



St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

130 Watford Street, Brooklin, ON L1M 1H2

905.655.3286 • Fax: 905.655.4519

www.stleothegreat.ca

e-mail: officestleothegreat@gmail.com

Pastor: Father Mounir El- Rassi

Parish Secretary: Gianella Lazaro 905-655-3286 ext. 1

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

Tony Pham: tuanphamca@yahoo.ca

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Larry Hallihan

lgba2008@yahoo.ca

Saint Vincent de Paul

President: Sarah Woods

Sarah.a.woods@outlook.com

905-655-3286 ext. 3

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

President: Donna Shaddick

dmshaddick@gmail.com

Catholic Moms Group

Leaders: Anna-Lisa, Lindsay & Shannon

stleosmg@catholicmomsgroup.com

Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

Founder: Paul Ritchi

paul.ritchi@gmail.com

416-435-6593

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, January 7th

8:30 a.m. † Teresa O'Relly
4:30 p.m. † Frank Utrosa

Sunday, January 8th

9:00 a.m. † Thomas Passafiume
11:00 a.m. † Tomasina & † Francesco Parente

Tuesday, January 10th

8:30 a.m. † Deceased family members of Sampson & Young family

Thursday, January 12th

8:30 a.m. † All souls in purgatory

Friday, January 13th

8:30 a.m. † Madelaine Vonk
St. Michael's Hospital,
Nursing Class of '65

Saturday, January 14th

4:30 p.m. Pro populo

Sunday, January 15th

9:00 a.m. † Fortunato Molica
11:00 a.m. † Mark Hobson



Catholic Women's League

- CWL Executive Meeting: Sunday, January 15, 2023, after 11 a.m. mass in the lounge
- CWL General Meeting - 3rd Sunday of the month – January 22, 2023, after 11 a.m. mass in the lounge
- CWL Reflection: Saturday February 4, 2023
Mass 8:30 a.m., Coffee at 9:15 a.m. and program ends at noon
Theme: *“Catholic and Living it”*
Open to all women of the parish.
To register, please email Donna at dmschaddick@gmail.com to register (no charge)

St. Augustine's Seminary

A special event for young adults ages 18-35, in collaboration with the Office of Catholic Youth Spiritus ministries, 'The Cross at Work' will be hosted at St. Augustine's Seminary on January 21st from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. This is an in-person event presented by Fr. Michael Corpus and includes Mass in the Seminary chapel and lunch. For registration and info: www.staugustines.on.ca/events.

Salvation-New Life in Christ

A 10 part video study program by Scripture scholar and theologian Michael Patrick Barber, providing a thorough, deeply catholic, and deeply biblical meaning of 'Salvation' is arranged from Thursday, January 19, 2023 7 p.m. - Thursday, March 23, 2023 9 a.m. at St. Gertrude's Parish hall, Oshawa.

For details visit <https://stgertrudesos.archtoronto.org/> or call 905-925-9871

Ignatian Weekend Retreat

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for men, "On the road to Union with God", by Fr. Henk van Meijel, SJ, is arranged in Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre from Friday, January 13, 2023 7 p.m. - Sunday, January 15, 2023 1p.m.. The hope is that the retreatant comes to a higher understanding of self in relation to our infinite loving and merciful God in the context of their own earthly life- journey. For registration and info, visit: <https://Manresa-canada.ca/events/>

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

- CWL Announcements
- St. Augustine's Seminary
- Salvation-New Life in Christ
- Ignatian Weekend Retreat
- DCDSB Kindergarten Registration Opens
- Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys
- Saint Devasahayam Pillai

DCDSB Kindergarten Registration Opens **January 12, 2023**

Begin your child's faith-filled journey at the Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB)!

Your child must be turning 4 years of age by December 31, 2023 to register for Year 1/Junior Kindergarten or 5 years of age by December 31, 2023 to register for Year 2/Senior Kindergarten.

Complete your online registration by visiting dcdsb.ca/Kindergarten

Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

Feast Day: January 14

Born the sixth of 12 children in Troyes, France, Marguerite at the age of 20 believed that she was called to religious life. Her applications to the Carmelites and Poor Clares were unsuccessful. A priest friend suggested that perhaps God had other plans for her.

In 1654, the governor of the French settlement in Canada visited his sister, an Augustinian canoness in Troyes. Marguerite belonged to a sodality connected to that convent.



The governor invited her to come to Canada and start a school in Ville-Marie (eventually the city of Montreal). When she arrived, the colony numbered 200 people with a hospital and a Jesuit mission chapel.

Soon after starting a school, she realized her need for coworkers. Returning to Troyes, she recruited a friend, Catherine Crolo, and two other young women. In 1667, they added classes at their school for Indian children. A second trip to France three years later resulted in six more young women and a letter from King Louis XIV, authorizing the school. The Congregation of Notre Dame was established in 1676 but its members did not make formal religious profession until 1698 when their Rule and constitutions were approved.

Marguerite established a school for Indian girls in Montreal. At the age of 69, she walked from Montreal to Quebec in response to the bishop's request to establish a community of her sisters in that city. By the time she died, she was referred to as the "Mother of the Colony." Marguerite was canonized in 1982.

Reflection

It's easy to become discouraged when plans that we think that God must endorse are frustrated. Marguerite was called not to be a cloistered nun but to be a foundress and an educator. God had not ignored her after all.

