

# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Parish Secretary:** Gianella Lazaro 905-655-3286 ext. 1

### Office Hours

Monday: closed

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday: closed

Lunch break: 12 noon - 1:00 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

[lgba2008@yahoo.ca](mailto:lgba2008@yahoo.ca)

### Saint Vincent de Paul

President: Maureen Kerr

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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

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### 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

## TRINITY SUNDAY

### MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

#### **Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † William & † Matilda Thomhill

4:30 p.m. Pro populo

#### **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Vince Corvinelli

11:00 a.m. † Joyce & † Norman Guy

#### **Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. No intention

#### **Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. † Pasqualina Morra

#### **Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Anna Maria and Benedetto Tuzi  
Veronica and Christopher Duarte

#### **Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. No Intention

#### **Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Ken Wesley

#### **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Francesco Caruso

11:00 a.m. Pro populo

#### **Sanctuary Light**

May 13<sup>th</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup> : Enoia Pacheco

#### **Novena Mass**

May 27<sup>th</sup>- June 6<sup>th</sup> : † Maria Cha, † Joseph Bae,  
† Young Eun Bae & † Hae Sook  
Bae

#### **Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary to Families:**

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 10<sup>th</sup> : McCormick Family

- A Silent Ignatian Weekend for Young Professionals
- Couples' Retreat
- Saint Ephrem

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

### **Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary to Families**

Make your request to the office.



Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary at McCormick Family

### **Volunteers and Ministers Appreciation Evening**

Date: June 6, 2023, Tuesday

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Venue: Parish Hall

We will be celebrating an Appreciation Evening to express our gratitude and honor the exceptional dedication and tireless efforts of our volunteers within the various church ministries.

### **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.



### **Knights of Columbus**

The general meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be on June 5<sup>th</sup>, Monday in the parish hall.

### **St. Leo K O C golf tournament**

Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at Oshawa Airport golf course  
Cost \$60. Includes golf, pizza lunch and a ticket for a free refreshment. If you need a power cart contact the course and order it a couple of days before and you pay for it in the pro shop. Contact Gerry Hanley at 905-409-733. Email [gerryhanley18@gmail.com](mailto:gerryhanley18@gmail.com)

#### **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...**

- Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary to Families
- Volunteers and Ministers Appreciation Evening
- Take a Book...Share a Book...
- Knights of Columbus
- St. Leo K O C golf tournament
- Catholic Women's League
- In the Hands of God - Weekend Retreat
- Outdoor small vendor craft market
- Sharelife Announcement



## **Catholic Women's League**

The CWL June Dinner will be on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at Bella Notte. Members are welcome to bring a friend as well.

## **Outdoor small vendor craft market**

June 15, 2023 3.30 pm -8 pm

St. Bridget Catholic School

200 Carnwith Drive West

Ice cream truck on site. Free admission

## **Show your love for others by giving on ShareLife Sunday**

Today's Gospel talks about God's love for us that he gave us his only Son for us to be saved through his life and sacrifice. We are called to live by this love and faithfulness. Your generous contributions speak of love for others and allow ShareLife agencies take care of those in most need.

Today is also the third ShareLife Sunday of the year. If you have not yet donated, you may give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate). Thank you for your generosity and for living the Gospel by giving to ShareLife!

## **A Silent Ignatian Weekend for Young Professionals**

Friday, June 9, 7 p.m to Sunday, June 11, 1 p.m.  
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for young professionals (ages 19 – 39) that will help deepen your relationship with God, to grow in knowledge of God's desires for your life. Open to men and women. Facilitated by Fr. John O'Brien, SJ. Register: [manresacanada.ca](http://manresacanada.ca)

## **Couples' Retreat**

Saturday, June 10, 2023 9 a.m. to Sunday, June 11, 2023 6 p.m. | Divine Retreat Centre Toronto

Couples' Retreat will be conducted by Fr. Sam Samuel, Fr. Louis Joseph, and the Divine team. Registration is free of cost (full attendance is required). The Retreat will consist of Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual talks and confessions.

