

Mass Intentions

Sat Dec 7	5 pm	† Agostino Pocino (Vittoria Pocino & Family) † Enzo Spada (The Purdy & Spada Family)
Sun Dec 8	8:30	“In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary ” (Mafalda Perri)
	10 am	† Giovanna Ciuffo (Franceschini Family) † Eleanor Edith Robertson (Tony & Cathy Dodds) † Jason Gerald Sherlock (The Molto Family) † Jack Innes (Ursula Kovacevic) † Aristides Tavares (The Family) † Peter & Ben Boun-Nahra (Marie Estephan)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO
	3 pm	“In Thanksgiving for Fr. Frank, Fr. George, Fr. Ralph & Deacon Alan ” (Agnes Martinez)
Mon Dec 9	8 am	† Sam & Jean Martini (Mafalda Perri)
Tue Dec 10	8 am	† Jack Innes (50 + Ministry)
Wed Dec 11	7 pm	† Ralph & Annie Martino (Mafalda Perri)
Thu Dec 12	8 am	“For the Figuerido Family in Thanksgiving” (Friends) “On the Occasion of Marian Stoute Birthday ” (Carmen Newton)
Fri Dec 13	8 am	† Amedeo & Giulia Perri (Mafalda Perri) † Vincenzo Spano (Maria Calla) † Aristides Tavares (Daughter Adelinda)
Sat Dec 14	5 pm	† Enzo Spada (Mem. Anniversary) (The Family) † Cloe Rosatelli (The Family)
Sun Dec 15	8:30 am	† Biagio Forte (Civita Forte & Famiglia)
	10 am	† Joanne Bertolin (Anna Maria Cerullo) † Arno Guthschmidt (Anna Maria Cerullo) † Deceased Members of the Mallozzi Family (Nicoletta Leonelli & Family) † Mary Elizabeth Wade (Joanne Boutet) † Jack Innes (Tony & Cathy Dodds) † Aristides Tavares (The Family)
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Bake & Floral Sale Sat. Dec. 14 & Sun. Dec. 15 Please donate baked goods!

Baking contributions will be gladly accepted for our bake sale. Big sellers are: Shortbread, coffee cakes, pies, cupcakes and cookies. Nothing that needs to be refrigerated (no cheesecake or anything made with cream or cream cheese, no pumpkin pies or pecan or custard pies). Please label, wrap or bag your items for sale. Also accepted are homemade jams, jellies and monetary donations. This year the social committee is fundraising to buy an Automated External Defibrillator for our church in case of emergencies, and also we will contribute to repair the statue of the Blessed Virgin of the outside garden that was recently vandalized. Kindly bring in your donation Friday Dec. 13 anytime between 1 – 6 pm, use Stanley Ave. entrance. Please write your name and telephone number on the write-up sheet in the entrance of the church. **Thank you for your help!**



Pre-Order your Christmas Arrangements

A variety of Christmas Planters and Poinsettia are going to be available at our Bake Sale. The supplier has sent photos of the planters for advance orders. If you wish to place an order, you can do so. Order forms and photos are located on the cabinets in the back of the church.

Christmas Concert at St. Leo's

Tue. Dec. 17, 7:30 pm, MOSAIC Canadian Vocal Ensemble with members of St. Michael's Choir School Alumni return to St. Leo's to perform in Yonder Stall, a concert of Christmas sacred music. They will be accompanied by virtuosic instrumentalists; The Odin Quartet, Michael Barth (Trumpet), Donna Kiousis (Flute) and Dan Murphy (Timpani). Repertoire will also include seasonal carols for all to sing. Free-will offering gratefully accepted. For more information, call/text: 416-571-3680 or email: gdmansell@sympatico.ca

Advent week of Confessions Dec 15-21

Most parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto are providing special opportunities for people to receive this sacrament during Advent in the “Archdiocesan Day of Confessions” by hosting individual reconciliation services. In our parish, Father Frank will hear confessions Wednesday December 18th from 6 – 7 pm.

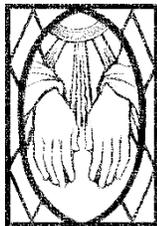
Sunday Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2020 are located at the front of the church on the south exit door. We ask that you remember your envelopes number as the envelopes are filed numerically. An alphabetic master list is available just in case. New/Un-used boxes are available for parishioners' interested in using Sunday Offering Envelopes. For those parishioners who have not made a formal contact with the parish over the past year, envelopes have been cancelled. This process allows us to tidy up our computer listings and frees unused boxes of envelopes. Thank you for your support.

Mass of the Anointing of the Sick

This Sunday December 8th 3:00 pm

The special Mass and the Sacrament will be celebrated in our parish community this Sunday and extended to everyone who is struggling with difficulties. We will offer prayers for the community and for Catholics of all ages who seek recovery of physical, mental and spiritual help.



Socks for Shelters

We will be collecting socks, underwear, etc. at the entrance to the church for distribution to the Good Shepherd (men's) and Canadian "Food for Children" (women's & children's). Please donate early so that they can be delivered before the cold sets in. Your generous response in the past few years has been wonderful and greatly appreciated.

Serra Vocation

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If God is calling you, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

In Loving Memory

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of December is dedicated to:

*"In Loving Memory of: Marcos G. Celis"
Offered by wife Shirley & Family"*

We wish to thank all our Sanctuary Lamp Sponsors for the donations throughout the year that keep the flame alive reminding us of the "Eternal and everlasting Light"



*"Hail Mary, Full of Grace
The Lord is with thee:
Blessed art thou
Amongst women,
And blessed is the fruit
Of thy womb, Jesus"*

*On the feast of the Immaculate Conception
Here's wishing you a blessed day!*

It is too little

This week's scriptures are meant to be a link between the Baptism of Jesus and the rest of the Church year. They provide sort of a follow-up and meditation on Christ's ritual washing by John. Last week we read part of the Servant Songs from Isaiah. These describe a mysterious person who serves God through his pain. Today's selection adds the concept that the Servant's mission is not just to the Jewish people, but for all nations. As much as God loves his Chosen People, this love is only complete when it reaches all people. *(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)*



EnCourage Toronto

Do you or does a loved one experience same-sex attractions? **Courage & EnCourage** provide spiritual support and pastoral guidance in full accordance with authentic Catholic teaching on homosexuality and chastity. For more information on our meeting and events: **EnCourage:** Spiritual support for family and friends of those who experience same-sex attraction; faithful to Church teaching on chastity. Chaplain: Fr. Eric Rodrigues

P: 416-928-5094 email: encouragetoronto@yahoo.com

Courage: Spiritual support for adults who experience same-sex attraction and who desire to develop a life of interior chastity in union with Christ. Chaplain: Fr. Kevin Belgrage

P: 416-928-5094 email: couragetoronto@yahoo.ca

All inquiries are kept confidential.

Prepare a Home

Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, anticipation, preparation and longing. Advent is a natural time to get involved at home and directly connect with worship at church. In the church each Sunday during Advent the focus is leading to the birth of Jesus. Some families decorate the house for the beginning of Advent, or bake special cookies or treats, or simply begin to use table coverings for meals. All of these provide opportunities to teach children the significance of this sacred time, and to remind ourselves of it as well. We live in a world in which bigger and better define our expectations for much of life. We have become so infatuated by super-size, super stars, and high definition that we tend to view life through a lens that so magnifies what we expect out of the world that we tend not to see potential in small things.



Prayers book/Sunday Missals are on sale @ \$5.00 each