

		
Sat Jan 11	5 pm	† Pearl Sheehy (Maureen Mikocic) Frances, Vince & Family (Marie Paul)
Sun Jan 12	8:30 am	† Vittorio Foschini (Fiorina Foschini)
	10 am	† Jack Innes (Adele Blady) † Alexander Barringer (Tony & Cathy Dodds) † Sandra Oh & Emanuele Silla (The Family) † Jan Posluzny (Michelle Posluzny)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO
Mon Jan 13	8 am	† Joe Turino (Dina Turino)
Tue Jan 14	8 am	
Wed Jan 15	7 pm	
Thu Jan 16	8 am	"Priest's Intention"
Fri Jan 17	8 am	† Vicky Browne-Kovacevic (Birthday Memorial) (Mom Ursula Kovacevic)
Sat Jan 18	5 pm	† Edda Spada (Adele Blady) "For the Family of Frank Znidarec" (Martin & Helen Znidarec)
Sun Jan 19	8:30 am	† Biagio Forte (Civita Forte & Famiglia) † Giovannina Foschino (Gina Rossi)
	10 am	† Jack Innes (Ben & Juliet Taguinod) † Etelvina Da Costa (Joao Costa & Family) † Anton Gorski (Son Tony Gorski) † Teddy Djajasaputra (Yanita)
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Taking Baptism Seriously

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus who begins his ministry amongst us with the words of the Father saying "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased!" Listening to Jesus and following him will help us to fulfill the vocation we received at baptism. Taking baptism seriously will enrich and enhance life, it changes the direction of one's life, and it offers a gift. Let us pray as we celebrate the feast of Jesus' baptism for the hope and the renewal of our own baptismal promises. As we do so we pray for those who not fully appreciate the gift of baptism. *(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip Art)*



Children's Program Resume this Sunday

St. Leo's Parish is blessed with children's Sunday school. Children from 3 years of age to Grade 3 are invited to participate at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday mornings. They go downstairs in the parish hall for a Liturgy of the Word geared to their age and attention span and then return to their parents at the Offertory. Welcome back everyone!



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. Parents should contact the parish office for more information about the Baptismal Preparation process.

Blessing for Expectant Mothers

Expectant mothers who are carrying God's precious gifts have a special rite of blessing that they can receive before they give birth, a meaningful blessing ceremony to mark the occasion and acknowledge what is going on in your life. If you are an expectant mother and you wish to receive a special blessing, please call Fr. Frank or the rectory to arrange a time.

Socks for Shelters Drive

The "Socks for Shelters" drive was extremely successful. Although we had confidence and know of your kindness, you still managed to surprise us with your great generosity. Approximately 200 pounds (6 large bags) of socks, underwear and valuable winter clothing were delivered to the Good Shepherd Centre and to the Canadian Food for Children. Thank you and God bless you!

New to the Parish

If you are new to St. Leo's Parish we welcome you to our family. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Frank after Mass. Make sure you register and pick up a box of weekly envelopes; if you are interested you may join any of our ministry.

Kindergarten Registration

The Toronto Catholic District School Board welcomes families with kindergarten-aged children to register for the September 2020/2021 school year. Children born in 2016 are eligible to register and attend St. Leo's Catholic school or St. Louis Catholic school. Parents/guardians have the option to register online or in-person at their designated Catholic school. Registrations begin in January 15th 2020. Parents are encouraged to apply early. Please check with your local schools for specific details.

Thank you

We want to say "Thank you" to our Parishioners for your continuing devotion and commitment to the life of our parish. Thank you for the time, energy and talents you give so freely as well as for your financial support. Without such generous giving our church could not survive let alone develop and grow. We know that many of you find it inspiring, rewarding and enjoyable to be a part of our church community, and we thank God for your faith, love and service. God Bless you all!



Mass Intentions

The Catholic community traditionally offers Masses for those who have died and for other special intentions. You may book a Mass by visiting or calling the parish office, Monday to Friday, during office hours. Announced Masses are listed in the weekly bulletin and mentioned at Mass. The stipend is \$20 per Mass. Unannounced Masses are celebrated without public mention when possible. The stipend is \$10 per Mass.

What to do with religious objects that are no longer usable

If they are blessed by a priest or deacon:

- They are to be burned and the ashes put into earthen soil. If they cannot be burned, they are to be buried.
- If they cannot be buried or burned, they are to be utterly destroyed into pieces. E. G., glass candle containers with sacred images on them should be smashed to pieces, then put into the trash.
- If they are not blessed by a priest or deacon, destroy them into pieces and discard them.
- Whatever you do, do not bring them and leave them in church to make us dispose of them. That is your responsibility to dispose of them.

Serra Vocation

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

50+ Social Ministry

The 50 + Open House Program will begin again on Tuesday January 14th. We want to invite those who would like to get to know other people in the parish in a relaxed atmosphere to join us every Tuesday between the hours of 8:30 am and approximately 11:00 am. The words Open House means that you can just come in and have a cup of coffee and refreshment. We have prayers appropriate to the season, videos; health related and age related speakers. We would enjoy your company.



Take care

If you are elderly and living alone, it is always helpful to have a friend who you can call on a daily basis to let them know you are well; ask a friend to call you if he/she doesn't hear from you. Also, check into safety alerts available on the market that are very helpful.

Devotional Candles

People light candles in church as a prayer for someone, or in memory of someone. The candle serves as a visual reminder of the prayer or memory. Votive candles are available usually at the back of the church before and after each mass celebration @ \$3.00 each. A volunteer member of our social committee is available to assist you.

Ordinary Time

Next week we begin what is called "Ordinary time" in the Church calendar. Ordinary does not mean plain or simple, it means "numbered" as in first, second, etc., the ordinal numbers. This was the original sense of the word. When we are not celebrating major feasts like Christmas or Easter, this title has come to represent a less spectacular or more "average" period in Church celebrations. The numbers are meant to remind us that we are working toward a goal. Our life has a purpose. We are moving toward an ultimate Sunday. That will be observed in heaven when we are joined with the whole company of the saints and angels.

The arrangement of our calendar is so symbolic. We have Thanksgiving. Then Christmas follows with all the promises. Salvation, grace, love, hope, and peace; New Year follows immediately. The possibility of a new beginning, a new start, a new birth; someone wrote words like this many years ago "The New Year lies before us, like a field of freshly fallen snow, be careful where you walk, for every step will show". He said the great thing about the Christmas message was that "no matter what your past has been, you can start over again; God has made it possible in the sending of His Son to save us from our sins." We can thank God for all the blessings that have been ours during the year. In life God loves us and no matter what we've been, we can start over. That's the Christmas message. That's the challenge of a New Year.