

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Sat Dec 21	5 pm	† Josie Brifoglio (Adrie) † Edda Spada (Daughter Iris)
Sun Dec 22	8:30	† Giulia & Amedeo Perri (Mafalda Perri)
	10 am	† Aldo Gemma (Lucy Gemma & Family) † Bruno Pozzobon & Mike March (The Family) † Mary Elizabeth Wade (Gerry & Louise Boutet) † Jack Innes (Celerina Querijero) "On the Occasion of Christina Celis 15th Birthday (Lola, Mom & Dad)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO
Mon Dec 23	8 am	† Marco G. Celis (Shirley & Family)
Tue Christmas Eve	5 pm	† For the Parents of: Robert & Patricia Nagoda
	7:30 pm	† Walenty & Jadwiga Gorski (Family Member) † Helen Sikora (Family Member)
Wed Christmas Day	8:30 am	† Biagio Forte (Civita Forte & Famiglia) † Corrado Brutto (Mafalda Perri)
	10 am	† Maria & Pietro Cerullo (The Family) † Omosede Eribo (Paul & Yemi)
	11:30 am	† Teresa Scioni & Vittorio Laconi (The Family)
Thu Dec 26	8 am	"Priest's Intentions"
Fri Dec 27	8 am	† Remo Romolo (Mafalda Perri)
Sat Dec 28	5 pm	† Margrit Colonello (Nick Colonello) † John, Mary & Gerard Bolen (Jane)
Sun Dec 29	8:30 am	"In Onore al Bambino Gesù"
	10 am	† Silvio Ciccocelli (Lina Ciccocelli & Family) † Jack Innes (Jean Lipiec) † Frederick, Evelyn & Karen Haslan (The Family) † David Earle Varty (Tony & Cathy Dodds)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO
Mon Dec 30	8 am	
Tue Dec 31	5 pm	† Walenty & Jadwiga Gorski (Family Member)

Merry Christmas

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE AND WISHES FROM
FR. FRANK

"I wish all the parishioners of St. Leo's Church a most Blessed and Merry Christmas and a prosperous and health-filled New Year".

Christmas is a special time for the worship of God and the care of the family. The two go very much together for the sincere Catholic Christian. If you understand the hearts of your children, how much they desire joy from you, their parents and grandparents, and if you realize that true joy only comes from the presence of God, who is Love, then you know that your worship of God in Spirit and in Truth is the only way to bring our children lasting peace and joy. God made the hearts of children to desire joy from us, and truth in the heart tell us that without God we cannot fulfill this need that He created in them to bring them his joy.

Our celebration of Christ's first coming and our expectation of his second advent is time to renew joy and peace in the family, so that God's saving grace in Christ can work through the Catholic parent. God sent His Son to guarantee that we would have His joy. For so great a gift, God is to be praised, adored, loved and thanked most of all at Christmas. This is our Christmas worship. The peace and joy that comes to us through Christ is the only foretaste of heaven we have on earth. Our children need that foretaste of heaven so that they may have hope. The power of love in the family gives children that foretaste and hope. Without hope, our children will not know how to bear their sufferings and we leave them ill equipped for life.

Let every parent and grandparent and guardian take fully and consciously upon the self the task and the privilege of making the feast of Christmas in the family a special time of joy for the children. Begin with the sincere worship of God in Christ at the Eucharist. The child born in Bethlehem, God's greatest gift is the pledge of joy and peace on earth, our source of eternal hope. For having Him, let us at Christmas praise, adore, love and thank God the Father in worship by Holy Spirit.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Schedule

Tuesday December 24th

(Christmas Eve)

5:00 pm (Christmas Children's Liturgy)

(Carol Concert @ 4:30)

7:30 pm (Christmas Eve Mass)

(Carols @ 7:00 pm)

Wednesday December 25th

Christmas Day

Regular Sunday Schedule

8:30 am Italian

10:00 & 11:30 am English

Sunday December 29th

Regular Sunday Schedule

Tuesday December 31st New Year's Eve

5:00 pm only (No 8:00 am Mass)

Wednesday January 1st 2020

11 am Only

Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection

A second collection will be taken up at all masses this weekend December 21st and 22nd to assist St Leo's St Vincent de Paul with their Christmas program. It is anticipated that over 60 households from our community will be requesting help over the holidays. Your generosity is appreciated to make sure that all of our neighbors can celebrate Christmas. Thank you!

New Season - New Prayer Book

The new prayer book "St. Joseph's Sunday Missal" for the 2019/2020 season is now on sale. The cost of the Sunday Missal is the same as last year \$5.00. For a personal copy please see members of our social committee in the back of the church.

The Tabernacle Flowers are offered:

In Loving Memory

"Marco G. Celis"

Anniversary Memorial &

Birthday Remembrance

By wife: Shirley Hernando & Family

Many Thanks to All

If you volunteered your time, donated baked goods, made a donation, bought floral or baked good, helped with the set up or the clean-up... **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!** We had a remarkable event! Thank you to the efforts of our raffle team, Sophia, Rosanna & Gloria for taking care of the raffle; making and donating the most adorable Gingerbread House, donating the wine and all the lottery tickets to make the raffle complete. We had wonderful Baked Goods, thanks to our parishioners, we can always count on you. Super Delicious Spring Rolls, thank you Ben & Juliet. Many thanks to Mario at No Frills for the donation of baskets. Lynnore Moreno for lobbying donations for the silent auction and Olivia Morris for donating the gold ring. We thank so many more parishioners that contributed with gifts, baked items and donations. Thanks to Sam Piscione for taking care of the signs, Bruno Vanin exceptional carpenter with a solution to every problem, and for making the mangers. Wendy Chreptak and Mike Cerullo who do so much for our Parish and are always around to help. To our volunteers and committee members' a very special **THANK YOU** for the amount of work and your generous donations, everyone was truly great. Merry Christmas to all and God bless YOU! Gifts, Raffle, Baked Goods, and so much more, we raised a profit of \$4192.00.



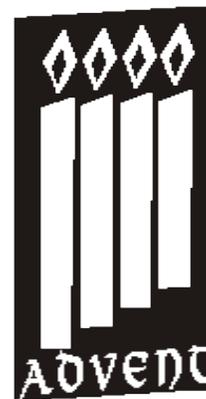
Serra Vocation

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Advent Season

Christmas is almost here! The fourth candle in our Advent wreath is lit, time is running short. Our time of preparation is coming to an end. It is a time to relax, reflect, and savor the moment of the season. It is a time to enjoy family and friends. It is a time to share gifts of love. It is the one day of the year when "peace on earth, good will to all people" can seem to be a reality, a time when we dare to hope in a different world because God's Light is here on earth and it shines upon us. Let's prepare gracefully to the



Nativity of our Lord; let's try to find the time for prayer and let's approach the sacrament of reconciliation without rushing. Let us not unnecessarily waste money, insulting the poor and their misery! Let us try to find time for others, a gesture, a word, a visit to those who, in these days of celebration, will experience stronger suffering and loneliness.