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MASS INTENTIONS
OF THE WEEK

Saturday, January 4th

4:30 p.m. † Antonio Tambura

Sunday, January 5th

9:00 a.m. † Maria Suszka

11:00 a.m. Mary Frances Davy

Tuesday, January 7th

8:30 a.m. † Margaret Wesley

Wednesday, January 8th

7:00 p.m. Pro Populo

Thursday, January 9th

8:30 a.m. † Maria Frendo Combo

Friday, January 10th

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

Saturday, January 11th

4:30 p.m. Pro Populo

Sunday, January 12th

9:00 a.m. † Tomasina & † Francesco Parente

11:00 a.m. † Vince Corvinelli

For: Sanctuary Light Request.

For: Vigil Light for Mary.

For: Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary.

For a visit by the parish priest.

Make your request at the office

Link to our archdiocesan church second website:

<https://stleothegreatbr.archtoronto.org>

On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin

- Building Maintenance Fund
- Donation Envelopes
- Faith Formation
- Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- Catering
- Epiphany of the Lord
- Bella Notte
- St. Andre Bessette
- Jubilee Year 2025

Building Maintenance Fund

We will have a second collection at all masses this weekend for the Building Maintenance Fund.

Donation Envelopes

2025 envelope boxes are available at the back of the church, to your right. Ask for help if needed.

Faith Formation: Discernment of Spirits

On January 11th in the Hall we continue with our Faith Formation. Discernment is the understanding to distinguish which thoughts and voices are from God and will lead to good and which are not. We will be following Fr. Timothy Gallagher's presentations on Formed of the 14 rules that St. Ignatius of Loyola has written down and Fr. Timothy will be explaining them in detail. There will be 8 sessions of podcasts of around 1 hour followed by discussions. The overview of all the lessons with a short description of each lesson are available on the Church's website under stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/Faith-formation/Discernment or simply www.stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/Dis. Join in and learn.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

January 12, 2025. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their famous breakfast after the 9:00 & 11:00 am masses.

CATERING

Franca Vasco, parishioner, would love to use her talents of cooking to do fundraising for our parish. For details and more information, please call Franca 905-621-9658.

Epiphany of the Lord, January 5, 2025

While the hustle and bustle of Christmas ends for many people on Dec. 26, throughout Christian history Christmas lasts for much longer. The feast marking the end of Christmas is called "Epiphany." In the Latin rite of the Catholic Church, Epiphany celebrates the revelation that Jesus was the Son of God. It focuses primarily on this revelation to the Three Wise Men, but it also focuses on his baptism in the Jordan and at the wedding at Cana.

The revelation of Christ as the Son of God, both as an infant and at his baptism illuminate the mysteries of the Christmas season.

Our human nature is blinded because of sin, and we're unable to see as God sees. God reveals to us the revelation of what's going on.

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Bella Notte

A great thank you to Michael and Michelle of Bella Notte for their continued generosity as well as for their love and service to our parish community. In a special way for hosting and catering our ministry appreciation dinner.

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St. André Bessette, Canadian Saint

Feast day: January 6, 2025

The superior of the Holy Cross Brothers in Montreal could not help but doubt the vocation of 25-year-old Alfred Bessette (1845-1937), who showed up at his door asking to enter religious life. The young man, orphaned at twelve, was desperately poor. He had been an itinerant worker most of his life, in Quebec and in factories in the United States. The jobs he had held had been brief, for Alfred suffered poor health from birth and could not work as much as an ordinary laborer.

Moreover, what was an illiterate man doing asking for admission into an order of teaching brothers? superior to reject such an applicant. But there was a note from the young man's pastor: "I am sending you a saint..." The superior hesitated, at first turning Alfred away. But the bishop of Montreal intervened, and the Holy Cross Brothers accepted this sickly young man.

"Brother André," he was called, taking on a new name for his new life. His community could not think of anything for him to do other than answer the door of their boarding school. "At the end of my novitiate," Brother André joked later, "my superiors showed me the door, and there I stayed for forty years. Something happens when the same person answers the door for hundreds of people day in and day out, for years. They come to know him, and some come to intuit that this brother prays more than most. They begin to tell him their sufferings. He prays with the sick, asks God to heal them, and commends them to St. Joseph, whom he loves. The word begins to spread quietly through the city: That simple brother who doesn't know how to read? God has given him the gift of healing. People at the door no longer come to see those inside; they want the porter.

The other brothers begin to grumble. He's a fraud, some say. A danger to the order. But that is a level of complexity that Brother André cannot understand. Of course I don't heal, he tells them. I pray to St. Joseph,

and he intercedes for them with his foster Son. So many people come asking for healing that Brother André's superiors ask him to receive visitors at the nearby trolley station. Soon, 80,000 letters arrive for him a year.

To everyone that came, Brother André's message was the same: "Go to Joseph. He will help you. Come, we'll pray together." In 1904, Brother André asked the Archbishop of Montreal for permission to build a small chapel to honor St. Joseph across the street from the school. You can build only what you have money for, the bishop replied. Brother André did not have any money. So, he began to give haircuts, at 5 cents apiece. In a few years he had enough to build what was essentially a small roofless hut. Over many years came better walls, a roof, heating, and thousands of pilgrims, so many that plans were made for the little wooden chapel to become a basilica. To this place of miracles, where God visited the broken, those who came brought the wounds of their hearts, the sufferings of their bodies, and their faith to St. Joseph and to his friend, this simple brother who received them and helped them to pray.

When Brother André was ninety years old, he asked some of his coworkers to place a statue of St. Joseph in the unfinished church. They carried him, old and sick, up the hill so that he could see it. When he died on January 6, 1937, those hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who had come over the years came again, despite the frigid Quebec winter. They came in gratitude: in a week, one million people filed past the coffin of the illiterate brother who had accompanied them through their sorrows and sufferings, and who had been for them a kind of doorway to heaven.

St. Joseph's Oratory, completed after Brother André's death, still attracts over two million pilgrims a year. It is filled with crutches, notes of gratitude, prayers – the signs of Brother André's friends then and now.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org>

Jubilee year 2025

Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee year, a year re-establish a proper relationship with God. In 2025 the theme is: Pilgrims of Hope. In our diocese churches will be open to welcome pilgrims.

Please pick up a prayer card next the bulletin.

Visit the webpage: stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/jubilee




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