

# 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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### Catholic Women's League (CWL)

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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, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 p.m. Pro populo

**Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Alex and † Susan Quinn

11:00 a.m. Pro populo

**Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Alex and † Susan Quinn

**Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. † Auguste & † Lorette Morneau  
Ramsey, Gabriel, Rania, Leah & Maya  
Muchrek

**Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Patrick Sullivan

**Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Dolores Silva  
† Dr. Paul Kolodej

**Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Thomas Sullivan  
† Rosalio Bacolor

**Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Vince Corvinelli  
11:00 a.m. Pro populo

**Sanctuary Light: April 8<sup>th</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Yatabe Family

**Sanctuary Light Request**

To make a request, please contact the office.

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

- Altar Servers
- Movie Night
- CWL Announcements
- Everyday Resurrections

**Link to our archdiocesan church second website:**

**<https://stleothegreatbr.archtoronto.org/>**

**Altar Servers**

Young people are invited to participate in the mass as altar servers. Send us an email and your child can start immediately by observing other servers for a few times on the altar until they get acquainted well.

**Movie Night**

This month's movie night is on April 13th, Thursday, 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Movie is 'Risen'. Please be aware that Risen is rated PG-13 by MPAA for biblical violence including some disturbing images.

**Bible Study**

Join us in the next session of bible study on "The Eucharist" on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the parish hall.



**Catholic Women's League**

St. Leo's CWL is having their annual spring meat order through MacGregor's Meat & Seafood. If you are interested in ordering, please take a form and follow instructions on the back. Orders will arrive on April 28 at 5:00 p.m. We thank you for your support. Happy BBQing!

Tickets will be on sale after all the masses starting April 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>, for our upcoming Fashion Show (April 29) and our Mother's Day Basket Raffle.

**Everyday Resurrections: A Meditation on Easter**

The resurgence of life, bursts of energy, and banners of hope—are these not hints of the Resurrection? When Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins asks Christ to "Easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us," he captures this rooting of a lofty, hard-to-grasp doctrine in ordinary lives. The good news remains an unchanging, steady beacon, but the way we receive it is colored by our own experience.

In his book Taking Flight, Anthony de Mello tells the story of a woman who enters a store and finds God behind the counter. "What do you sell here?" she asks. "Everything your heart desires," God replies. So she asks for peace, love, freedom from fear, and happiness

for all humanity. God smiles: “I’m afraid you misunderstood. We don’t sell fruits here. Only seeds.” Maybe the seed of the good news needs to lie fallow in us for a while, awaiting the right conditions to flourish.

## The First Witnesses—and Us

Easter comes to us as fitfully as it did to the first disciples. We carry to the tombs of our lives the same mixture of doubt, fear, certainty, anxiety, and joy that the disciples brought to Jesus’ tomb. He always seems to choose for witnesses the most unlikely prospects, ourselves included. Take Thomas, for instance. If Thomas—stubbornly insistent on tangible proof—can believe, maybe there’s hope for everyone. Doubt isn’t evil; it’s the entryway to hope.

For us as it was for Thomas, Jesus extends the same merciful invitation:

“Touch me and see.” Where we might have expected glory and trumpets the first Sunday after Easter, instead the Gospel tells the story of honest, human groping toward truth. A



sunny reunion between Jesus and his friends, who dazzle with their resilient faith? Not quite. But maybe something better: Jesus’ mercy, meeting them where they (and we) are, extending his hand toward Thomas in genuine understanding and compassion. Only by coming dangerously close to this wounded Lord will we, too, know transformation of our wounds—and resurrection.

In beautiful symmetry, the story of Jesus’ human sojourn on earth begins and ends with an angel bringing astonishing news to a woman named Mary. As Mary Magdalene waits outside the tomb, she discovers the boulder rolled away, the stunning emptiness within. Readers of John’s Gospel do not know her thoughts, only her posture. Why does she remain when Peter and

the beloved disciple return home? Her persistence is clear: “But Mary stayed outside the tomb, weeping” (20:11).

Did she have a glimmer of hope, a faint suspicion based on her friendship with Jesus, that the story hadn’t quite ended? Did her intimacy with him suggest surprises still lay ahead, despite the limp, lifeless corpse, the heavy clunk of stone, the finality of soldiers sealing it? When the future is unclear, it is wise to stay grounded in the present until a direction emerges. Maybe Mary was completely depleted, but she knew deeper down that the God who had been faithful before would be faithful again; God wouldn’t abandon her now. No matter how bleak the picture seemed, she waited with silent intention: focused, because she knew something would change. Her waiting led to surprise: She heard a familiar voice softly speak her name and ask gently why she wept. In the Gospel account of the Good Shepherd, Jesus calls his sheep by name (Jn 10:3); in this case he uses Aramaic, the familiar language of childhood, the instinctive language of prayer.



He comes to her as she is—disheveled, red-eyed, exhausted—not in some idealized, perfectly coiffed version. Jesus’ focus on Mary here is touching. He doesn’t rehash his own terrible ordeal or triumph in his Resurrection. He asks: “Whom do you seek? Why do you weep?” Those are good questions for reflection: Whom do we seek? Why do we weep? Often the first, easy answers aren’t true. If we respond, “Oh, I’m just fine, thank you very much!” we need to probe deeper. Maybe “fine” is the answer the culture expects; Jesus knows us better.




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