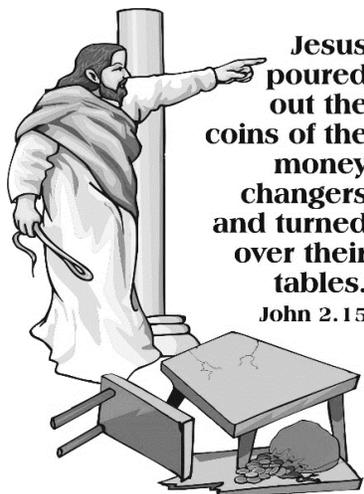


 MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK		
Sat Mar 6	5 pm	
Sun Mar 7	8:30 am	† Biagio Forte & Elena & Mariano Forte (Civita Forte & Family)
	10 am	† Helen Jelinek (Daughter Jackeline) † Anna Mary Carias Mejia (Marian & Herman)
	11:30 am	“PRO POPULO”
Mon Mar 8	8 am	† Anna & Francesco Mongillo (Maria Creta)
Tue Mar 9	8 am	† Deceased Members of the Czarnata Family (Adele Blady)
Wed Mar 10	7 pm	
Thu Mar 11	8 am	
Fri Mar 12	8 am	
Sat Mar 13	5 pm	† Jim Sweeney (The Walshe & Sweeney Families)
Sun Mar 14	8:30 am	† Luisa Sarrapochiello (Franco Sarrapochiello)
	10 am	† Silvio Ciccocelli (Lina Coccocelli & Family) † Frances Camilleri (Marian & Herman)
	11:30 am	“PRO POPULO”

Money Changers

Jesus told those who were selling doves: “Get them out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a marketplace!” At the time of our Lord, two giants were continually at war with each other – the Marketplace and the Father’s House, and when He saw that it had been infiltrated by the money changers, His inborn pride triggered a violent reaction. Acting alone, Jesus drove them out! We are attracted to both the Marketplace and the Father’s House. Take the issue of life. Can it be bought or sold or its value beyond all price?



Jesus poured out the coins of the money changers and turned over their tables.
John 2.15

Traditional Lenten Disciplines

Ashes

Giving something up

Examining our lives

Penance, Prayer, fasting and almsgiving

Stations of the Cross

Blessed Palms

Meatless Fridays

Many Catholics mistakenly think that Friday abstinence from meat is a thing of the past or only to be observed during Lent. It’s not! The universal law of the Church requires all Catholics to abstain from meat on every Friday of the year. In Canada our bishops permit us to substitute another penance of “equal value”. Please offer your Friday sacrifice for those Catholics who no longer come to Mass.

Serra Vocation

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. *Email: vocations@archtoronto.org*

Requesting a Mass to be offered

The Church considers the Mass the greatest possible prayer of intercession because it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father. It is a longstanding tradition in the Church that parishioners may request to offer a Mass for a specific intention, even when one cannot be physically present at the Mass. The faithful make a free will offering, called a stipend to the parish, in order to apply the Mass to a specific intention. By making this offering, the faithful, associate themselves more intimately with Christ. The offering of a stipend is also a means whereby a Catholic may contribute to the upkeep of the parish. For any request of Mass Offering please call the parish office.

In Loving Memory

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

Treasures from our Tradition

You need more than water for a bath. Most family bathrooms contain an arsenal of soaps and emollients, lotion, shampoos, and conditioners to combat grime and honor the body. A bath without oil is still unthinkable. No wonder early Christians used lavish amounts of oil to “paint” the skin of people drawn dripping wet from the baptismal font on Easter.



There were two oils used in baptism long ago. “Oil of exorcism” protected candidates from “evil spirits”, it strengthened their resolve and purified their purposes. The second oil, slathered over them after baptism’s bath, “sealed” them making them like Christ, the anointed one, the priest, the prophet, the king. Chrism has always had a powerful odor; rich resinous perfumes are stirred in before it is consecrated. As the newly baptized were embraced by new brothers and sisters in Christ, the scent permeated the hall of Eucharist, a sign of our connection to Christ and to one another.

-Rev. James Field, Copyright @ J.S. Paluch Co.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

As part of our community outreach, we at St. Leo Parish, assist our fellow brothers and sisters who are in need by our dedicated St. Vincent de Paul members.

Volunteers visit needy families and individuals living within the St. Leo’s boundaries. The SVDP provides spiritual, financial and social assistance. We appeal to your generosity to assist us in helping the needy.

Making a will

Making a will, getting proper insurance and a financial or estate plan is about peace of mind for you, your family and loved ones. Let this be the year you learn more and get updated. For free information on making a will, finding a lawyer, advisor or making a legacy gift to your parish. Call the parish office or the Archdiocese Development Office at 416-934-3411. www.archtoronto.org/development.

Queen of Apostles

Happy Marriages just don’t happen. They are like beautiful gardens that receive loving attention and nurturing. Schedule a marriage enrichment weekend at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre and treat yourself to a second honeymoon. The Centre offers comfort, excellent cuisine and an inspiring program. To register please call Queen of Apostles: 905-278-5229

LENT

A FITTING TIME BOTH TO CATCH A SPARK FROM THE FIERY ZEAL OF THE LORD AND TO CLARIFY OUR VALUES

Ten Commandments?

The Catholic lectionary offers two options for today’s first reading: short and long forms. Often the longer version contains material that is extraneous to the theme of the day. At other times the long text contains controversial material, such as Paul’s attitude toward wives. Today it is worth reading the full alternative.



We usually teach children the “10 Commandments”. In fact these are condensed renditions or summaries of the actual ones. Centuries of traditions and specifics have been added to the Exodus law code. These refinements deal with specific circumstances in which the original decalog have been applied. Religion usually starts out simple but then aggregates as people bring new questions and situations to bear. It is useful to reflect on the entire law rather than the condensed version for children.

(Fr. Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip Art)

When public mass begins again: Please read the following:

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.

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.
- Pews are emptied of prayer books, hymnals, etc.
- Holy Water fonts are empty and not in use at this time.

Celebration of the Eucharist

- Please listen carefully to announcements before the start of Mass. Follow direction as advised.
- Lectors will be kept to an absolute minimum during this period of time. Altar servers will not be needed at this time until further notice. Please do not enter the sacristy unless you have been asked to assist during Mass.