

St. Leo The Great

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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.

Altar Servers' Ministry

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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

OF THE WEEK

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

Tuesday, December 6th

8:30 a.m. Benedetto Tuzi

Wednesday, December 7th

7:00 p.m. † Giuseppa Tirelli

† Fortunato Molica

† Madelaine Vonk

Joseph K and Flotina Max

John Todd

Thursday, December 8th

8:30 a.m. † All souls in purgatory

Friday, December 9th

8:30 a.m. † Delia Marguez

† Fortunato Molica

† Shirley Ann (Boyd)

† Bernard & † Marguerite (Asselin)

Saturday, December 10th

4:30 p.m. † Attilio and † Maria Bianco

Sunday, December 11th

9:00 a.m. † Andrew Higgins

11:00 a.m. Pro populo

drop off these items in the marked bins located in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

- The Knight's General meeting is on Monday Dec.5, 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in church hall.
- Knight's next Breakfast is on Sunday Dec.11,2022 after each mass. All money raised from this breakfast will go to Saint Vincent de Paul.



No time to bake?

All ladies of the parish are invited to the December 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 dmsaddick@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.

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.

Immaculate Conception Mass:

Mass: Thursday, December 8- 5 p.m.

Mass is livestreamed from St. Augustine's Chapel with Cardinal Collins.

More information is available on their website : www.staugustines.on.ca/events.

Reflecting on Cardinal Collin's Pastoral Letter on the Sacred heart of Jesus

Some practical solutions for devotion to the Sacred Heart:

Make a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This was emphasized in the private revelation to Saint Margaret Mary. As Bishop Sheen remarks, spending an hour with Jesus is the only thing relating to himself that he specifically asked of us, when he said in the GARDEN OF Gethsemane. "So, could you not watch with me one hour?"(Matthew 26:40).One can make this Holy Hour with any frequency; Bishop Sheen urges priests to do so everyday.

To learn more about the Cardinal's letter, *Heart speaks to Heart*, visit www.archtoronto.org/sacredheart

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

- KofC announcements
- CWL Announcements
- St. Augustine's Seminary
- Reflecting on Cardinal Collin's Pastoral Letter
- Symbolism of the Advent Wreath and Candles
- Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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

The Purpose and Symbolism of the Advent Wreath and Candles

The Advent season is a time of preparation for our hearts and minds for the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas.

The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ. Even the individual evergreens that make up the wreath have their own meanings that can be adapted to our faith. The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering. The pine, holly, and yew signify immortality and the cedar signifies strength and healing. The pinecones that decorate the wreath symbolize life and resurrection. The wreath as a whole is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ.

The candles also have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice.

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah. The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of

the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

The white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ. The color white is for purity—because Christ is our sinless, pure Savior.

Celebrating Advent is an excellent way to prepare your mind and heart for Christmas.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity.



In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

Reflection


In Luke 1:28 the angel Gabriel, speaking on God's behalf, addresses Mary as "full of grace" or "highly favored". In that context, this phrase means that Mary is receiving all the special divine help necessary for the task ahead. However, the Church grows in understanding with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led the Church, especially non-theologians, to the insight that Mary had to be the most perfect work of God next to the Incarnation. Or rather, Mary's intimate association with the Incarnation called for the special involvement of God in Mary's whole life.


The logic of piety helped God's people to believe that Mary was full of grace and free of sin from the first moment of her existence. Moreover, this great privilege of Mary is the highlight of all that God has done in Jesus. Rightly understood, the incomparable holiness of Mary shows forth the incomparable goodness of God




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