



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Sat Mar 13	5 pm	<p>† Jim Sweeney (The Walshe & Sweeney Families) “Special Intentions Patricia & Robert” For the Health of Carmelita Jacinto & Manolito Jacinto (Aida) † Gabriel Coelho (The Family)</p>
Sun Mar 14	8:30 am	<p>† Luisa Sarrapochiello (Franco Sarrapochiello)</p>
	10 am	<p>† Silvio Ciccocelli (Lina Coccocelli & Family) † Frances Camilleri (Marian & Herman)</p>
	11:30 am	“PRO POPULO”
Mon Mar 815	8 am	
Tue Mar 16	8 am	
Wed Mar 17	7 pm	
Thu Mar 18	8 am	<p>† Joao & Maria Jose Maduro (The Family)</p>
Fri Mar 19	8 am	<p>† Giuseppe LoGiudice (The Family)</p>
Sat Mar 20	5 pm	
Sun Mar 21	8:30 am	
	10 am	
	11:30 am	“PRO POPULO”

Sunday of Joy

A joyful outcry opens this 4th Sunday of Lent: “Rejoice Jerusalem, be glad for her” because the salvation is near, although the repeated betrayal, God does not abandon its people. The 4th Sunday of Lent marks the “center” of the penitential way in preparation for Easter.



Thus says Cyrus

In the 6th century BC Israel was conquered by invaders from the Babylonian Empire (now Iraq). Most of the people were taken to Babylon as slaves. They maintained hope that God would send a savior to rescue them. That salvation came from an unlikely source, Cyrus II, the king of Persia (now Iran). He is known as Cyrus the Great because of his military victories. In 539 BC he captured Babylon.



Cyrus was a shrewd politician. He realized that he needed allies to control his vast domain. He sent most of the Babylonian slave's home and even paid them to rebuild their nations. Of course, he used captured money to finance the project. The Jews interpreted this as an act of God and call Cyrus their "messiah". The first reading is part of the decree issued by Cyrus commanding the reconstruction of the Temple.

(Fr. Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

Serra Vocation

St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you think God's plan for you could be to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 *Email: vocations@archtoronto.org*

Holy Communion Service @ St. Leo

St. Leo's Parish is open for those who wish to make Holy Communion, taking the Body of Christ and make 10 minutes of thanksgiving prayer afterwards, according to current regulations which allows ten people in churches at one time. Each period will begin with the Communion Ceremony.

Weekday times: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Four time slots. 9:00, 9:15, 9:30, & 9:45 am

Weekend times: Saturdays have 8 time slots.

4:00, 4:15, 4:30, 4:45, 5:00, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45 & 6 pm

Sundays have eight (8) time slots.

10:00, 10:15, 10:30, 10:45, 11:00, 11:15, 11:30, 11:45, & 12:00 noon.

Please register to reserve your spot by calling the parish office @ 416-251-1109, or e-mail the parish office at st.leo.etobicoke@roger.com. Do not use the parish website to make a reservation. Weekend registrations must be entered before noon the preceding Friday, for the office closes at that time for the weekend.

Communicants will enter the center doors, line up across the front before the altar steps, respond to the prayers, take communion, go to the seats designated and pray. Then at the signal from the attendant, will exit via the side doors.

Treasures from our Tradition

“People in love make signs of love”, wrote our bishops in a document guiding the renewal of liturgical music. They were not merely urging us to sing at Mass, but suggesting that the song itself is a sign of love of Christ. Love never expressed dies, as we know from experience. Flowers for no special



reason, a caress, a hug, a turn around the dance floor, a note on the pillow or in the lunchbox, the aroma of fresh bread in the kitchen, all are signs of love's vitality. A significant treasure in our Catholic tradition is the place of the sacraments as signs of Christ's love. We can trace the sacraments back to scriptural sources, through centuries of history. They are woven through family tradition and our own life story: Sacraments are the way Christ makes signs of love for the Church. For twenty centuries, God has spoken to us in the arena of the sacraments, and we have responded.

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Annual St. Patrick Mass

All are invited to join the livestream of the annual Mass of St. Patrick from St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto. The Eucharistic celebration will take place on Wednesday, March 17 at 10 a.m. Celebrant and homilist will be Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. The livestream can be accessed at: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

St. Patrick's Mar 17th & St. Joseph Mar 19th

We reach out to all our Irish parishioners and friends and wish them and their loved ones “Many Blessings, Love and Laughter and lots of good luck”. We also congratulate all our Polish and Italian parishioners on the Feast of St. Joseph March 19th. St. Joseph is the patron saint of Poland as well as Canada and Italy. We extend our congratulations to all the persons named Joseph, Joe, Josephine, Josie etc.



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Day of Confessions

“So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed conversion. Yet Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost, the physician who comes to heal the sick. And one of his first acts after the Resurrection was to entrust to the Church the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation – this most powerful encounter with divine mercy – is essential.” - Thomas Cardinal Collins.



This Lenten season, parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions between March 14 and March 27. Please call your parish for confession time.

Online Quick Access Single Sessions and Ongoing Counselling and Groups

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is now offering Online Quick Access Single Sessions. The single-session consultation is a quick and effective way for individuals, couples, or families to address a mental health or relationship concern. To arrange for a session, please email info@cfstoronto.com or call 416 921-1163 or 416 222-0048. When you call, leave a message with your name, email and phone number, and a staff person will contact you.

Clients who are interested in pursuing other or additional services in the agency have the option to access our ongoing counselling, wellness, or group programs.

Counselling fees are charged according to a client's income level. No one is denied service because of his/her inability to pay fees.

Celebration of the 500th Year Anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines

Inaugural Mass for the diocesan celebration of the 500th Year Anniversary of the Arrival of Christianity in the Philippines

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 Time: 11:00 am

Location: Online - the Mass will air from the website: www.ph500toronto.com and

on www.facebook.com/500yocTQ or YouTube:

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Please remember in your prayers

....those who are suffering from illness, they and their loved ones need our constant prayers and support

....the souls of the deceased and those who mourn them