

# 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.



**Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m.

4:30 p.m. † Rosalia Reyes & Rodrigo Nieto

**Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Louise Zappio

11:00 a.m. † Teresa & John Jeronimo

**Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Irene Armstrong

**Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Intentions of Noe & Eduarda Ventura  
All Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Gerda Sousa & Vickie Tsang Hun Kit +

**Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Anna Maria & Benedetto  
Tuzi

**Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Vince Corvinelli

**Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † William, Stella & Eleonor Latawicz

11:00 a.m. † Michael Cavallari +

**Last Sunday's Reflection - summary:** The heart is the key to our deepest fulfillment in life and with our Creator. It is the core where peace, gratitude, joy, & unconditional Love dwells. Also, the heart is always the root cause of all evil alongside all good.

Guarding our heart means shielding our mind & body from anything that isn't life-giving. When bad habits take hold, we can work to replace them with good habits slowly but surely. If they become an addiction we should consider seeking out appropriate help.

The heart is the place where God dwells. It is the place where lifelong commitments and great decisions are made: like the choice of a vocation, falling in love, friendships, or marriage, etc...

Brothers and sisters,

Be wary not to fall into the rat race of life, into selfishness and into carelessness. If we elevate wealth, money, pride, or power, etc., these may become our gods. If we harvest hate, revenge, vulgarly, these become our masters and end up enslaving us. All these may lead us to lose our humanity, become

selfish and worldly, and eventually lose our soul if left without check and repentance.

How do I guard my heart personally?

I use meditation/prayer, charity, and I keep regular encounters with good people in my life. Weekly if not daily, I dedicate time to watching clean humor.

A heartwarming story to learn about someone or something, this gives affirmation and warmth to my life. Like reading a good book, learning about a hero / saint, or watching the fidelity of pets towards humans. Many of us have encountered pets like birds, cats, dogs, etc. These creatures teach us many lessons about the gift of friendship, fidelity, love, and our own character.

Dear friends, the heart is the altar where heaven and earth meet. It is where the essence of our Spirit dwells. It is where great things are born. And when difficult decisions need to be made we follow our heart. Finally, surround your heart with lots of prayer, with lots of love, & lots of good deeds. Amen.

In today's gospel: Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And Jesus took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. *Mark 10:15-16*

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**Date:** Saturday Sept. 11, 2021

**Place:** Oshawa Airport Golf Club

**Cost:** \$50.00 per person  
(includes refreshment tickets)

**Tee off time:** 9.00 A.M.

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Ordinary Time  
September 5, 2021**

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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

**CANTORS**

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.

**Knights of Columbus 2021  
Ontario Charities  
50/50 Online Raffle**



St. Leo's Knight of Columbus are participating in a provincial 50/50 online raffle in support of

the many charitable works carried out by the council. Please take a moment to review the fact sheet and if you'd like to participate and purchase a ticket, all the information is found on the document found in the link below.

<https://stleothegreatkofc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Council-poster-RAFFLE-EN-8.5-x-11-Final-draws-Sept-30.pdf>

**Saint of the Day for September 8  
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning. Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world.

This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning.

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

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