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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

Grand Knight: Larry Hallihan

lgba2008@yahoo.ca

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President: Maureen Kerr

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905-655-3286 ext 3

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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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, September 9th

4:30 p.m. † Matilda Thornhill

Sunday, September 10th

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo

11:00 a.m. † Luis Tolentino

Tuesday, September 12th

8:30 a.m. † Janet McQuillan

Wednesday, September 13th

7:00 p.m. † Vito Valela
 As thanksgiving for Valela & Mete family

Thursday, September 14th

8:30 a.m. † Innocenzo &
 † Vincenzina (Mammone) &
 † Attilio & Maria (Tuzi)

Friday, September 15th

8:30 a.m. † Adelaide Laide Crestejo

Saturday, September 16th

4:30 p.m. † Frank Long

Sunday, September 17th

9:00 a.m. † Fred Molica

11:00 a.m. Pro Populo

Sanctuary Light:

Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary to Families:

Sanctuary Light Request: 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's Bulletin

- KofC Golf Tournament.
- Disciples: Family prayer with the priest.
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).
- Money Counters Needed.
- Soup & Sandwich Sundays.
- Season of Creation – Sep. 1 – Oct. 4, 2023.
- Sister of Life to Profess Final Vows in Toronto.
- St. Padre Pio.

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

KofC Golf Tournament

St. Leo's KOC golf tournament.
 September 23rd at Oshawa Airport golf club \$60 each.
 Includes golf and a pizza lunch plus one ticket for a free beverage. First tee time 9.10. Best ball.
 Contact Gerry Hanley 905 409 0733
 Or gerryhanley18@gmail.com

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.

Soup & Sandwich Sundays



This Sunday September the 10th, we will have our *Soup and Sandwich Social* after the 11am Mass. For the month of September only, we will run the social twice, September 10 and September 24. If this social becomes popular we may consider extending it to after the 9am Sunday Mass also. The Soup and Sandwich will be \$5.00, or \$2.50 for either Or.

Season of Creation – September 1 – October 4, 2023

The Season of Creation begins September 1 with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and runs through October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year's theme is: "Let Justice and Peace Flow".

In the words of Pope Francis, this season offers “individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.”

In late August, Pope Francis announced that the second part of his encyclical, *Laudato Si'* will be published on October 4, 2023. In the Holy Father's message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Francis recalls his 2022 penitential pilgrimage to Canada:

“On a beautiful summer day in July 2022, during my pilgrimage to Canada, I reflected on this (Let Justice and Peace Flow) on the shores of Lac Ste. Anne in Alberta. That lake has been a place of pilgrimage for many generations of indigenous people. Surrounded by the beating of drums, I thought: “How many hearts have come here with anxious longing, weighed down by life's burdens, and found by these waters consolation and strength to carry on! Here, immersed in creation, we can also sense another beating: the maternal heartbeat of the earth. Just as the hearts of babies in the womb beat in harmony with those of their mothers, so in order to grow as people, we need to harmonize our own rhythms of life with those of creation, which gives us life”.

During this Season of Creation, let us dwell on those heartbeats: our own and those of our mothers and grandmothers, the heartbeat of creation and the heartbeat of God. Today they do not beat in harmony; they are not harmonized in justice and peace. Too many of our brothers and sisters are prevented from drinking from that mighty river. Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation.”

The full message from Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation can be found [here](#). To view additional resources created by the Archdiocese of Toronto around the *Laudato Si'* encyclical, click [here](#). Let us reflect on how we can, both personally and as a faith community, be responsible stewards of creation for all that has been entrusted to our care.

Sister of Life to Profess Final Vows in Toronto

A Sister of Life will profess her final vows at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica this Saturday, August 26. Archbishop Francis Leo will be the main celebrant and homilist.

Sr. Gaudia Maria Magdalena was raised in the Archdiocese of Ottawa and attended St. Hyacinth Parish/Parafia Św. Jacka. She graduated from the University of Ottawa with a Bachelor's Degree in Health Sciences. Prior to entering the Sisters of Life, Sr. Gaudia Maria Magdalena completed the Social Service Worker Program at Algonquin College and spent a year of Faith Formation at St. Therese School in Bruno, Saskatchewan.

Sr. Gaudia spent her first two years as a professed sister on the Postulant Formation Team in the Bronx (2018-2020). In 2020, she was missioned to Philadelphia to assist in the Visitation Mission to pregnant women. In 2021, she joined the mission in Toronto which includes services to vulnerable, pregnant women, accompaniment on the journey of hope and healing for those suffering after the experience of abortion as well as evangelization.

Sisters take the traditional vows of poverty, chastity and obedience – as well as a fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life.

The profession of perpetual vows will be livestreamed via the St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica website at 9:30a.m.

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>

St. Padre Pio Sept. 23

St. Padre Pio (Francesco Forgione) was a priest and friar in the Capuchin order. An Italian, he was beatified and canonized by St. John Paul II and is widely known for various supernatural phenomena such as exhibiting the stigmata, being a catalyst for various miracles, and bilocating.

Padre Pio (1887–1968) is the patron saint of adolescents, stress relief, civil defense volunteers, and January blues. His feast day is Sept. 23.

St. Padre Pio was known to have stigmata On Sept. 20, 1918. Padre Pio received the stigmata while praying in a church. They remained visible on his body for the rest of his life. The stigmata correspond to the wounds suffered by Jesus during his crucifixion.

St. Padre Pio's stigmata wounds had a distinct aroma. The blood that came from Padre Pio's wounds is said to have smelled like flowers or perfume, a trait referred to as the “odor of sanctity” that has also been exhibited by other saints who manifested stigmata markings.

St. Padre Pio saw and spoke with Jesus, Mary, and his guardian angel as a young boy.

“In his simplicity, Francesco assumed everyone had the same experiences,” according to [PadrePioDevotions.org](https://www.PadrePioDevotions.org).

St. Padre Pio was religious from a young age. Padre Pio was deeply connected to his faith starting at an early age. At the age of 5, he consecrated himself to Jesus. When he was 10, his family looked to see how he could become a Capuchin friar.

St. Padre Pio had the gift of bilocation.

There are many eyewitness accounts that claim Padre Pio was able to be in multiple places at once. Some come from his fellow friars who are said to have seen him in prayer outside when they knew he was still in his room. Others come from those who are said to have seen him on different continents the world over. Perhaps the most famous claim is that he appeared in the sky over San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy, during World War II.

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