

# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday & Thursday 8 am to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday by appointment only.

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (followed by 8:30 a.m. Mass)

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Youth Mass

Sunday 9:00 a.m. (with Children's Liturgy JK, SK, Grade 1 & 2) & 11:00 a.m.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please download the Baptism Information Kit and Registration Form from the parish website, [www.stleothegreat.ca](http://www.stleothegreat.ca)

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you contact your parish priest at least one year in advance of the planned date of your wedding and that you participate in a marriage preparation course. Please call the Parish Office.

### PARISH REGISTRATION:

All families attending St. Leo's are requested to register with the parish.

Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church.

### LOCAL HOSPITALS AND EMERGENCY PASTORAL VISITATION

If you or someone in your family is in the Oshawa, Whitby or Port Perry Hospitals and would like to have a priest (for serious reasons) visit the person who is sick for Anointing of the Sick, Last Rites, Confession or Communion, please note that there is a full-time Catholic Priest assigned to these three hospitals at various times of the week. Simply ask hospital staff to inquire as to whether *Hospital Chaplain* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If the Hospital Chaplain is not available and there is an emergency requiring a Catholic priest, please call St. Leo the Great Parish at 905-655-3286 and when prompted, press "8" and leave your message. Fr. Mounir will receive your message (if he is available) and return your call. If there is no emergency but you would like to speak to Fr. Mounir, please call the parish office and leave a message with the parish secretary at 905-655-3286 ext. 1001.

**Last week's (summary of the) reflection:**

In some ancient traditions, certain tribes have a superstition such as devouring the heart of their enemy warriors. They do this in admiration and in order to acquire their courage, their skills, and their strength.

In many ancient religions also, it was the people who offered human sacrifices for their God. Only one religion, it is the Catholic faith where God dies for his people, and He offers himself as food for them (in the Eucharist). It is a distinct feature in our faith and it shows the dignity placed upon the human person and the greatness of our God.

An example I use with school children about the necessity of receiving the Holy Eucharist. I tell them, take for example how we fuel our cars. Cars use gasoline, aeroplanes must use another type of fluid in order to fly. There is also another type of fuel for space shuttles to fly in space.

God gives himself as food for our souls in order to be able to live the life of grace now and to rise to eternal life. This is not found in eating earthly food, but available only in the reception of the Eucharist.

Brothers and sisters: We are transformed spiritually by the divine life given to us. The Lord's state of being, becomes our possession. The Eucharist helps us live a life that will breathe peace, live in love, & exude joy.

The Eucharist strengthens us, cures our brokenness, our infirmities & our spiritual illnesses. Jesus in the Eucharist strengthens all the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us. The Eucharist is a foreshadowing of our future transfiguration and glory! (Check the Catechism of the Catholic Church for further reading on the Eucharist). Amen.

This week we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a dogma set by the Church and its ancient faith. All believers in the Catholic Church have an obligation to accept this teaching (and do their best to understand it).

When "Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and she was filled with the Holy Spirit." Luke 1:41

*FR. MOUNIR EL-RASSI*

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PICK OF THE WEEK

The Woman

In the Gospels we hear Jesus refer to his mother Mary as "Woman." This reference should draw our attention to both Genesis and Revelation. But who is this "Woman," and why is she so central to salvation history? This powerful film presents the Catholic teaching about Mary and her important role in the life of the Church today. On this Solemnity of the Assumption, let us ponder Mary's role in our own lives!

The Bible and the Virgin Mary:  
Episode 11: The Assumption

In this session of "The Bible and the Virgin," we explore both the teaching of Mary's Assumption and the identity of the mysterious woman in the book of Revelation. This episode also reveals how John's apocalyptic visions are the dramatic fulfillment of the promise God made back in the Garden of Eden!



**Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Harry Isakiewicz

**Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Faye Dezan

11:00 a.m. † Fedele Cavallari

**Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. In thanksgiving for Connie & Harold's Anniversary

**Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Louisa Camarata

**Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Michael Chin

**Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. available

**Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Antonio Tamburro

**Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Julia & Angelo Riccobene

11:00 a.m. † John Michael White

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**MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED  
CANCELLED**

Due to the protocols surrounding COVID-19, this year's Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed has unfortunately been cancelled at our seven Catholic cemeteries. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will celebrate and livestream a special Mass in honour of our faithful departed on Wednesday, August 18, at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. The Mass can be viewed here: [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live). Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services and for your continued prayers.



**CANTORS**

**Cantors wanted**

The Saturday 4:30 pm mass and the Sunday 11:00 am mass are looking for a cantors. Potential candidates can apply for either the Saturday position, the Sunday position or both. Previous experience leading church congregations in song is an asset. The positions would begin in September. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Ted, the music director, after the Saturday mass or the Sunday 11:00 mass, call 647-302-6996 (cell) or email at [tedschuck@rogers.com](mailto:tedschuck@rogers.com). Thank you.

**4th Annual Parish Ministry Conference**

Calling all parish ministry leaders, coordinators and volunteers:

**Registration opens Saturday, August 7**

[www.archtoronto.org/conference](http://www.archtoronto.org/conference)

If you are looking for an opportunity to connect with others serving in parish ministry, to pray together, to learn together and to be re-energized, you won't want to miss this upcoming conference! Come join us from **October 26 through October 30** for our virtual **4th Annual Parish Ministry Conference, "With Burning Hearts!"**

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience**

**Friday, October 22 to Sunday, October 24**

Discover the possibilities of a marriage lived as God intends it!

Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance in your marriage. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience is a special weekend for you to spend together as a couple and share your feelings, hopes and dreams. It is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths.

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