

St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday- 9:00 am -12:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday- 9:00 am -7:00 pm

Friday- 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday- 9:00 am- 3:00 pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 8:30 am

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

First Saturday: 8:30 am

Church Doors During the Day Open

Check our parish website or parish doors for the schedule.

Benediction and Adoration of the Eucharist

Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm - Youth mass

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Please download the Baptism Information form from parish website and follow the instructions.

Sacrament of Marriage

The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you contact your parish priest at least one year in advance. 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.

Altar Servers' Ministry

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Catholic Women's League (CWL)

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Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

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Prayer Group: Divine Mercy Lectio Divina

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the lounge.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Please contact the parish office to register for 2022/2023. The program runs from September to April on a weekly basis.

Local Hospitals & Emergency Pastoral Visits

There is a full-time Catholic priest assigned to these three hospitals at various times of the week: Oshawa, Whitby and Port Perry. Simply ask hospital staff to inquire as to whether Hospital Chaplain is present in the hospital or when he will be. If there is an emergency, please call St. Leo the Great Parish at 905-655-3286, ext.8


MASS INTENTIONS
OF THE WEEK

Saturday, September 10th

4:30 p.m. Living intention for Anna Maria and
Benedetto Tuzi

Sunday, September 11th

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
11:00 a.m. † Parents and siblings of Jose Guilherme

Tuesday, September 13th

9:00 a.m. Victims of Abortion

Wednesday, September 14th

7:00 p.m. † Peter Pecevnik

Thursday, September 15th

8:30 a.m. Living intention for Anna Maria and
Benedetto Tuzi
Living intention for Veronica and
Christopher Duarte

Friday, September 16th

8:30 a.m. † Olga Horunjak

Saturday, September 17th

4:30 p.m. † Gino, † Albino, † Isa &
† Claudia Cirigniano

Sunday, September 18th

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
11:00 a.m. † Manuel Domingues and † Maria Rosa Faria

Federation of North-American Explorers

Would you like to be part of the FNE family to work together to deliver an exciting FNE Explorer program that incorporates five active goals into the program – God, helping others, Character, physical development and participating in activities that have a purpose? FNE Offers single-gender programs both at the youth and adult levels. No previous experience is required. FNE provides virtual and in-person training and support sessions. You join an FNE community with leaders who work to support one another and share ideas and experiences.

Program Schedule:

Boy Dens: St. Leo the Great Parish hall commencing on *September 22, 2022 at 6:45 PM to 8:30 PM (weekly)*

Come and See meeting: Potentially interested Boys & Parents are welcome to experience a timberwolf den meeting at St. Leo the Great Parish *on September 18, 2022 at 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM.*

Parent Info Session: St. Leo the Great Parish hall on *September 15, 2022 at 7:30 PM.*

Knights of Columbus

Sunday (Today) Breakfast:

Sept. 11 after the 9 & the 11 am masses.

Golf Tournament: **September 24.**

For further info contact Gerry Hanley at - 905-409-0733.

Catholic Women's League

General Meeting: Sept. 13, at 7 pm in the Parish Hall

All the ladies of the parish are invited.

Life Chain: This year Life Chain is on **October 2, 2022.**

Below is the **Holy Spirit Novena for Life** that starts on *September 25, (Sunday before Life Chain)* and ends on *October 3, 2022:*

Holy Spirit, at the dawn of creation,

You brought order out of chaos,

Light out of darkness,

Life out of nothingness.

Breathe on us once again,

And change the culture of death

Into a Culture of Life.

Inspire in your people

A spirit of generous welcome

For each and every life,

No matter how unexpected or dependent

That life may be.

Holy Spirit, You are the Advocate.

As you fill us with Yourself,

Make us advocates

For the unborn and all the vulnerable.

Until we are all united in the endless life and joy

Of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

One God, forever and ever. Amen

Sunday Children's Liturgy
COMING SOON!

*Saint Gregory the Great: Patron Saint of
England, Epilepsy, Musicians and Teachers*

September 3- Pope and Doctor of the Church

Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he was 30. After five years in office he

resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate, and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome.

Ordained a priest, Gregory became one of the pope's seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal representative in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, but at the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome.

Gregory was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine. Whether he was largely responsible for the revision of "Gregorian" chant is disputed.

Gregory lived in a time of perpetual strife with invading Lombards and difficult relations with the East. When Rome itself was under attack, he interviewed the Lombard king.

His book, *Pastoral Care*, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. He described bishops mainly as physicians whose main duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline. In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily Gospel to the needs of his listeners. Called "the Great," Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome, as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church.

An Anglican historian has written: "It is impossible to conceive what would have been the confusion, the lawlessness, the chaotic state of the Middle Ages without the medieval papacy; and of the medieval papacy, the real father is Gregory the Great."

Reflection: Gregory was content to be a monk, but he willingly served the Church in

other ways when asked. He sacrificed his own preferences in many ways, especially when he was called to be Bishop of Rome. Once he was called to public service, Gregory gave his considerable energies completely to this work. Gregory's description of bishops as physicians fits in well with Pope Francis' description of the Church as a "field hospital."

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 8

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.


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