

# *St. Leo The Great*

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*prepare the way...*



# ADVENT

**Advent:** It is an intense time of anticipation. It is the anticipation of God's continuous coming and action in the world and in our lives. As Christians, following in the footsteps of Jesus, we go into deeper life of prayer and discernment of God's workings in our world. Jesus said, "my Father works and I still work." Our battles should be done first in the spirit - in prayer. Prayer and discernment a cyclical action on our part before taking action. We go forward with the strength of God ahead of us. He is the One who pilots our life, and our journey on Earth. He is our strength and our security. Some battles we have to accept the consequences of loss, but the war is won already. Lets us remember, it is God who guides the whole creation, and the more we pray the more God intervenes, provides, and protects our personal life and that of our family and the world. In this holy season, God gives us another opportunity to prepare to celebrate his first entry into our world - the Incarnation. He calls us to place our trust, hope, and faith in his actions and his strength and providence. Let us all learn how to continuously pray and listen to the Holy Spirit and his presence in our life. Jesus said, "peace I give to you not like that of the World." "I have conquered and I will be with you always till the end." God's kingdom will only keep advancing regardless of opposition or delays. Amen.

*Fr. Mounir El-Rassi*



## Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

### CHRISTMAS EVE – DECEMBER 24

4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.  
(no morning Mass)

### CHRISTMAS DAY – DECEMBER 25

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
(no evening Mass)

### *Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God*

### NEW YEAR'S EVE – DECEMBER 31

4:30 p.m.  
(no morning Mass)

### NEW YEAR'S DAY – JANUARY 1

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
(no evening Mass)

*All Masses are first come, first served. The parish hall will be used for overflow.*

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

4:30 p.m. † Lorna George

### Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Pro populo

11:00 a.m. † Henry & Helen Freve

### Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Sonia Palencia

### Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Sonia Palencia

### Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Sonia Palencia

### Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † John & Marianne Johnson

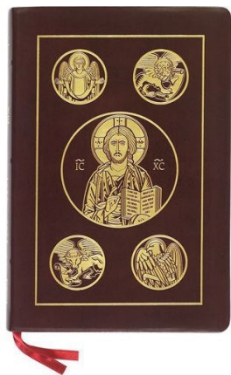
11:00 a.m. † John & Mary Fox

**There will be no daily Mass on Dec 28, 29, 30.**

## Bibles to consider

please check details as to the number of books and commentaries if needed.

- Navarre Bible: Gospels and Acts with commentary
- Ignatius Catholic Bible
- Catholic Journaling Bible
- Word on Fire Bible



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<https://media.ascensionpress.com/2019/12/06/5-most-popular-catholic-study-bibles-ranked/>

## ST. LUCY – DECEMBER 13



St. Lucy is a virgin and martyr of Syracuse in Sicily, whose feast is celebrated on December 13th. According to tradition, Saint Lucy was born to rich and noble parents in the year 283. Her father was of Roman origin, but his early death left her dependent upon her mother, whose name,

Eutychia, seems to indicate that she was of Greek heritage.

Like so many of the early martyrs, Lucy had consecrated her virginity to God, and she hoped to devote all her worldly goods to the service of the poor.

Her mother, Eutychia, arranged a marriage for her, but for three years she managed to postpone the marriage. Lucy prayed at the tomb of Saint Agatha to change her mother's mind about her faith. As a result, her mother's long haemorrhagic illness was cured, and she consented to Lucy's desire to live for God.

Saint Lucy's rejected bridegroom, Paschasius, denounced Lucy as a Christian. The governor planned to force her into prostitution, but when guards went to fetch her, they could not move her even when they hitched her to a team of oxen. The governor ordered her to be killed instead. After a gruesome torture which included having her eyes torn out, she was surrounded by bundles of wood which were set afire, but the fire quickly died out. She prophesied against her persecutors, and was then executed by being stabbed to death with a dagger.

According to later accounts, Lucy warned Paschasius he would be punished. When the governor heard this he ordered the guards to gouge out her eyes; however, in another telling, it was Lucy who removed her eyes in an attempt to discourage a persistent suitor who greatly admired them. When her body was being prepared for burial, they discovered her eyes had been restored. This and the meaning of her name ("light" or "lucid") led to her patronage with eyes; the blind, eye trouble, and other eye ailments.



We are looking for a few Care Associates to assist at the 11 Mass.

If you have any questions please see a Care Associate after any Mass.

### Virtual Rosary Prayer Group

Wednesday 4:30 pm (30 minutes)

Meeting Link: <https://meet.google.com/efc-tvjz-ctv>

Leader: Marianne Amodeo

### Divine Mercy Lectio Divina Prayer Group

Thursday 4:30 pm (1 hr)

Meeting Link: <https://meet.google.com/efc-tvjz-ctv>

Leader: Marianne Amodeo

### Saints Series

#### with Chris Woodward (M.A., M.Div)

Fridays 7:30 pm (1 hr)

Meeting link: <https://meet.google.com/jyi-pkge-ghu>

Join Chris for a virtual seminar on the life and times of a particular Catholic saint, exploring the history and spirituality of these heroic men and women.



## 2022

## Envelopes

2022 envelopes are available in the vestibule. Please do not use 2022 envelopes until the New Year. Please ensure you

put your name and address on the first 3 envelopes beginning with January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. All those with pre-authorized giving are asked to pick up envelopes as not all collections are covered by your pre-authorized giving.


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