

 MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK		
Sat Feb 27	5 pm	† Chloe Rosatelli (The Family)
Sun Feb 28	8:30 am	
	10 am	† Helen Jelinek (Daughter Jackeline)
	11:30 am	"PRO POPULO"
Mon Mar 1	8 am	
Tue Mar 2	8 am	
Wed Mar 3	7 pm	
Thu Mar 4	8 am	
Fri Mar 5	8 am	
Sat Mar 6	5 pm	
Sun Mar 7	8:30 am	† Biagio Forte & Elena & Mariano Forte (Civita Forte & Family)
	10 am	† Helen Jelinek (Daughter Jackeline) † Anna Mary Carias Mejia (Marian & Herman)
	11:30 am	"PRO POPULO"

Go forth

As we grow older, one of the first things that leaves most of us is the spirit of adventure is the willingness to take risks. We become comfortable and settled. At an age when most people would be facing a quiet final time of life, Abraham suddenly takes an amazing gamble. Simply on the impulse of a command from God he abandons his place of security to become a gypsy. He accepts the challenge knowing that he will not see its eventual fulfillment. Such is true faith. Would you do it?



(Fr. Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip Art)

Giving during Lent

During lent, we prepare our hearts for Easter. It is common to give something up for the duration of the time of lent. The Code of Canon Law remind us of other works and means of doing penance: prayer, acts of self-denial, almsgiving and works of personal charity. Attending Mass daily or several times a week, praying the rosary, making the way of the cross, teaching the illiterate to read, reading to the blind, helping at a soup kitchen, visiting the sick and shut-ins or giving an overworked mother a break by baby-sitting—all of these things can be more meaningful and demanding than simply abstaining or giving up something.



Twelve Things to give up for Lent:

1. Having the last word
2. Taking those you love for granted
3. Worrying about things you cannot change or control
4. Losing your temper
5. Trying to be a perfectionist
6. Patronizing people who work for or with you
7. Complaining
8. Carrying grudges
9. Expecting to be bored by any and all sermons
10. Nagging
11. Thinking about money
12. Feeling sorry for yourself

Modern Parable by Ignatius Drostin

Other means

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Serra Vocation

If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Three dwellings

When the Son of God became a human being, he concealed his divine glory. No human would have come close to him otherwise. Only once did Jesus let a glimpse of his true nature slip through. This was on the mount of the Transfiguration. He



had carefully prepared a select group of his apostles for this revelation. They were overwhelmed by the experience, but poor, blustering Peter manages a dumb-founded response. Seeing and somehow recognizing two ancient visitors--Moses and Elijah--in conversation with Christ, he blurts out a wish that it continue. He offers to build three temporary lean-to's, like those used on the Feast of Tabernacles. This will prolong the idealistic event and the joy of the occasion.

It is interesting to note that almost 2000 years later, a spiritual heir of Peter--Pope Paul VI--would dedicate a church on what is believed to be the site of the Transfiguration. It has three sections and three chapels honoring Jesus and the two prophets.

For safety sake

Check in on your neighbors and offer help when you can. Even though we should practice social distancing, we can still call or write emails and letters to those who are isolated or vulnerable.

If you are elderly and living alone, it is always helpful to have a friend who you will call each day, and if the friend doesn't hear from you, ask them to call to check on you. Also, check into safety alerts available in the market that are very helpful.

Please pray for all of those impacted by this virus.

Virtual/Online

In these stressful times, give your marriage a booster shot! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage



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This month the sanctuary lamp burns in
Memory of the:
"Deceased members of the
Parteno & Leon Families"
Offered by Peter & Barbara Leon

Tax Receipts have been mailed

Your Income Tax receipts have been mailed the first week of February, if you do not receive yours or if there is any errors please call the parish office. Thank you for your support.

Online Credit Card Donations

If you wish to make an online credit card donation to St. Leo's Parish, you may do so through the Archdiocese of Toronto website by visiting www.archtoronto.org and selecting the "DONATE NOW" button.

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In Gratitude

A special word of thanks goes to all St. Leo's Parishioners, who supported us through these difficult times with prayers and offering. St. Paul expressed it best when he said: we keep thanking God for all of you and we remember you in our prayers for we constantly are mindful before our God and Father of the way you are proving your faith, and laboring in love, and showing constancy of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Thess 1:2, 3).

May we be welcome back soon in this time of Lent with minds and hearts renewed – strengthened in our mission to pray, teach and serve – in this local community and the world.



2nd Sunday of Lent
