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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 10:00 am

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.

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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

Knights of Columbus



Once again, this Advent Season, St. Leo the Great Parish will be collecting items for the Cornerstone Men's Hostel in Oshawa, from next weekend onwards. Items necessary to the men who live on the streets include new-only socks, underwear, toothbrushes and deodorant, shaving cream, foot powder, lip balm and Kleenex tissues. We cannot accept used clothing. Please drop off these items in the marked bins located in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

No time to bake?



All ladies of the parish are invited to the Dec. meeting of the CWL to be held at La Bella Notte restaurant on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m.. Please let Donna know if you'd like to join us. 905-620-0724 dmshaddick@gmail.com

The C.W.L. will have Christmas Cookies for sale after the masses on Sat. Dec.10 and 11. Small plates \$5 and Large \$10.

Looking for web admin

We are looking for a web admin volunteer for doing regular updates on the church's website. Interested person is requested to contact the parish office.

St. Augustines's Seminary

A Patristic talk by Fr. Andrew Summerson on the topic, 'Catechists: Stewards of the Mysteries of God', is organized by Pontifical Faculty of Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary on December 10th, 2022. Online participation via zoom will be also offered. More information is available on their website : www.staugustines.on.ca/events.

Christmas Auction benefitting the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation (DCCF)

Visit DCCFauction.ca from November 28 to December 2, 2022, to access the virtual auction and bid on items for sale. For more information, please email info@durhamcatholicfoundation.ca

DCCF launches Tribute Donations:

DCCF has launched a new campaign called Tribute Funds which allows you to donate in someone's

Saturday, November 26th	
4:30 p.m.	† Antero Reyes and † Rosalia Reyes
Sunday, November 27th	
9:00 a.m.	Pro populo
11:00 a.m.	† Armenio Medeiros
	† All souls in purgatory
Tuesday, November 29th	
8:30 a.m.	† Innocenzo & † Vincenzina Mammone
	† Attilio & † Maria Tuzi
	† Luiza Camarata
Wednesday, November 30th	
7:00 p.m.	† Patrick Pauzé
	† Fortunato Molica
	† All souls in purgatory
Thursday, December 1st	
8:30 a.m.	Rosalba Mammone
Friday, December 2nd	
8:30 a.m.	Unborn due to miscarriage
	† Deceased members of Knauf family
	† Guida Placido
Saturday, December 3rd	
8:30 a.m.	† Hervé and † Elsie Bourassa
4:30 p.m.	† Henry and † Helen Freve
Sunday, December 4th	
9:00 a.m.	† Vince Corvinelli
11:00 a.m.	Pro populo

On this week @ St. Leo The Great...

- Coffee Sunday
- KofC announcements
- CWL Announcements
- Looking for web admin
- St. Augustine's Seminary
- Durham Catholic Children's Foundation
- Welcoming the season of advent
- The Man Behind the Story of Santa Claus

Coffee Sunday

The parishioners are invited for Coffee Sunday this week, Nov 27th, after the 9a.m and the 11 a.m. mass, organized by CWL.

honor with all funds directly supporting students and families in Durham Catholic schools. For more info: durhamcatholicfoundation/waystodonate

Welcoming the season of Advent...

We are approaching the season of advent. The word 'advent' means 'coming' or 'arrival'. The season of Advent is a time for preparation. Based on experience, we have an intuitive understanding of Advent. We usually consider Advent as in preparation for Christmas, the First Coming of Christ. Yet the season of Advent is not just for wrapping gifts and holiday decorations. In addition to that, we should also think about it, in connection with the second coming of Christ.

According to the General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar: *Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation* [Norms 39].

As a season reminding the two comings of Christ, we should celebrate the season more spiritually. It is a time when we join our present-day longings with the longings of the Chosen People. In our present scenario, we also long to be saved from the restraints that keep us away from catholic life.



The Advent season takes place over four weeks. Commonly, each of the four weeks of Advent contains a special theme: hope, peace, love, and joy. The purpose of each theme is to spend time reflecting on the true meaning of the season - the life of Jesus Christ. Each of these themes represents the God's gifts that should be shared with mankind. During the advent season, through meditations and prayers, we should contemplate ways to share these deepest gifts.

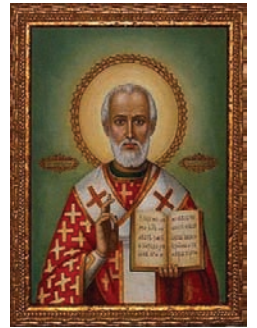
As we are entering to the first week themed hope, we would be owning a biblical hope, that chooses to wait expectantly for God to bring his goodness to our lives, no matter how dark our circumstances are. For us

Catholics, it is the faith that unveils hope. Faith and hope are overlapping realities. So, do not be worried about the circumstances that confront us, look up to God, remember his promises, fill our heart with faith and ultimately with hope in God. "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned. (Isaiah 9:2,6-7)".

Over this Advent, let hope would rise in our spirits to enlighten us to lead a life filled with joy in Christ.

The Man Behind the Story of Santa Claus

St. Nicholas was a Bishop who lived in the fourth century, in a place called Myra in Asia Minor (now called Turkey). He was a very rich man because his parents died when he was young and left him a lot of money. He was also a very kind man and had a reputation for helping the poor and giving secret gifts to people who needed it. There are several legends about St. Nicholas, although we don't know if any of them are true!



The most famous story about St. Nicholas tells how the custom of hanging up stockings to put presents in first started! It goes like this:

There was a poor man who had three daughters. The man was so poor that he did not have enough money for a dowry, so his daughters couldn't get married. One night, Nicholas secretly dropped a bag of gold down the chimney and into the house (this meant that the oldest daughter was then able to be married). The bag fell into a stocking that had been hung by the fire to dry! This was repeated later with the second daughter. Finally, determined to discover the person who had given him the money, the father secretly hid by the fire every evening until he caught Nicholas dropping in a bag of gold. Nicholas begged the man to not tell anyone what he had done, because he did not want to bring attention to himself. But soon the news got out and when anyone received a secret gift, it was thought that maybe it was from Nicholas.

Because of his kindness Nicholas was made a Saint. His feast day is celebrated on the anniversary of his death, December 6.


*Article taken from the website www.whychristmas.com




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