

# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Pastor:** Father Mounir El- Rassi

**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

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### Catholic Women's League (CWL)

President: Donna Shaddick

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### 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



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
OF THE WEEK

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

4:30 p.m. Living & Deceased members of the  
Quinn and Gallagher Family

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

9:00 a.m. Pro populo

11:00 a.m. † Maria Bianco

**Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. In appreciation of blessings received

**Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. † Claudina & Jose Cruz

† Gil & Conceicao Cruz

**Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

† Attilio & Maria Tuzi

**Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Dr. Henry Marchildon

† William Green

**Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

4:30 p.m. Jenna & Justin Smiley

**Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Louisa Andrews

11:00 a.m. † Tony Remic

**Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Allen Pope

**Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. † Sienna Grace

**Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Marie Asselin

**Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

**Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Steven Closs

**Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Fred Molica

11:00 a.m. Pro populo

**Sanctuary Light**

June 24<sup>th</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>: Raposo Family

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

July 1<sup>st</sup> - July 9<sup>th</sup> : Allen Frank

July 9 - July 15<sup>th</sup> : Maria Mediros

**Sanctuary Light Request:**

Make your request at the office.

**Novena Mass Request:**

Make a Novena Mass request at the office.

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

Make your request to the office.

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

- Disciples - Parish visiting and praying
- Yard Sale
- Thank you Note - Cabinet in the Vestibule
- Looking for Lunchtime supervisors - School
- Gazing at the Image or Icon of Divine Mercy

Link to our archdiocesan church second website:

<https://stleothegreatbr.archtoronto.org>

**Disciples**

If you like to have the parish priest visit and pray with your family, or have a team visiting you, or be a part of the visiting team, let us know. We hope to have multiple teams visiting simultaneously in our parish. Ph:905 655 3286  
Email: officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com

**Yard Sale**

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for the Yard Sale, especially those who donated items and the volunteers. Many people in the community got benefitted and the money we raised will contribute to the Mortgage fund of our church. Special thanks to the CWL and the KOC for their amazing contribution with their time and treasure to make this event successful.

**Thank you Note...**

Thank you to Bill Powers and John Kerstens for building and finishing the new cabinet in the vestibule (staining the cabinet, glass doors and locks). Many thanks as well to the Knights of Columbus for generously funding the project. The cabinet will be used for the Leave-A-Book, Take-A-Book, as well as containing various sacramentals that will be available to parishioners soon.

**Part time "Office Help" Needed**

Temporary position and flexible hours (14 hours approximately). This could be for a student in transition or anyone who is looking for a small income as a second job. Basic office skills at St. Leo the Great Parish Office. Please contact the priest directly via email, phone call, or in person. Thank you.



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*The Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary  
at De Lamotta Family*

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**Gazing at the Image or Icon of Divine Mercy**

What does gazing at an image or icon of Divine Mercy do for my mind, body, and soul? The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “The beauty of images moves me [us] to contemplation...” (1162) So what is contemplation? “Contemplation is a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus, ‘I look at him and he looks at me.’” (CCC 2715). This definition is taken from St. John Vianney, “the Cure of Ars” when he asked a very faithful and poor peasant who daily gazed intently upon Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Contemplating, or gazing at Jesus is what Mary, the sister of Martha, discovers and this is why Jesus says, “Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” (Lk.10:42). The Catechism further explains that, “Contemplative prayer is nothing else than a close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us.” (2709) This definition comes from St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church and mystic, when she explains contemplation at its most highest and supernatural level.

In essence we become what we love and what our eyes gaze upon, “All of us gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord who is Spirit.” (2 Cor. 3:18) Before Eucharistic adoration, monks and nuns would kneel, sit, stand, and prostrate themselves before images and icons in their cells. But what they most did in all those postures was gaze upon the beloved, and this would set their mind, body, and soul on fire. Not just any kind of fire but the “Fire of Contemplation” which allowed them to peer into all the heavenly mysteries and knowledge or as the Catechism explains, “Contemplation also turns its gaze on the mysteries of the life of Christ. Thus, it learns the ‘interior knowledge of our Lord,’ the more to love him and follow him.” (2715)

Yes, the ancients knew that we are slowly being made new and changed into His image and likeness each time we gaze

upon Him even though it appears to be just an image or icon. The Catechism concurs, “Through their icons, it is man ‘in the image of God,’ finally transfigured ‘into his likeness.’” (1161) and “He destined us in love to be conformed to the image of His Son.” (257) Similarly, Jesus explains in Matthew 6:22 that the gaze is the lamp of the body and that we are either living in the light or in darkness depending upon our gaze.

When we gaze at Him, He gazes back at us as a mother irresistibly gazes upon her child except that it is a divine gaze that blesses, cleanses and sanctifies us in the process, “His gaze purifies our heart; the light of the countenance of Jesus illumines the eyes of our heart and teaches us to see everything in the light of his truth and his compassion for all men.” (CCC 2715) His gaze is called the “Gaze of Mercy” and it fills the soul with joy, delight, bliss, gladness, elation, rapture, and ecstasy. This is what Zacchaeus, Mary Magdalene, Matthew (the tax collector), the lepers, the blind, and the infirm experienced when His gaze fell upon them. St. Faustina writes about the “Gaze of Mercy” coming from the Divine Mercy image in her diary, “His divine gaze filled my heart with such joy that I have no words to express it.” (560) and again she explains, “His eyes penetrate my soul to its most secret depths. My spirit communicates with God without any word being spoken.” (560)

Finally, if we seek His “Gaze of Mercy” here on earth, the best place to find it is at Mass or in an adoration chapel as St. John Paul II reminds us in the encyclical, *Ecclesia Eucharistia*, “Consequently the gaze of the Church is constantly turned to her Lord, present in the Sacrament of the Altar, in which she discovers the full manifestation of his boundless love.” (1) and again he further adds, “To contemplate Christ involves being able to recognize Him wherever He manifests Himself, in His many forms of presence, but above all in the living Sacrament of His Body.” (6) But, Jesus loves us so, so much and He desires to be with us even when we can’t attend church. Hence, He has left us with the images of Divine Mercy, the Sacred Heart, and the Holy Face that we may gaze and contemplate them in our homes to experience what St. Faustina describes, “When I looked at this [Divine Mercy] image, I was pierced with such a lively love for God that, for a moment, I did not know where I was.” (1300)

*“The human heart is converted by looking upon Him whom our sins have pierced,” (CCC 1432)*

\*Source: <https://atxcatholic.com/>

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