# The Parish Community of **St. Leonard**

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## ADVENT

### Mass Intentions M

Saturday, December 18 -**EDGARDO REYES & APOLONIA** 9:00 a.m. -MANGALINO R.I.P. **DOUG & CHRISTINA DICKINSON R.I.P.** 5:00 p.m. Sunday, December 19 -9:00 a.m. -FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 10:30 a.m. -**BRUNO DEFINA R.I.P.** 12:00 noon -FELICITAS GONZAGA R.I.P. Monday, December 20 -9:00 a.m. - AURELIA FRONDA R.I.P. Tuesday, December 21 -7:00 p.m. DAPHNE SANDOVAL R.I.P. -Wednesday, December 22 -- UMBERTO FRANCESCHINI R.I.P. 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 23 -7:00 p.m. - (*Still available*) Friday, December 24 -LENNY & KATE MALCOLM R.I.P. 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. **TESSIE ABELA R.I.P.** 7:00 p.m. CECIL RODGERS R.I.P. 9:00 p.m. -JIM & BENEDICTA COLLINS R.I.P. 12:00 Midnight - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Saturday, December 25 --9:00 a.m. MIGUEL TEVES R.I.P. **RORY & ANNETTA MCGUCKIN R.I.P.** 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon -(Still available) Sunday, December 26 -9:00 a.m. \_ (Still available) 10:30 a.m. -**ROCCO & RAFFAELE VISCONTI R.I.P.** 12:00 noon -FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH **Readings for December 19 -**Hebrews 10.5-10 Micah 5.2-5a Luke 1.39-45

#### **DONATION ENVELOPES FOR 2022**

Envelopes for the new year are available in the Sacristy upon request. Please **do not** start using these until **January 1, 2022.** 

#### **PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN**

If you are interested in a pre-authorized giving plan, please call the office to set this up. You can also find a fillable form on our website. Tax receipts for all offertory gifts will be issued through the Archdiocese of Toronto.



#### **O ANTIPHONS**

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

#### December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

#### **December 18**

O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

#### **December 19**

O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

#### **December 20**

O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

#### **December 21**

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

#### December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

#### December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

(USCCB Website)

## Holiday Mass Schedule

#### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Eve** 

Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Day** 

#### NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE -SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 a.m. New Year's Day 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon

#### Please note that you must have a reservation. You can book online on our website or call the office.

#### One Solitary Life ...

Dr. James Allan Francis wrote "One Solitary Life" during the early 1900s. Many variations have appeared in many places and you might have read one before.

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. Until He was thirty, He worked in a carpenter shop and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He wrote no books. He held no office. He never owned a home. He was never in a big city.

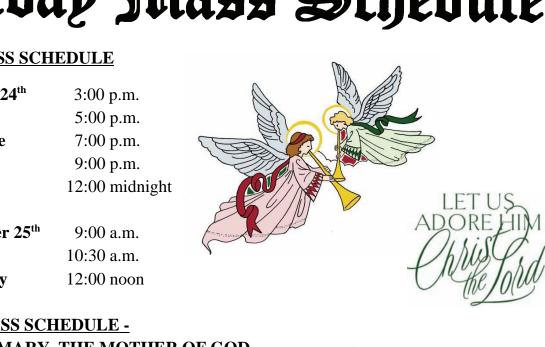
He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never did any of the things that usually accompany greatness. The authorities condemned His teachings. His friends deserted Him. One betrayed Him to His enemies for a paltry sum.

One denied Him. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed on a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He owned on earth: His coat. When He was dead He was taken down and placed in a borrowed grave.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, yet today He is the crowning glory of the human race, the adored leader of hundreds of millions of the earth's inhabitants.

All the armies that ever marched and all the navies that were ever assembled and all the parliaments that ever sat and all the rulers that ever reigned - combined - have not affected the life of man upon this earth so profoundly as that One Solitary Life.





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