## **Saint Ephrem** *Feast Day: June 9*

Poet, teacher, orator, and defender of the faith, Ephrem is the only Syriac Christian recognized as a doctor of the Church. He took upon himself the special task of opposing the many false doctrines rampant at his time, always remaining a true and forceful defender of the Catholic Church.

Born in Nisibis, Mesopotamia, he was baptized as a young man and became famous as a teacher in his native city. When the Christian emperor had to cede Nisibis to the Persians, Ephrem fled as a refugee to Edessa, along with many other Christians. He is credited with attracting great glory to the biblical school there. He was ordained a deacon but declined becoming a priest. Ephrem was said to have avoided presbyteral consecration by feigning madness!

He had a prolific pen, and his writings best illumine his holiness. Although he was not a man of great scholarship, his works reflect deep insight and knowledge of the Scriptures. In writing about the mysteries of humanity's redemption, Ephrem reveals a realistic and humanly sympathetic spirit and a great devotion to the humanity of Jesus. It is said that his poetic account of the Last Judgment inspired Dante.

It is surprising to read that he wrote hymns against the heretics of his day. He would take the popular songs of the heretical groups and using their melodies, compose beautiful hymns embodying orthodox doctrine. Ephrem became one of the first to introduce song into the Church's public worship as a means of instruction for the faithful. His many hymns have earned him the title "Harp of the Holy Spirit."

Ephrem preferred a simple, austere life, living in a small cave overlooking the city of Edessa. It was here that he died around 373.

## **Reflection**

Many Catholics still find singing in church a problem, probably because of the rather individualistic piety that they inherited. Yet singing has been a tradition of both the Old and the New Testaments. It is an excellent way of expressing and creating a community spirit of unity as well as of joy. An ancient historian testifies that Ephrem's hymns "lent luster to the Christian assemblies." We need some modern Ephrems—and cooperating singers—to do the same for our Christian assemblies today.

*\*Source: Franciscan Media*

## ***Upcoming Events at St. Leo the Great: Join Us for the Exciting Gatherings!***

We are excited to announce the upcoming events taking place in our vibrant parish community. Mark your calendars and join us for these enriching and enjoyable experiences:

### **1. International Food Tasting**

*Immerse yourself in a mouth-watering journey around the world !!!*

In recognition of the diverse cultures within our community, we are thrilled to host an International Food Tasting event. Indulge your taste buds with an array of delectable dishes from various cuisines, lovingly prepared by talented members of our parish.

***Date: June 25, 2023 (Sunday)***

***Time: 12 noon to 3 pm***

If you are passionate about cooking and would like to share your culinary skills by hosting your national dish, please contact our office ASAP. We welcome the opportunity to showcase the rich flavors of our multicultural community.

Tickets will be available at the door on the day of the event.

### **2. Yard Sale**

Are you looking to revamp your living space or declutter your home? Our Yard Sale is the perfect opportunity for you! From household items to unique finds, a wide array of items generously donated by our parishioners, you never know what gem you might discover. Additionally, we will display pictures of large items, and if you are interested, you can contact the owner.

***Date: July 8, 2023 (Saturday)***

***Time: 8:00 am to 2 pm***

To contribute to the Yard Sale, please drop off your donations on July 6<sup>th</sup> and July 7<sup>th</sup> during office hours. Please ensure that all donated items for the Yard Sale are in good condition, clean, and ready for their new homes.

In addition to finding great bargains, Knights of Columbus will offer you can enjoy appetizing BBQ; premeal bacon a bun and 50/50 draw, and take a break at the tea and coffee stations organized by the CWL.

We are also seeking volunteers to help ensure the smooth functioning of the events. If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact our office.

Don't miss out on these exciting events! Let us come together as a community to celebrate, appreciate, and enjoy the wonderful spirit that binds us together.

*God bless you all!*

# YARD SALE

Drop off donatable items at Carson Street, doors of the parish hall on

July 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Not accepting



Clothing  
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