



# 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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus was “led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil.”

-Luke 4:1-2

The Biblical roots of Lent are found in Jesus' sacrifice and temptation in the desert.

In all three Synoptic Gospels, we hear the story of Jesus' retreat into the desert, the story that forms the biblical foundation for the Lenten season.

During this time, Jesus fasted and prayed. He dedicated 40 days to sacrifice and meditation in order to prepare for his public ministry.

After experiencing hunger and the pain of sacrifice, he was tempted by the Devil with access to food, pride, and power.

As we journey through the Lenten season, we are called to remember Jesus' sacrifice and temptation in the desert and how it parallels both the 40 years when the Israelites walked in the desert and the 40 days of Lent. *Ascension Press*



### We are looking for new altar servers!

If you are in grade 2 and have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion and you would like to serve the church in this special ministry, we would love to have you!

If you are interested in joining this ministry, please speak to Fr. Mounir after Mass or email the office.

## Lenten Schedule

Rosary before Daily Mass

Stations of the Cross after Daily Mass

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:30 pm

Adoration on Fridays from 10 am to noon

The church is open for private prayer Monday to Thursday from 8 am to noon and from 1 – 4 pm, Friday from 8 am – noon. Please enter through the front doors.

Parishioners are encouraged to go to Confession before Easter and if possible attend a second Mass during the week and pray the Rosary.

FR. MOUNIR EL-RASSI

## Saint Patrick's Story Saint of the Day for March 17

Legends about Patrick abound; but truth is best served by our seeing two solid qualities in him: He was humble and he was courageous. The determination to accept suffering and success with equal indifference guided the life of God's instrument for winning most of Ireland for Christ.

Details of his life are uncertain. Current research places his dates of birth and death a little later than earlier accounts. Patrick may have been born in Dunbarton, Scotland, Cumberland, England, or in northern Wales. He called himself both a Roman and a Briton. At 16, he and a large number of his father's slaves and vassals were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered greatly from hunger and cold.

After six years Patrick escaped, probably to France, and later returned to Britain at the age of 22. His captivity had meant spiritual conversion. He may have studied at Lerins, off the French coast; he spent years at Auxerre, France, and was consecrated bishop at the age of 43. His great desire was to proclaim the good news to the Irish.

In a dream vision it seemed "all the children of Ireland from their mothers' wombs were stretching out their hands" to him. He understood the vision to be a call to do mission work in pagan Ireland. Despite opposition from those who felt his education had been defective, he was sent to carry out the task. He went to the west and north—where the faith had never been preached—obtained the protection of local kings, and made numerous converts.

Because of the island's pagan background, Patrick was emphatic in encouraging widows to remain chaste and young women to consecrate their virginity to Christ. He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, held Church councils, founded several monasteries and continually urged his people to greater holiness in Christ.

He suffered much opposition from pagan druids and was criticized in both England and Ireland for the way he conducted his mission. In a relatively short time, the island had experienced deeply the Christian spirit, and was prepared to send out missionaries whose efforts were greatly responsible for Christianizing Europe.

Patrick was a man of action, with little inclination toward learning. He had a rock-like belief in his vocation, in the cause he had espoused. One of the few certainly authentic writings is his *Confessio*, above all an act of homage to God for having called Patrick, unworthy sinner, to the apostolate.

There is hope rather than irony in the fact that his burial place is said to be in County Down in Northern Ireland, long the scene of strife and violence.

Reflection

What distinguishes Patrick is the durability of his efforts. When one considers the state of Ireland when he began his mission work, the vast extent of his labors, and how the seeds he planted continued to grow and flourish, one can only admire the kind of man Patrick must have been. The holiness of a person is known only by the fruits of his or her work. Saint Patrick is the Patron Saint of: Engineers Ireland, Nigeria.

**Annual Mass of St. Patrick**

**Thursday, March 17 – 10 a.m.**

**St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica 65 Bond St., Toronto**

Join us for the annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. Cardinal Thomas Collins will be the presider. The homilist will be Fr. Seamus Hogan, Associate Professor of Church History, St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto. All are welcome to attend.

A livestream of the Mass will also available at: [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live).

**CWL General Meeting**

Sunday, March 27 after the 11 am Mass in the Parish Hall.

**Dominican Friars Youth Interfaith Video Contest 2022**

The Archdiocese of Toronto Office for Interreligious Dialogue invites students to participate in the Youth Interfaith Video Contest sponsored by the Dominican Friars of Toronto in collaboration with The Catholic Register, Interfaith Youth Alliance Movement (IYAM) and Salt + Light Media. The theme of the contest is, "Cultivating Friendship and Solidarity," in light of the United Nations' International Day of Human Fraternity (February 4). This is a wonderful opportunity for youth to explore the theme of how our diverse faith traditions call on us to Rebuild, Restore and Renew our communities together, through cultivating friendship and solidarity. We encourage participants to not only highlight the contest theme but to reach out to collaborate and engage with people of diverse cultural and religious backgrounds. Entries can come from an individual or a team. The video may be up to three minutes maximum in length and submit by the contest closing date of Tuesday, April 19, 2022. We would appreciate any efforts to promote the contest in high schools in your school board. For complete contest details, please see the poster: <https://bit.ly/YouthInterfaithVideoContest2022>

For more details go to:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest>



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**OF THE WEEK**

**Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Madge St. Denis

**Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Patricia Tierney

11:00 a.m. † Sylvia Long

**\*\*\* There will be no daily Masses March 15 – 18 \*\*\***

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Vera Creron

**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Fred Molica

11:00 a.m. † Teresa & John Jeronimo

**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Hector Anselmo

† Innocenzo & Vincenzina Mommone

† Attilio & Maria Tuzi

**Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Isabel Isakiewicz

† Bridget Young

† Maria Wloczyk

**Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Anthony Wadden

**Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Innocenzo Mammone

† Attilio Bianco

† Geraldine Battista

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Frank Skerlj

**Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Horacio Arruda

11:00 a.m. † Sylvia Long

**The parish office will be closed during the March Break**

**Those wishing to help the Ukrainian people may do so in the following ways:**

Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)


- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:  
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