it is similar to a high school yearbook. However in order to proceed with this project we must have a fair number of parishioners interested and committed to the program. The program is free, you will receive a free directory and a free portrait; there is a charge for any additional portrait. For the next few weeks we will offer sign up forms in the back of the church for parishioners who are interested in participating on this new project. Your advice is needed.

Come & See Weekend

Come and See Weekend – Friday, March 15 (begins at 7:00 p.m.) to Sunday, March 17 (ends at 1:30 p.m.), at St. Augustine's Seminary: Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. For more information, please contact (the Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Voices Needed!

We are looking for new members to join us! The Filipino choir at the 11:30 am Mass every other Sunday is looking for new supporters. If you like to sing, we would love for you to join our choir! If you are interested please call Flor Dandal at 416-251-4719. Hope to see you soon!

