



# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**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 - 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

Office: 905-655-3286 ext. 1

### Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Larry Hallihan

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### Saint Vincent de Paul

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### Catholic Women's League (CWL)

President: Donna Shaddick

[dmshaddick@gmail.com](mailto:dmshaddick@gmail.com)

### Catholic Moms Group

Leaders: Anna-Lisa, Lindsay & Shannon

[stleosmg@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:stleosmg@catholicmomsgroup.com)

### Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

Founder: Paul Ritchi

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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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

#### **Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. No Intention  
4:30 p.m. † Felisa Deleon  
† Elena Talag

#### **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Tomasina & † Francesco Parente  
11:00 a.m. Pro populo

#### **Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Mary & † James Gallagher  
† Michael & † Edna Higgins

#### **Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. † James Mason

#### **Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. No Intention

#### **Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Ramsey, Gabriel, Rania, Leah & Maya  
Muchrek

#### **Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. Pro populo

#### **Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Carmelita Buggie  
11:00 a.m. † Anthony Leon

**Sanctuary Light: May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Edna, Andrew & Michael Higgins

#### **Sanctuary Light Request:**

To make a request, please contact the office.

#### **Novena Mass Request:**

To make a Novena Mass request, for example, a 9 days or a one month Masses, please contact the office.

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

- Altar Servers
- Movie Night
- Bible Study
- Family Devotion Around Mary
- Knights of Columbus Announcements
- Take a Book...Share a Book...
- March For Life in Ottawa
- Looking for Gardening Volunteers
- Online Faith Formation Study Opportunity
- Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Gala
- Faith & Reason: Faith & Philosophy
- Saint Joseph the Worker

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**

All are invited for this month's Movie night on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 7p.m in the hall. The movie is St. Josephine Bakhita.

#### **Bible Study**

Join us in the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of bible study on "The Eucharist" on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the parish hall.

#### **Family Devotion Around Mary**



May is the month dedicated to devotions to Blessed Mother Mary. Families are encouraged to carry on their own daily devotions at their homes.

You can have the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary visit your family for a week or more. This is an opportunity to invite the whole family to pray (booklets are provided), and come together to build, pray for one another's needs, and share your blessings. You also may request for the pastor to visit you at one of these evenings and pray for and with your family. Let the office know to reserve the Visiting Statue with your family.



#### **Knights of Columbus**

The Knight's general meeting is on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m in the lounge.

All are invited to Knight's Breakfast, this Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>, after the 9 am and the 11 am masses.

#### **Take a Book...Share a Book...**

Please make use of the children and adult library, in the front of the church, for widening your Christian knowledge.

#### **March For Life in Ottawa**

There is a bus organized by Holy Family Pro-Life Ministry, going to March for Life in Ottawa on Thursday May 11, 2023. For further information, please contact: Gwen at 905-259-8504 or Email to: gwenle1990@gmail.com



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## **Looking for Gardening Volunteers**

*Earth Day: April 22, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

*Rain Date: April 29, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

Looking for gardening volunteers. Help as much as you are able. Please bring your garden gloves, shovel and rakes. Brown bags and garbage bags will be provided. Come out enjoy the sun and help our parish. For more info please contact Joan Barker 905 391 7084.

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## **Online Faith Formation Study Opportunity**

In partnership with the University of Dayton in Ohio, the Archdiocese of Toronto is offering a discounted rate for the upcoming cycle of online courses and seminars offered by the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation at the University of Dayton. Courses and certificate programs are on a variety of topics related to our Catholic faith. For more information reach out to the Office of Formation for Discipleship at [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org).

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## **Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Gala**

*Thursday, May 11, 2023 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.*

*Ajax Convention Centre, 550 Beck Crescent, Ajax*

Join us for the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Gala honouring Bishop Vincent Nguyen and our DCDSB Distinguished Catholic Alumni. Featuring: 2022 Durham Catholic Distinguished Alumni Award Winner - Aubrey Noronha. Proceeds will go to the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation. Visit DCCF's website to purchase your tickets or to sponsor the event.

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## **Faith & Reason: Faith & Philosophy**

*Thursday, May 11, 2023 7p.m. to 9p.m.*

*Newman Centre Catholic Mission*

In this Faith & Reason lecture, musicologist, organist, pianist and composer Aaron James of the Oratorian Holy Family Church will explore what it might mean for a figure like Hildegard to be a doctor of the Church. Drawing on the figure of St. Bernard of Clairvaux and others, Mr. James will explore the life works and theological significance of Hildegard - polymath, Saint and Doctor of the Church.

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## **Saint Joseph the Worker**

*Feast Day: May 1*

To foster devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers

sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.



Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society."

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work."

### **Reflection**

To capture the devotion to Saint Joseph within the Catholic liturgy, in 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph the patron of the universal Church. In 1955, Pope Pius XII added the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work.



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