



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

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.



St. Agatha

Feastday: February 5

Patron: of Sicily, bellfounders, breast cancer, against fire, Palermo, rape victims

Birth: 231

Death: 251

St. Agatha, also known as Agatha of Sicily, is one of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of the Catholic Church. It is believed that she was born around 231 in either Catania or Palermo, Sicily to a rich and noble family.

From her very early years, the notably beautiful Agatha dedicated her life to God. She became a consecrated virgin, a state in life where young women choose to remain celibate and give themselves wholly to Jesus and the Church in a life of prayer and service. That did not stop men from desiring her and making unwanted advances toward her.

However, one of the men who desired Agatha, whose name was Quintianus, because he was of a high diplomatic ranking, thought he could force her to turn away from her vow and force her to marry. His persistent proposals were consistently spurned by Agatha, so Quintianus, knowing she was a Christian during the persecution of Decius, had her arrested and brought before the judge. He was the Judge.

He expected her to give in to his demands when she was faced with torture and possible death, but she simply reaffirmed her belief in God by praying: "Jesus Christ, Lord of all, you see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am. I am your sheep: make me worthy to overcome the devil." With tears falling from her eyes, she prayed for courage.

To force her to change her mind, Quintianus had her imprisoned - in a brothel. Agatha never lost her confidence in God, even though she suffered a month of assaults and efforts to get her to abandon her vow to God and go against her virtue. Quintianus heard of her calm strength and ordered that she be brought before him once

again. During her interrogation, she told him that to be a servant of Jesus Christ was her true freedom.

Enraged, Quintianus sent her off to prison instead of back to the brothel -- a move intended to make her even more afraid, but it was probably a great relief to her.

Agatha continued to proclaim Jesus as her Savior, Lord, Life and Hope. Quintianus ordered her to be tortured. He had her stretched on a rack to be torn with iron hooks, burned with torches, and whipped. Noticing Agatha was enduring all the torture with a sense of cheer, he commanded she be subjected to a worse form of torture ? this evil man ordered that her breasts be cut off.

He then sent her back to prison with an order of no food or medical attention. But the Lord gave her all the care she needed. He was her Sacred Physician and protector. Agatha had a vision of the apostle, St. Peter, who comforted her and healed her wounds through his prayers.

After four days, Quintianus ignored the miraculous cure of her wounds. He had her stripped naked and rolled over naked over hot coals which were mixed with sharp shards. When she was returned to prison, Agatha prayed, "Lord, my Creator, you have ever protected me from the cradle; you have taken me from the love of the world, and given me patience to suffer: receive now my soul."

Agatha is believed to have passed into Heaven around the year 251.

She is commonly featured in religious art with shears, tongs, or breasts on a plate.

St. Agatha is the patron saint of Sicily, bellfounders, breast cancer patients, Palermo, rape victims, and wet nurses. She is also considered to be a powerful intercessor when people suffer from fires. Her feast day is celebrated on February 5.

Prayer:

Saint Agatha, you suffered sexual assault and indignity because of your faith and purity. Help heal all those who are survivors of sexual assault and protect those women who are in danger. Amen

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**“Come to me,
all you who are weary
and burdened,
and I will give you
rest.”**

~ Matthew 11:28 ~

**Eucharistic Adoration
Every Friday from 9 am to 12 noon**



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, February 5

8:30 am In appreciation for all ministries
4:30 p.m. † Joyce & Norman Gay

Sunday, February 6

9:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Horvath Family
† Vickie Tsang Hun Kit Sousa
11:00 a.m. † Frank Davies

Tuesday, February 8th

8:30 a.m. † Attilio & Maria Bianco

Wednesday, February 9th

8:30 a.m. † Isaura Grestejo
† Laurence Chamoun

Thursday, February 10th

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

Friday, February 11th

8:30 a.m. † Frank Long

Saturday, February 12th

4:30 p.m. † David Worrall

Sunday, February 13th

9:00 a.m. † Fred Molica
11:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Utrosa Family

Calling all Ladies!

Come and join your sisters in faith with St. Leo The Great Catholic Women's League. 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. For more information – Please contact: Andrea Losier – andrea.losier74@gmail.com
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Bereavement Support Group Virtual Sessions

We are hosting a special bereavement support group series on Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Grieving with Great HOPE is a Catholic faith-based program that consists of a five-week grief support workshop using a video on-demand format available on FORMED. It offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. Sr. Gabriel Mary Riddle, CPS, Pastoral Assistant at St. Peter's Parish, Toronto, will facilitate these sessions with the assistance of the seminarians from St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto. There is no cost to attend, but online registration is required. If you could benefit from this program, please register at <https://bit.ly/BS-RegisterMar2022> by February 22, 2022.

CONTACT: Sally Amaral, samaral@archtoronto.org
or 416-934-3400 ext. 518.

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You*

St. Leo's SSVP conference would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Assistance program in December 2021. With your help, we assisted 73 adults and 58 children with Christmas groceries and presents. It's only thanks to your donations that we can run this special project and help the most vulnerable have a joyous Christmas. Thank you again for your support, and all the best for the rest of 2022.

Food for Thought

Fast from criticism, Feast on praise
Fast from self pity, Feast on joy
Fast from ill temper, Feast on peace
Fast from resentment, Feast on contentment
Fast from jealousy, Feast on love
Fast from pride, Feast on humility
Fast from selfishness, Feast on service
Fast from fear, Feast on trust


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