

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

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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, August 12th	
4:30 p.m.	Pro Populo
Sunday, August 13th	
9:00 a.m.	✠ Faye Dezan
11:00 a.m.	✠ Ivan Krizmanic
Tuesday, August 15th	
8:30 a.m.	✠ Kevin Coughlin
Wednesday, August 16th	
7:00 p.m.	No mass at St. Leo's
Thursday, August 17th	
8:30 a.m.	✠ Innocenzo & ✠ Vincenzina Mammone
	✠ Attilio & ✠ Maria Tuzi
Friday, August 18th	
8:30 a.m.	✠ Patrick Sullivan
Saturday, August 19th	
4:30 p.m.	✠ Antonio Tamburro
Sunday, August 20th	
9:00 a.m.	✠ Vince Corvinelli
11:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
Tuesday, August 22nd	
8:30 a.m.	John Michael White
Wednesday, August 23rd	
7:00 p.m.	✠ John Quesnelle
Thursday, August 24th	
8:30 a.m.	✠ James Quesnelle
Friday, August 25th	
8:30 a.m.	✠ Michael Malachy Tighe ✠ Sienna Grace
Saturday, August 26th	
4:30 p.m.	Castellas family; Tahan & Alina
Sunday, August 27th	
9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
11:00 a.m.	✠ Deolinda & ✠ Everisto Medeiros
Sanctuary Light:	
Pro Populo	
Novena Mass	
August 12- August 21: Lazaro & Vallon Family	
Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary to Families:	

Sanctuary Light Request: To make a request, please contact the office.

Novena Mass Request: To make a Novena Mass 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...

- Mass for the Faithful departed Souls
- Disciples: Family prayer with the priest
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
- Money Counters Needed
- Prayer Group: Divine Mercy Lectio Divina
- Soup & Sandwich Sundays
- The Story of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Meditation of the Day: Daily prayer, and Courage / no Fear

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

Annual Mass for the Faithful departed Souls:

It will take place at the Resurrection Cemetery, major intersection Taunton / Anderson. Wednesday August the 16th, at 7pm. This means that our Wednesday 7pm mass in church is replaced / cancelled so we are able to attend this communal mass. In case of rain, it will take place inside the Mausoleum.

Disciples: Family prayer with the Priest

For a visit by the parish priest, please let us know your preferred evening visit at home. Father is available on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way that an adult person is brought into full communion with the Catholic Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and 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.

Money Counters Needed

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

Prayer Group: Divine Mercy Lectio Divina

The prayer group meets after the 7pm evening mass, every Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Church Lounge.

Soup & Sandwich Sundays

Starting in September we are initiating a social, *Soup and Sandwich Sundays*. It's a parish social event that will happen once a month after the 9:00 am and the 11:00 am masses. We will have different teams who will lead in preparing the meals. A sign-up sheet will be available in the vestibule if you wish to take part.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a Solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

Reflection: In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength, she will help the lowly and

the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

**Source: www.franciscanmedia.org*

Meditation on Today's Gospel: First, the obvious "obstacle" Jesus overcame through His prayer was symbolized by His walking on the stormy sea. No one walks on water. It's physically impossible. But that's the point. When we make our life of personal prayer a priority, God will lead us to accomplish that which appears to us to be impossible. It might not be walking on water literally, but His walking on water after spending the night in prayer is symbolic of every apparent impossibility we face in life. The lesson is that if God wills it, nothing is impossible. We will know that if we make personal prayer our first priority.

A second obstacle that Jesus confronts is fear. Fear is paralyzing and results in us "sinking" when life becomes difficult. Again, personal prayer is the necessary preparation for overcoming fear. What's interesting is that we have two witnesses of prayer. First is Jesus' witness. He prayed because it was good and right to pray. The second is Peter. He prayed when he started to sink. He said, "Lord, save me!" This is the prayer of one who failed to have faith and prayed out of a present need rather than out of pure love of God. Too often, Peter exemplifies the prayer life that many Christians have. We often wait to pray until we need help and are sinking. But what if Peter had also spent the night in prayer simply out of love of God? What if he had just finished praying all night when he was invited to walk on water? Perhaps then he would have easily walked to Jesus and would not have given into fear.

Reflect, today, upon making your life of prayer the number-one priority in your life. Nothing is more important than praying - we must all establish an unbreakable habit of prayer to God for the singular reason that it is good and right to do so. The fruit of such a life of prayer is that no matter what obstacle comes our way, we will have the faith we need to follow every command of our Lord, overcoming even that which appears to be impossible. ***Jesus, I trust in You.***

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