



St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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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 25th

4:30 p.m. † Antonio Tamburro

Sunday, March 26th

9:00 a.m. † James & † Mary Gallagher

11:00 a.m. Pro populo

Tuesday, March 28th

8:30 a.m. Frank Family

Wednesday, March 29th

7:00 p.m. † Roger & † Juliette Trépanier

Thursday, March 30th

8:30 a.m. † Innocenzo & † Vincenzina Mammone

† Attilio & † Maria Tuzi

Friday, March 31st

8:30 a.m. † John Bell

Saturday, April 1st

8:30 a.m. Sister Brendan Lynch

4:30 p.m. † Norino Chiodo

Sunday, April 2nd

9:00 a.m. Pro populo

11:00 a.m. † Louisa D'Souza

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
- Reconciliation
- Lenten Talk and Reconciliation
- Station of Cross and Lenten Poverty Meals
- Coffee Sunday
- Native Child and Family Services of Toronto
- Mass Alive. Yes, Mass Really Alive!
- Let Us Go Up to Jerusalem with Jesus
- ShareLife Announcement
- 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.

Reconciliation

Wednesday March 29, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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'.

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.

Coffee Sunday



All are invited to the CWL's Coffee Sunday, this Sunday on March 26th, 2023, after the 9 am and the 11 am masses.



Native Child and Family Services of Toronto

In collaboration with native child and family services, the YES group is hosting a Food Drive supporting indigenous Youth in the GTA. Bring non-perishable food items like Boxes of cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, canned vegetables, pasta sauce, rice, beans, noodles, applesauce, condiments, crackers, cookies, snack/lunch box items, coffee/tea, toiletries and feminine hygiene

products etc, to the church vestibule or scan the QR code to donate.



Mass Alive. Yes, Mass Really live!

Mar-27-2023 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering

A day of reflection open to men and women. Come and reflect on how the Mass could stay fresh, relevant, and nourishing for us. Facilitated by Fr. Robert Foliot, SJ. A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes break, lunch and mass along with program. Register: manresa-canada.ca

Let Us Go Up to Jerusalem with Jesus

Mar-31-2023 11 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering.

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for women. Facilitated by Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB.

Register: manresa-canada.ca



This Weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. In the words of Cardinal Collins: "Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part." Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Biblical Meditation:

Yes Lord, We believe

The Gospel shows Jesus as true man and true God. The Evangelist insists on his friendship with Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary. He emphasises that Jesus loved them, and this is why he wanted to accomplish the wonder. *Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him*, he tells his disciples, expressing God's viewpoint on physical death with the metaphor of sleep. God sees it exactly as sleep from which he can awaken us. Jesus has shown an absolute power regarding this

death, seen when he gives life back to the widow of Nain's young son (Lk 7:11-17) and to the twelve year old girl (Mk 5: 35-43). Concerning her he said: *The child is not dead, but asleep*, attracting the derision of those present. But in truth it is exactly like this: bodily death is a sleep from which God can awaken us at any moment.

The lordship over death does not impede Jesus from feeling sincere compassion for the sorrow of detachment. Seeing Martha and Mary and those who had come to console them weeping, Jesus was *in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart*, and lastly, *wept*. Christ's heart is divine-human; in him God and man meet perfectly, without separation and without confusion. He is the image, or rather, the incarnation of God who is love, mercy, paternal and maternal tenderness, of God who is Life. Therefore, he solemnly declared to Martha: *I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die*. And he adds, *Do you believe this?* It is a question that Jesus address to each one of us: a question that certainly rises above us, rises above our capacity to understand, and it asks us to entrust ourselves to him as he entrusted himself to the Father. Martha's response is exemplary. *Yes, Lord. I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world*.

Yes, O Lord! We also believe, notwithstanding our doubts and darkness; we believe in you because you have the words of eternal life. We want to believe in you who give us a trustworthy hope of life beyond life, of authentic and full life in your kingdom of light and peace.

We entrust this prayer to Mary Most Holy. May her intercession strengthen our faith and hope in Jesus, especially in moments of greater trial and difficulty.

.....Pope Benedict XVI


His Holiness Benedict XVI was Pope from 2005 until 2013.


**Source: Magnificat*




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