

 MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK		
Sat Mar 20	5 pm	
Sun Mar 21	8:30 am	† Donato, Concetta & Giuseppe Zita (Lucy Zita)
	10 am	† Aldo Gemma (Lucy Gemma & Family) † Ronald Purdy (Iris Purdy) † Isabelo P. Bergado Jr. (Menabelle Magsila)
	11:30 am	“PRO POPULO”
Mon Mar 22	8 am	
Tue Mar 23	8 am	“All Souls of Purgatory”
Wed Mar 24	7 pm	
Thu Mar 25	8 am	
Fri Mar 26	8 am	
Sat Mar 27	5 pm	† Chloe Rosatelli (The Family)
Sun Mar 28	8:30 am	† Biagio Forte (Civita Forte & Family)
	10 am	† Melicio Felaire Presto & Felicidade Felaire Abad (Gloria Felaire)
	11:30 am	“PRO POPULO”

Lenten preparation for Easter

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.



Fasting & Abstinence: Catholics

aged 14 and older are to abstain from meat Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition on Good Friday Catholics age 18-59 fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals.

Prayer: Catholics are encouraged to pray more during Lent, especially with Scripture. Lent is also an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ’s Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Almsgiving: Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting; giving to the poor the money they saved by buying less.

The New Covenant

A Covenant is a personal agreement or contract between two or more people, a commitment to share lives. The best human examples are the marriage vows in which a man and a woman agree to share a common life with faithfulness, love and honor.



During the past Sundays of Lent we have looked at the Covenants that God made with Noah, Abraham, Moses and the people of Judah. God agreed to protect these people and their descendants provided that they agree to follow a path to holiness. Sadly, though God kept his part of the bargain, the people rarely did. Jeremiah predicted that God would create a new permanent Covenant. He taught that under this new agreement, people would instinctively know God and his guidance. God would "engrave" it on our hearts. Jesus brought the New Covenant into being by his obedient death and resurrection. *(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)*

Public Mass has begun again - Please note:

If you exhibit any of the following symptoms, please remain home at this time - cough, fatigue, loss of appetite, and shortness of breath, muscle aches, loss of taste or smell, headache, runny nose, sore throat, chills with shakes.

Mass reservation

To adhere to health regulations and to ensure proper social distancing, parishioners are strongly encouraged to RSVP if wishing to attend mass celebration, every week. Please call the parish office to reserve your place, 416-251-1109 or email st.leo.etobicoke@rogers.com

Arriving at church

- Maintain physical distancing at all times –2 meters (6 feet) from others –in the parking lot, church entrance and in church itself.
- Upon arrival, put on mask/face covering before entering church (for all those over the age of 3)
- Please enter by using main entrance only –Follow direction of volunteers, signage as appropriate.
- Sanitize hands upon entry and regularly wherever possible.
- Pews and aisles will be marked to note physical distancing requirements. Families and households living at the same residence may sit together; the same 2 meters (6 ft.) distance should be maintained concerning others. Follow direction of volunteers for seating.

We thank our parishioners for their patience as we work together to join once again in prayer.

STATIONS of the CROSS

Join us for Stations of the CROSS. Every Friday of Lent @ 7:00 pm followed by “Benediction” with the “Blessed Sacrament”. Please call the parish office to RSVP.



Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday April 1

7:30 pm "Mass of the Lord's Supper"
"Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Until 12:00 Midnight"

Good Friday April 2

3:00 pm Holy Friday Liturgy
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday April 3

12:00 noon
"SWIEÇONKA"
(Blessing of Easter Foods)

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

(No 8:00 am mass Thursday & Friday
And no 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday)

Easter Sunday April 4

Regular Sunday Schedule
8:30, 10, & 11:30 am

Serra Vocation

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto: 416-968-0997 **Email: vocations@archtoronto.org**

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.

Traditions during Lent

Spring Cleaning: Traditionally done as a preparation during the first day of Holy Week for the celebration of Easter, its parallel is the custom in Jewish families to rid the home of "the old" in preparation for Passover.



Missal Prayer Book

The new prayer book for 2020/2021 season is still available. You may call the parish office to reserve a copy @ 416-251-1109, or you may ask one of our social committee volunteers. They will be happy to help.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of March has been sponsored by Peter & Barbara Leon in memory of: "Deceased Members of the Parteno & Leon Families" The sanctuary lamp is always near the tabernacle as a sign that the Blessed Sacrament is reserved or stored there to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ and as a profession of our love and affection.



First Communion and Confirmation @ St. Leo

Registration for First Communion and Confirmation is now in effect. Parents interested in registering their children are asked to come to the parish office and do so. Registration must be done in person anytime during office hours. The parish office is offering extended registration office hours on the week of March 22nd. The parish office will be open Monday March 22nd to Friday March 26th from 9 am to 7 pm. Late registration may mean that child's reception of the Sacraments will be postponed till the following year.

St. Leo's Church has a new website

Check out our new website <https://stleaset.archtoronto.org/> For parish information, interesting, informative, and links intended to share the beauty and joy of our Catholic faith. Check it out and add your name to our emailing list to be kept up to date on changes as new material is added. Also the schedules are posted on the new website,



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 or to schedule an appointment.