



St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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Catholic Women's League (CWL)

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Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

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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, July 29th

4:30 p.m. Steven Closs

Sunday, July 30th

9:00 a.m. Fred Molica

11:00 a.m. Pro populo

Tuesday, August 1st

8:30 a.m. Deceased family members of Anna Maria Mammone

Wednesday, August 2nd

7:00 p.m. Anna & Manuel Medeiros

Eugenia & Francisco Raposo

Thursday, August 3rd

8:30 a.m. To end abortion

Friday, August 4th

8:30 a.m. Elvira Di Cosmo & Antonio Pompilio

Saturday, August 5th

4:30 p.m. Delilah & Leonard Greene

Sunday, August 6th

9:00 a.m. Pro populo

11:00 a.m. Luigi Giardullo

Tuesday, August 8th

8:30 a.m. Kevin Coughlin

Wednesday, August 9th

7:00 p.m. Sienna Grace

Thursday, August 10th

8:30 a.m. No Intention

Friday, August 11th

8:30 a.m. No Intention

Saturday, August 12th

4:30 p.m. Pro populo

Sunday, August 13th

9:00 a.m. Faye Dezan

11:00 a.m. Ivan Krizmanic

Sanctuary Light

June 24th – July 28th: Raposo Family

Novena Mass

July 21st - July 30th: Lazaro & Vallon Family

Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary to Families:

July 15th – July 30th: Chris Brown

Sanctuary Light Request or Novena Mass:

To make a request, please contact the office.

Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary to Families:

Make your request to the office.

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

- Disciples
- Part- Time Office Help Needed
- Yard Sale Total
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
- Sound of Freedom
- Money Counters Needed
- Finding God Through Beauty: Retreat by Fr. Joseph Tham
- Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
- Meditation of the Day: The Ears of the Heart

Link to our archdiocesan church second website:

<https://stleothegreatbr.archtoronto.org>

Disciples

If you'd like to have a visit by the parish and/or take part with a visiting team, please let us know your preferred evening visit at home. Father is available on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings (preference 7pm). We hope to have multiple teams visiting simultaneously in our parish. Email: officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com

Yard Sale Total

The grand total that was collected is \$2,388.30. Thank you to everyone who made this project a success!

RCIA: Catechesis to Enter Into Full Communion in the Catholic Church

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way that a non-baptized person is brought into full communion with the Catholic Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. Adults interested in becoming Catholic please call our parish at 905-655-3286 ext. 1 or email us at officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com. Please share with others who are interested in the same journey.

Sound of Freedom

Sound of Freedom is a family- oriented movie playing in theaters now about child trafficking. It's made by Angel Studios, the same creators as The Chosen.

Money Counters Needed

We're looking for regular parishioners who are interested in being money counters. You will go through a screening process and a meeting with Fr. Mounir. Please contact the office if you're interested.

**Finding God Through Beauty:
Retreat by Fr Joseph Tham**

*Saturday, August 5, 2023 8 am to 2:30 pm
3220 Bayview Ave, North York, ON M2M3R7*

Fr Joseph Tham, a Legionaries of Christ priest from Rome, will be conducting a retreat at Blessed Trinity Parish, beginning with Mass at 8 a.m. and concluding at 2:30 p.m. The title of the retreat is "Finding God through Beauty." Register Via E-Transfer: info@TangInc.com before July 15, 2023.

***The Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary
at Medeiros Family***



Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

A brilliant philosopher who stopped believing in God when she was 14, Edith Stein was so captivated by reading the autobiography of Teresa of Avila that she began a spiritual journey that led to her baptism in 1922. Twelve years later she imitated Saint Teresa by becoming a Carmelite, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

Born into a prominent Jewish family in Breslau, Germany—now Wroclaw, Poland—Edith abandoned Judaism in her teens. As a student at the University of Göttingen, she became fascinated by phenomenology—an approach to philosophy. Excelling as a protégé of Edmund Husserl, one of the leading phenomenologists, Edith earned a doctorate in philosophy in 1916. She continued as a university teacher until 1922, when she moved to a Dominican school in Speyer; her appointment as lecturer at the Educational Institute of Munich ended under pressure from the Nazis.

After living for four years in Cologne Carmel, Sister Teresa Benedicta moved to the Carmelite monastery in Echt, Netherlands, in 1938. The Nazis occupied that country in 1940. In retaliation for being denounced by

the Dutch bishops, the Nazis arrested all Dutch Jews who had become Christians. Teresa Benedicta and her sister Rosa, also a Catholic, died in a gas chamber in Auschwitz on August 9, 1942.

Pope John Paul II beatified Teresa Benedicta of the Cross in 1987 and canonized her 12 years later.

Reflection

The writings of Edith Stein fill 17 volumes, many of which have been translated into English. A woman of integrity, she followed the truth wherever it led her. After becoming a Catholic, Edith continued to honor her mother's Jewish faith. Sister Josephine Koepfel, O.C.D., translator of several of Edith's books, sums up this saint with the phrase, "Learn to live at God's hands."

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross is a Patron Saint of:
Converts to Christianity Europe.

**Source: www.franciscanmedia.org*

**Meditation of the Day:
The Ears of the Heart**

Who would ever believe me if I wanted to interpret the thorns as riches, particularly as thorns pierce us and riches delight us? And yet riches are thorns. They wound our minds by piercing them with thoughts of riches, and they make it bloody when they entice it to sin, as if inflicting a wound. The evangelist is our witness that in another place, the Lord called them not simply riches, but *deceitful riches*. And they are deceitful in that they cannot remain long with us; they are deceitful in so far as they do not relieve the poverty of our minds. The only true riches are the ones that make us rich in virtues.

Therefore, dearly beloved, if you want the summit of genuine honour, reach out for the heavenly kingdom. If you love the glories of rank, hasten to be enrolled in the court of the angels on high. Keep in mind the words of God which you hear. The word of God is our mind's food... Remember what the Lord said: *Listen, anyone who has ears!* Everyone present there had ears of the body; but since he said to all who had ears, *Listen, anyone who has ears*, he surely meant the ears of the heart. Take care, then, that the word which you have received remains in the ears of your heart; take care that the seed does not fall beside the way, lest the evil spirit come and take away the word from your memory; take care that rocky ground does not receive the seed and send forth the fruit of good works without the roots of perseverance.

- St. Gregory the Great




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