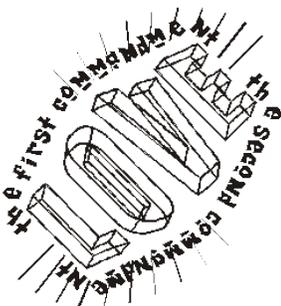
		
Sat Oct 24	5 pm	† <b>Carmela Ruggiero</b> (The Micco Family) † <b>Jose Curvelo</b> (Jack & Robin Korpela) "On the Occasion of <b>Vani &amp; Rodney Gomes</b> 25th Wedding Anniversary"
Sun Oct 25	8:30 am	† <b>Biagio Forte &amp; Bruno Forte</b> (Civita Forte & Family)
	10 am	† <b>Ana Gornik</b> (Son Tony Gornik) † <b>Lydia Espina</b> (The Family)
	11:30 am	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
Mon Oct 26	8 am	
Tue Oct 27	8 am	"Frances Intentions" (Adele)
Wed Oct 28	7 pm	"For Personal Intentions & Thanksgiving" (Maria Teresa Palaca)
Thu Oct 29	8 am	† <b>Chloe Rosatelli</b> (The Family)
Fri Oct 30	8 am	
Sat Oct 31	5 pm	† <b>Adam Lecznar</b> (The Lecznar Family)
Sun Nov 1	8:30 am	† <b>Biagio Forte &amp; Elena &amp; Mariano Forte</b> (Civita Forte & Family) † <b>Margherita Piscione</b> (Husband Angelo Piscione)
	10 am	"In Suffrage of all Souls of St. Leo's Parish"
	11:30 am	<b>PRO POPULO</b>

### Why does God command us to love him?

Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to love God totally. If you stop and think about it, this seems a strange demand. Is God such an egotist that he has to order us to love him? Or is it rather that love is essential to our salvation? Human beings are born without knowing how to love. We have to learn this from others: parents, friends, relatives, etc. One of the results of love is that we link with others in a personal relationship. Heaven is achieved through our bonding with God. It's nothing that we can earn or achieve. It can only come when we intimately know God on a personal level. Hence, love is necessary for our future survival. God commands us to love him for our benefit, not his.

(Lonsdale Commentary & Clip Art)



### Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls Day

All Catholics around the world will offer prayers and urgent supplication to God for the souls of the faithful departed, to have mercy and to purify them, and to bring them to His kingdom of light and life. In the month of November,



we remember our beloved deceased and those in need of prayer. A special Eucharistic celebration for all Souls will be celebrated on Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8 am and also at 7 pm. We invite all parishioners to join us and pray together as a community remembering loved ones no matter when they died or from what parish. Remembrance envelopes are available. Please write the names of your loved ones on your offering envelope, you will find the envelopes at the entrance and exits of the church. All envelopes will be placed on the altar for the entire month of November.

### All Souls' Day Mass @ Catholic Cemeteries

In light of the ongoing restrictions in place regarding COVID-19, this year's All Souls' Day Mass will not be held on-site at our cemeteries.

This year's All Souls' Day Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins on November 2, 2020 at 7:30 am. It will be live streamed at [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live). Please note that this Mass will also be archived and accessible on the [Archdiocese of Toronto YouTube page](#) for the faithful to view later in the day.

Thank you to all of the families that we serve for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time.

### Request a Mass Intention

Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may call the parish office and make that request. Mass cards are available for the living and deceased and provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of anniversaries, birthdays, and other special intentions. Because we get so many requests for Mass intentions, masses are usually booked several months or weeks in advance so if you have a particular date or time on which you want the Mass, it is very important that you call the parish office well ahead of time.

### Serra Vocation

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind." Live in that love in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. **Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)**

## All Saints

Next Sunday November 1st all Christians observe All Saints' Day. The testimony of love offered by all the Saints and Martyrs; we remember all the men and women who by their example were heroic witnesses to their faith. Men and women who down through time were witness to the faith. They often worked in difficult circumstances but through perseverance and trust, they won through.

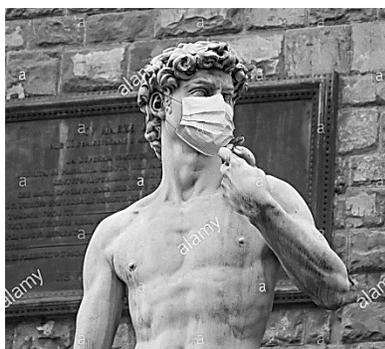


## History of All Saints Day

All Saints Day is a very old feast. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown were properly honored. The current date of November 1 was instituted by Pope Gregory III (731-741), when he consecrated a chapel to all the martyrs in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and ordered an annual celebration. This celebration was originally confined to the diocese of Rome, but Pope Gregory IV (827-844) extended the feast to the entire Church. The vigil or eve of the feast, October 31, is commonly known as All Hallows Eve, or Halloween. The day after All Saints day is All Soul's Day, a day to memorize and offer prayers on behalf of all of the truthful departed. In many civilizations these two days share many customs.

## Parish Website

Reminding all parishioners of our [www.saintleosmimico.ca](http://www.saintleosmimico.ca) is there for you. You can access all past homilies, and a host of other things at the site. Any inquires please consult the pastoral team on the website.



## Face Mask/Covering Usage

Dear parishioners, for your safety and the safety of all our parishioners please observe the following procedures:

- Parishioners that attend mass are required to wear a face mask or face covering upon entering the church.
- Please do not remove your mask at any time while you're in church
- Make sure the mask is facing the correct direction. Many cloth or non-medical masks have only one correct orientation.
- The mask should fit snugly to the face, covering the nose, mouth, and chin without gaps. Do not wear masks in a way that uncovers your nose.
- Do not place masks on your forehead or under your chin. If a mask must be removed (such as during communion) follow the proper removal procedure. (Step to the side, pull down your mask place the Host in your mouth and replace your mask).
- Also, it is important to please sit only in the designated pews which are marked. If you decide to move pews during the Mass, please notify one of the ushers.

We care deeply about the health and well-being of our Parish community. As per Archdiocesan policy and in accordance with the Government of Canada, all pews and high touch points are cleaned and sanitized before and after each celebration. Please continue to wear a face mask or face covering before you enter the Church and for the duration of the Mass. Thank you.

## PAG Giving

The work of our parish is made possible through the giving hearts of our parishioners. In response to changing lifestyles and demands on time and energy, we have introduced the Pre-Authorized Giving program (PAG) to assist you in your giving. PAG allows parishioners to make their regular Sunday offering using the "direct debit" system. When you opt for PAG, your regular Sunday offering is only withdrawn electronically from your account once a month and deposited into the parish account. PAG is widely used in other parishes, and we are making PAG available to those who would like to take advantage of it. It's convenient, simple, and safe and you will be able to support our parish even if you are away by helping us have a stable flow of funding for the parish. Sign-up forms are available on the cabinets at the back of the church, or for more information, please call our parish office. Thank you!

## SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of  
October

Is sponsored by:

"Ben & Juliet Taguinod"

"For Special Intentions and Thanksgiving"