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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 - with Children's Liturgy

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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Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Larry Hallihan

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Catholic Women's League (CWL)

President: Donna Shaddick

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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, March 4th

8:30 a.m. † Patricia Fox
4:30 p.m. † Stephen Jakobfy

Sunday, March 5th

9:00 a.m. † Tomasina & † Francesco Parente
11:00 a.m. † Madelaine Vonk, † Val Hotner,
† Helen Freve and † All choir
members who have passed away

Tuesday, March 7th

8:30 a.m. Arlene Millier

Wednesday, March 8th

7:00 p.m. Bodee Clyde Graham

Thursday, March 9th

8:30 a.m. Victims of Abortion

Friday, March 10th

8:30 a.m. † Sharron Frank

Saturday, March 11th

4:30 p.m. † Andrew Higgins

Sunday, March 12th

9:00 a.m. † Vince Corvinelli
11:00 a.m. † Hector Anselmo

The Sanctuary Light burns for the

- Intentions of Luciana Molica: March 4th – 10th

Sanctuary light

Suggested offering for one week is \$20. The intention and the donor's name will be printed in the bulletin. To make a request, please contact the office.

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

- Children's liturgy
- Bible Study
- DVD Library
- Station of Cross and Lenten Poverty Meals
- Knights of Columbus
- March For Life
- What the Confessor Learned from the Theologian
- Ignatian Spirituality for Living and Loving
- Live the Gospel by supporting ShareLife
- Do You Want To Fast This Lent?
- Welcoming the Call of Mercy

Link to our archdiocesan church second website:
<https://stleothegreatbr.archtoronto.org/>

Children Liturgy

We are offering Children's liturgy in our church at both 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday masses. Please utilize this for your kid's faith formation.

Bible Study

Join us in the next session of bible study on "The Eucharist" on 11th March 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the parish hall. There is no bible study on 18th March. We will resume the bible study from March 25th.

DVD Library

We would like to inform the commencement of St. Leo's DVD library. All are welcome to borrow the DVDs and make use of the opportunity to deepen their faith. Also, we welcome donations of DVD sets regarding family, saints, church history, theology or spiritual movies.

Station of Cross and Lenten Poverty Meals



The ladies of the CWL invite you to join us on Fridays through lent. We will have poverty soup supper in the hall, followed by Stations of the Cross. The cost is a good will offering with proceeds going to St. Vincent DePaul Society. Carson St. doors open at 5 p.m. for Lenten meal and Station of Cross will begin at 7 p.m.



Knights of Columbus

All are invited to the Breakfast, this Sunday on March 5, 2023, after the 9 am and the 11 am masses.

Knight's next general meeting is on Monday March 6, 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in the church hall.



March For Life

Holy Family Pro-Life Ministry organized a bus to 'March For Life' in Ottawa on Thursday May 11, 2023. The cost is \$30 per adult and \$10 per kid. Bring your own lunch. The meeting location is at 91 Ribblesdale St. Whitby—Holy Family Parish. Be at the church at 6.45 a.m. For further information, Please contact: Gwen at 905-259-8504 or Email to: gwenle1990@gmail.com.



What the Confessor Learned from the Theologian

A Patristic talk on “What the Confessor Learned from the Theologian: Maximus the Confessor on Gregory Nazianzus’ Theological Orations” has been organized by the Pontifical Faculty of Theology at St. Augustine’s Seminary on March 7, 2023, 5.00 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. at Sheptytsky Institute, Toronto. The presenter is Fr. Andrew Summerson. For details and registration, visit www.staugustines.on.ca/events

Ignatian Spirituality for Living and Loving: A Feminine Face for a New Day

Mar-11-2023 12:00 AM to Mar-12-2023 5:00 p.m.
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for women. In this time of retreat, we will explore the Ignatian tradition anew and its practice in light of women’s experiences in contemporary living. Facilitated by Sr. Mary Rowell, CSJ. Register: manresa-canada.ca

Live the Gospel by supporting ShareLife

ShareLife Sunday is March 26. More than 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies are supported through your generosity. Without your contributions, more than 150,000 people would not receive the hope offered through the vital work of these agencies. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Do You Want To Fast This Lent? (In the Words of Pope Francis...)

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

**Source:USCCB.org*

Welcoming the Call of Mercy

Sometimes, we have a hard time accepting the mercy of God. Sometimes the reason is pride- I don’t accept being a person who has fallen, who has made mistakes. I would have liked to have been the perfect person, infallible. But I have made mistakes and I can’t accept having faults. This stems from a certain form of pride. We have difficulty accepting that we have to depend on mercy of God. We would like to save ourselves. We would like to be our own richness- to be rich based on good actions and qualities. We have a hard time accepting that we are poor of heart. To receive everything from the mercy of God- to accept that God is our source of richness and not ourselves-requires great poverty of heart.

We should cite a phrase from Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. She says the following in one of her letters to a priest. “Ah! How little known is the goodness, the merciful love of Jesus, Brother! It is true, to enjoy these treasures one must humble oneself, recognize one’s nothingness, and this is what many souls do not want to do”. We see this in the Gospel as well. This is the attitude of the older brother in the parable of the prodigal son. At the end of the younger brother’s journey, during which he did many foolish things, he comes back repentant to his home. The older brother is furious and he says, more or less, “I was always with you, I never did anything wrong, and you never gave me even a kid goat.” He doesn’t accept the mercy of the Father toward his younger brother. Why? Because he has his own sense of justice. This is the problem with the pharisees. They satisfy their own sense of justice and they are happy with their own works. They think they have a right to the blessing of God, and when this blessing falls on a sinner they see it as an injustice....This is the pretence of human pride. We can’t accept that God would be so generous towards the poor and sinners. But it is better for us to accept this because there’s always a moment in our lives when we are poor and sinners, when even the greatest people become poor and fall into sin.

**Article taken from the book Magnificat*

CANTICLE OF MARY

You can trust God not to let you be tried beyond your strength. (1 Co 10:13)





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