Saint Devasahayam Pillai

Feast Day: January 15

Neelakandan Pillai was born into an affluent Hindu family in 1712. As a young man he went into the service of the royal household in India's Travancore province. Eventually put in charge of state affairs, Pillai became acquainted with Captain Eustachius De Lannoy, the Dutch naval commander who trained the king of Travancore's forces. Their relationship awakened Pillai's interest in the captain's Christian faith. At his baptism in 1745, Pillai chose the name Lazarus, or Devasahayam in the Malayalam language. His wife and other members of his family were baptized at the same time.

Soon after, Pillai's enemies convinced the royal court that he was using his position to force others to convert, leading to his imprisonment. European Christians in Travancore came to Pillai's defense, urging the king to release him. After three years the king complied under condition that Pillai go into exile to a hostile territory. Though beaten and tortured almost daily, Pillai consistently responded with kindness, openly praying for his captors. Shot to death by local soldiers in 1752, Pillai's body was transported to St. Xavier Church in Kottar. Later when his remains were interred beneath the altar, the site became a popular pilgrimage destination.

In 2012, Devasahayam Pillai became the first Indian layman not connected to any religious institute to be beatified. Ten years later he was canonized in Rome. His liturgical feast is celebrated on January 14.


Reflection


At the May 15, 2022, canonization Mass, Pope Francis said that the lives of the saints prove that holiness is not an unreachable goal accomplished by a select few but comes from acknowledging and sharing God's love. Pillai, he said, exemplified the Christian call "to serve the Gospel and our brothers and sisters, to offer our lives without expecting anything in return, or any worldly glory."




ONTARIO DUCT CLEANING
Do it for your home do it for the health of your family.
For a FREE No Obligation phone estimate, call:
905-655-1099

St. Leo the Great CWL
 Donna Shaddick
President
905-620-0724
All Are Welcome
HOUSEKEEPER/COOK WANTED
Got great housekeeping, cooking, & organizational skills?
Email resume to
geoscooper@gmail.com 

Brooklin Dental Centre

Dr. Austin Saldanha
Parishioner
Care for your entire family
42 Baldwin Street
905-655-3385
brooklindentalcentre.com



Baldwin Animal Hospital
Daniel Baturensky, DVM
4160 Baldwin St. S.
Unit 13, Whitby
P 905-655-CATS 905-655-BARK



WAY STREET PHARMACY
at 72 Baldwin Street - Unit 106 (entrance on Way Street)
Alan Tonna, R.Ph.
PRESCRIPTION SERVICES - MEDICATION REVIEWS & MANAGEMENT - VACCINATION - COVID RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING - ADDICTION TREATMENT MANAGEMENT, AND MORE
905.655.9898 www.waystreetpharmacy.ca

Care for your entire family
42 Baldwin Street
905-655-3385
brooklindentalcentre.com



Benjamin Moore®
Brooklin Paint
53 Baldwin Street, Brooklin, ON L1M 1A2
905-655-5699
www.brooklinpaint.com



62 Winchester Rd. E.
Brooklin Tax
& Bookkeeping Services Inc.
Accounting • Bookkeeping • Personal & Corporate Taxes
Alan Hogan 905.655.8556



THE NOOK
REALTY INC. BROKERAGE
Rebecca Kelsey
Sales Representative
Cell 647.621.SOLD(7653) Office 905.419.8833
rebecca@movingwithrebecca.com
www.movingwithrebecca.com



Brooklin Precision Tune
114 Winchester Rd E
905-655-6171

THINK AND GROW RICH
ORIGINAL CLASSIC VERSION
NAPOLEON HILL
MINDSET - Book Club
• Stop Depression
• Stop Self Sabotage
Kamal El-Rassi, 734-430-7396
Kamal@elrassi.com
www.elrassi.club

FRESH CO
5959 Baldwin St S
Hwy 12 & 7
www.freshco.com

BROOKLIN OPTOMETRIC CENTRE
brooklineyecare.ca
5959 Anderson St
905-655-6200
DR. PUI-YEE HO

Gus Brown
 **HYUNDAI** NEW THINKING. NEW POSSIBILITIES.
We Service All Makes and Models • Appointments not required
445 Winchester Rd E 905-721-6599 www.gusbrownhyundai.com

St. Leo's Knights of Columbus
Get involved. Inquire now!
Larry Hallihan 905 620 0351
lgba2008@yahoo.ca
www.StLeoTheGreatKofc.ca

Desjardins Insurance
Stephanie Gordon
Agent
72 Baldwin St Suite 203 905-655-3111
stephaniegordon.ca



Brooklin


905-655-1739

Funeral Director – Michael Lodge
W.C. Town Funeral Chapel
110 Dundas St. E., Whitby **905-668-3410**

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES FUNERAL SERVICES
In keeping with your Catholic faith
www.catholic-cemeteries.com
Resurrection Cemetery
905-668-8912

TOWN CLEANERS
Brooklin Location
15% off with ad
NOW A MOBILE SERVICE
Phone or text for pickup
905.655.6116

Chris Leahy
DURHAM SECURITY
905-556-1801



Serving our Community with Compassion
BARNES MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME
Melissa Barnes Funeral Director
Richard Barnes Managing Director
Family owned and operated since 1863
905.655.3662
5295 Thicksen Rd. N., Whitby (one minute North of Taunton on Thicksen)



TOWN CLEANERS
Brooklin Location
15% off with ad
NOW A MOBILE SERVICE
Phone or text for pickup
905.655.6116

Turn your home into a Smart Home!
\$50 donated to St. Leo's for every new contract.
chris@durhamsecurity.ca

Call 1-800-268-2637 for this space