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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

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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, March 18th

4:30 p.m. † Attilio Bianco

Sunday, March 19th

9:00 a.m. Pro populo

11:00 a.m. † Patrick Sullivan

Tuesday, March 21st

8:30 a.m. † Patrick Sullivan

Wednesday, March 22nd

7:00 p.m. † Dorothy Bell

† Joe Calvo

† Anna Augustine and † Thomas Joseph

Thursday, March 23th

8:30 a.m. † Albert and † Jeanne Duclos

Friday, March 24th

8:30 a.m. † William & † Charlotte Duclos

† Jose Matallana

Saturday, March 25th

4:30 p.m. † Antonio Tamburro

Sunday, March 26th

9:00 a.m. † James & † Mary Gallagher

11:00 a.m. Pro populo

Sanctuary Light: March 18th – April 7th

Enoia Pacheco

Sanctuary Light Request

To make a request, please contact the office.

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

- Looking for Volunteers
- Altar Servers
- Lenten Talk and Reconciliation
- Bible Study
- Knights of Columbus
- Station of Cross and Lenten Poverty Meals
- Coffee Sunday
- Catholic Mom's group
- Wine glasses for sale
- St. Andrew of Caesarea's Commentary
- Ignatian weekend retreat
- Installation of Archbishop Frank Leo
- ShareLife Announcement
- Dynamic Women of Faith
- Biblical Meditation

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

Looking for Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to lead children liturgy on Sundays during Mass. Contact the parish office if you are interested.

Altar Servers

Our Parish are looking for altar servers. Those who are interested send us an email and your child can start immediately by observing other servers for a few times until they get acquainted well. Please inform the office in order to fill the form.

Lenten Talk and Reconciliation

A Lenten reconciliation talk by Fr. Fred Chung, followed by reconciliation is arranged on Saturday, April 1st, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The topic is 'The Samaritan Woman at the Well; The Five False Loves'.

Bible Study

We will resume our bible study on "The Eucharist" after the holy week, on April 15th.



Knights of Columbus

All are invited to the breakfast, this Sunday on March 19th, 2023, after the 9 am and the 11 am masses.

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. The cost is a good will offering with proceeds going to St. Vincent DePaul Society. Carson Street doors open at 5 p.m. for the Lenten meal. Station of Cross will begin at 7 p.m. in Church.



Catholic Mom's group

MOMS YOU ARE INVITED to join St. Leo The Great Mother's Group Wednesday March 22 in the Boardroom at 8 p.m. Bring your little ones with you for the Mom & Tots meeting on Friday March 24th at 9am in the lounge/youth room. This is a great opportunity to go deeper in your faith life and connect with other incredible Catholic moms! For more information email us at stleosmg@catholicmomsgroup.com

Wine glasses for sale

Nine boxes of 18 wine glasses each are available for a small donation. The wine glasses will be available after the 9 a.m. and the 11 a.m. mass on this Sunday in the hall. Suggested donation \$20 dollars.



St. Andrew of Caesarea's Commentary

Mar-21-2023 9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Newman Centre, 89 St George St., Toronto

The Pontifical Faculty of Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary presents a talk on "St. Andrew of Caesarea's Commentary on the Book of Revelation" as part of its Series of Patristic Talks. It is free in-person event (Online attendance is available for non-Toronto participants) Register: <https://staugustines.on.ca/>

Openness to Christ's words: A Path of encounter and conversion

Mar-24-2023 11:00 p.m. to Mar-26-2023 5:00 p.m.

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for women and men. During 3 days of retreat, we will focus on the Ignatian method of contemplation that suggests the use of our senses (SE 106), to contemplate together some of the significant moments of Jesus' encounter with His audience and the healing and transformative process. Facilitated by Fr. Jean Francky Guerrier, SJ. Register: manresa-canada.ca

Installation of Archbishop Frank Leo

Bishop Frank Leo of Montreal will be installed as the next Archbishop of Toronto during a special Mass and ceremony to take place on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in downtown Toronto. The ceremony will be live-streamed.

Show your love on the Feast of St. Joseph through ShareLife

Today we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph and reflect on his holy life and the way he loved and cared for Jesus and Mary. Next week is ShareLife Sunday. May we emulate St. Joseph's example and share our blessings with the least of our brothers and sisters. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Dynamic Women of Faith – Catholic Women's Conference

Mar-25-2023 1:00 p.m. to 8:00p.m.

The Old Mill (Old Mill Subway Station), Toronto

His Eminence Cardinal Collins will celebrate the opening Mass at 9 a.m. Keynote Speaker: Sister Deirdre Byrne - The Heroes of My Life Lead Me to Our Lady. Dr. Josephine Lombardi – Healing and Forgiveness.

Diana Filipiak, Kasia Ryba, Sandra Wojcik – Journeying with Mother Mary. Dorothy Pilarski – Why minister to moms? – How to Start a Catholic Moms Group. Registration: <http://dynamicwomenfaith.com/>

Biblical Meditation:

The courage that comes from being healed

The man born blind questioned Jesus about the Son of Man, *tell me who he is so that I may believe in him*. Our Lord answered with supreme majesty, *you are looking at him; he is speaking to you*. When our Lord pronounced this most majestic word, almost saying his name, *I am*, the man worshipped him. Life had become so simple, so very simple. It is never God who makes our lives complicated or morose or unhappy. It is we who do it by not realising the grace of being forgiven, being freed to confess the truth about ourselves because we have been forgiven. A person who has been forgiven is happy person, a person who is at ease....Spiritually we still grieve for our sins and our faults, but we go forward when we are forgiven.

There is a legend, which is certainly deeply rooted in truth, that Saint Peter, having wept at cockcrow at the denials that are instigated by his weakness, wept so much throughout his life that he wept furrows into his cheeks. But Peter didn't just sit there and weep. He went out and preached and taught. He was a pilgrim going place to place, and he suffered and he died. When we have real contrition, it is never inert. It is never something that in any way invites us to melancholy, much less to despair, but it begets in us a new intention to do and to suffer for Christ.


In the Gospel for Laetare Sunday, our Lord is giving us an actual happening and letting us take for ourselves a spiritual parable of our own blindness or sinfulness, which he heals. In being healed of blindness, we find new courage. I think we can be confident that this blind beggar would in no way have spoken to those Pharisees like that if he hadn't been cured by the Lord. A great courage comes with being forgiven. Perhaps the man's parents were so frightened because they hadn't been forgiven enough, or hadn't been forgiven yet...When we confess our sinfulness, we know that we have been forgiven, If we understand what sinfulness is, then we hurry forward. We weep in our hearts, but we do not sit down and weep. We are on the move. It will be wonderful in eternity to know just what this blind man did afterwards.


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