



# 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, 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 & Reyes Families

11:00 a.m. † Alex Mitchell

**Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory  
† Berchmans Savarimuthu  
† Sussana and Thivyanathan

**Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Jim Clancy

**Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Deceased family members of Benedetto Tuzi

**Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Anabela Wardell

**Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. *available*

4:30 p.m. † Antonio Tamburro

**Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Vince Corvinelli

11:00 a.m. † Josie Shields

**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.

**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'.

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**Calling All St. Leo's Youth!!**

Join us weekly, beginning November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall for a "Watch Party" featuring

**The Chosen**

Watch for further details and plan to bring a friend. (\*\*popcorn provided \*\*)

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

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For more information – Please contact:  
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**Come and See - Day Retreat**

**Saturday, November 20**

**(9:00am – 3:30pm)**

**at St. Augustine's Seminary**

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For more information, please contact (the Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations via email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

Poster: <https://bit.ly/torontocomesee2021>

## ALL SOULS' DAY

All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honoring the dead. The day is primarily celebrated in the Catholic Church, but it is also celebrated in the Eastern Orthodox Church and a few other denominations of Christianity. The Anglican church is the largest protestant church to celebrate the holy day. Most protestant denominations do not recognize the holiday and disagree with the theology behind it.

According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser (venial) sin, must go.

Purgatory is necessary so that souls can be cleansed and perfected before they enter into heaven. There is scriptural basis for this belief. The primary reference is in 2 Maccabees, 12:26 and 12:32. "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... Thus made atonement for the dead that they might be free from sin."

Additional references are found in Zechariah, Sirach, and the Gospel of Matthew. Jewish tradition also reinforces this belief as well as the tradition and teaching of the Church, which has been affirmed throughout history.

Consistent with these teachings and traditions, Catholics believe that through the prayers of the faithful on Earth, the dead are cleansed of their sins so they may enter into heaven.

The belief in purgatory has not been without controversy. Certainly, some flagrant abuses of the doctrine were used to raise money for the Church during the renaissance. Famously, Martin Luther argued with the monk, Johan Tetzl, over the sale of indulgences. Indulgences were sold as spiritual pardons to the poor and applied to the souls of the dead (or the living) to get people into heaven. The abuse of indulgences and the blatant, sometimes fraudulent practice of selling indulgences for money, led to Luther's protest.

When Martin Luther translated the Bible into German, he omitted the seven books of the canon which refer to prayers for the dead. He then introduced the heretical belief that people are simply saved, or not, and argued that there is no need to pray for the dead to get them into heaven. The Church reeled from Luther's accusation, and reformed its practice of selling indulgences. However, it reemphasized the Biblical and traditional practice of praying for the departed and the importance of such prayers.

All Souls Day is celebrated in much of the western world on November 2. Other rites have their own celebrations. The Eastern Orthodox Church has several such days throughout the year, mostly on Saturdays. All Souls Day is not a holy day of obligation. It should not be confused with All Saints' Day, which is a holy day of obligation.

Many cultures also mark the day differently. In North America, Americans may say extra prayers or light candles for the departed. In parts of Latin America, families visit the graves of their ancestors and sometimes leave food offerings for the departed.

*Let perpetual light shine upon them,  
with your Saints forever,  
for you are merciful.  
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them,  
with your Saints forever,  
for you are merciful.  
Amen.*

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### ***"Live the Gospel" on ShareLife Sunday***

This weekend is our last special collection for ShareLife this year. Our goal this year is \$43,500.00. To date we have achieved \$33,428.96. Will you help us reach our goal?

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*- Cardinal Thomas Collins*


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