



# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Parish Secretary: Magda Nowak 905-655-3286 ext. 1001**

### 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.



## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Consuelo Lopez

**Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † David Garnet

11:00 a.m. † Oliveen Trainor

**Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Innocenzo Mammone

**Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Madge St. Denis

**Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Intentions of the Nowak Family

**Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Innocenzo &amp; Vincenzina Mammone &amp; Attilio &amp; Maria Tuzi

**Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Steven Closs

**Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Deceased members of the Nieto, Viudez, Venturina &amp; Reyes Families

11:00 a.m. † Alex Mitchell

**CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MOMS!**

Join our Mother's Ministry! We meet once a month to explore topics in our faith and virtually pray the Rosary weekly via Zoom. Meet other like minded Catholic women, pray together and for each other and learn how to grow your own faith and your families'.

Join our email list by contacting Anna-Lisa or Shannon:  
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Throughout this pandemic, our **St. Vincent de Paul Conference** has continued providing financial assistance to our Neighbours in Need. Please help us support the

most vulnerable among us by donating through the Poor Box or via e-transfers to [svdpbrooklin@outlook.com](mailto:svdpbrooklin@outlook.com) (set the password as: StleoSSVP). We would also like to invite anyone who may be interested in joining our conference to send an email to Sarah Woods at [sarah.a.woods@outlook.com](mailto:sarah.a.woods@outlook.com). Thank you

## St. Leo The Great Catholic Women's League is Calling You!

The CWL is a supportive sisterhood that promotes dignity and justice for all in our community and beyond. An opportunity to grow in faith and to witness the love of God through ministry and service.

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## *Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf community*

We've all felt the pain of disconnection since the start of the pandemic. For the Deaf community, the connections severed by the pandemic are even more profound. Many became isolated from their peers and could no longer access the programs they relied upon.

Silent Voice is working to restore those connections. This ShareLife-funded agency is the only one in the area providing virtual programming for Deaf children, among its many services in American Sign Language. Your support of ShareLife is making the connections we need to get through this pandemic together.

**Next Sunday, October 31 is the final ShareLife Sunday of 2021. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).**

## Saint Teresa of Avila's Story

Teresa lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social, and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent.

The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the Church and the world is threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer.

As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman," entering the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery.

Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. Like Jesus, she was a mystery of paradoxes: wise, yet practical; intelligent, yet much in tune with her experience; a mystic, yet an energetic reformer; a holy woman, a womanly woman.

Teresa was a woman “for God,” a woman of prayer, discipline, and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, and opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical, and graceful. She was a woman of prayer; a woman for God.

Teresa was a woman “for others.” Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive Rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She traveled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life.

Her writings, especially the *Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*, have helped generations of believers. In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: Doctor of the Church. She and St. Catherine of Siena were the first women so honored.

*“Let nothing disturb you,  
Let nothing frighten you,  
All things are passing away:  
God never changes.  
Patience obtains all things.  
Whoever has God lacks nothing;  
God alone suffices.”*

*Saint Teresa of Avila*

### **How this Polish priest fought against media censorship**

*Bl. Jerzy Popieluszko spoke out against mass media censorship in communist Poland and was killed for his opposition.*

In 1946, the Central Office for the Control of the Press, Publications and Spectacles was established in Poland, ensuring that the communist regime was viewed favorably, monitoring the publication of all mass media. Every piece of mass communication was monitored by censors. and if it didn’t match-up with communist beliefs, it was “corrected.”

This type of media censorship endured for many decades in Poland, but it met a tipping point during the 1980s. An influential Polish priest, Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko, became very vocal about access to the truth. His homilies drew large crowds, while also being broadcast over Radio Free Europe.

He fought back against the communist regime and promoted non-violent means of opposition.

*“Justice and the right to know the truth require us from this pulpit to repeatedly demand a limit on the tyranny of censorship.”* **BL. JERZY POPIELUSZKO**

Many rallied to his call, and his example became a central catalyst to the downfall of communism in Poland a few short years later. However, his vocal opposition to the Party line came with a price. Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko was murdered by the Secret Police on October 19, 1984. His murder provoked an even greater outcry and further revealed the declining influence of communism in Poland. His death eventually gained him the title of martyr, killed in defense of the truth.

Pope Benedict XVI praised his beatification in 2010.

*Another figure I wish to remember: Fr Jerzy Popieluszko, a priest and martyr who was proclaimed Blessed in Warsaw precisely last Sunday. He exercised his generous and courageous ministry beside all those who were working for freedom, for the defense of life and for its dignity. His work at the service of goodness and truth was a sign of contradiction for the regime governing Poland at the time. Love of the Heart of Christ led him to give his life and his witness was the seed of a new springtime in the Church and in society.*


Bl. Jerzy Popieluszko reminds us of the importance of the truth and the value of freedom in mass media.




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