

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

Friday: 9:10 am - 9:50 am

Saturday: 3:30 pm - 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

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Larry Hallihan

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Leaders: Lindsay & Shannon

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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 2023/2024. 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, October 14th

4:30 p.m. Pro Populo

Sunday, October 15th

9:00 a.m. † Tomasina & † Francesco (Parente)

11:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Sullivan family

Tuesday, October 17th

8:30 a.m. NO MASS - father at the feminer,
office and church are open as usual

Wednesday, October 18th

7:00 p.m. NO MASS - father at the feminer,
office and church are open as usual

Thursday, October 19th

8:30 a.m. NO MASS - father at the feminer,
office and church are open as usual

Friday, October 20th

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

Saturday, October 21st

4:30 p.m. † Antonio Tamburro

Sunday, October 22nd

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo

11:00 a.m. † Oliveen Trainor

Four week starting September 29 – October 27

*Living & Deceased members of Fox family & 63
Marriage Anniversary.*

Sanctuary Light Request: Make your request at the office.

Vigil Light for Mary: Make your request at the office.

Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary to Families:

Make your request at the office.

On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin

- Church Family Pictorial Directory
- Disciples: Family Prayer With The Priest
- Bible Study: Mary in The Bible
- St. Leo's CWL Meat and Seafood Orders
- The Knights of Columbus Event
- Catholic Moms Meeting
- Give Ear to My Words, O Lord; Give Heed to My Sighing
- St. Teresa of Avila feast

Link to our archdiocesan church second website:

<https://stleothegreatbr.archtoronto.org>

Church Family Pictorial Directory

Volunteer coordinator opportunity between our parish and IPC Canada Photo Services. If you are interested please talk to father Mounir in person or by calling the office at 905-655-3286, ext: 8.

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 Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

Bible study: Mary in the Bible & the Tradition

Join us in a bible study on Mary. For 8 Thursdays, starting Oct 12th, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm we will view a Formed program of Dr Brant Pitre on the significance of Mary in the Bible.

You are encouraged to view each session beforehand; the links of each session will be listed each week on our website with a link to connect. Please bring your bible, make notes as we go through the study. Every Thursday Evening at 7pm in the parish hall. For more information check the links on our website.

St. Leo's CWL meat and seafood Orders

from MacGregor's Meat and Seafood Co. Until **Oct. 20**. If you wish to place an order, please pick up an order from the bulletin table or welcome table and follow directions on the form. Thank you in advance for your support.

Knights of Columbus Events

- 1- Breakfast Sunday Oct 15th after both the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses come join us!
- 2- Annual Pasta dinner is on Saturday Oct. 28, 2023. In the church hall. Further details will follow.

Catholic Moms Meeting

Calling all moms! You are invited to join the St. Leo's Mothers Group at our next meeting on Wednesday October 18th at 7:30pm in the boardroom. Connect with other moms from your community on this journey of motherhood. Hope you'll be able to join us!

For more information contact Lindsay or Shannon at stleosmg@catholicmomsgroup.com

Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing

Friday, October 27, 2023, 07:00 PM to Sunday, October 29, 2023, 01:00 PM.

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre Pickering
SILENT IGNATIAN RETREAT FOR WOMEN: Praying with the Psalms: In the quiet of this retreat the words of the Psalms emerge in a way that helps us to pray. This wondrous book of hymns expresses in language, in poetry, in images, those emotions that dwell deep within us. Refreshed and stirred by the Psalms we discover in ourselves a renewed capacity and desire to present our own selves before God. Facilitated by: Fr. Jim Kelly, SJ Suggested offering: \$250.00 Includes two nights accommodation, meals, spiritual direction, and program.

REGISTER: manresa-canada.ca

St. Teresa of Avila

As a small girl, St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-82) wanted to become a martyr slaughtered at the hands of the Moors. As a young adult, she was taken up with vanities and worldly concerns. She wanted greatness, but only had to figure out the means to achieve it. It meant struggle and pain, but once she found the answer, she was able to show others how to find true greatness and how to live it.

Teresa came from a family of means, but their wealth was unable to help her find the greatness for which she longed. Ambivalent about marriage and religious life, she experienced restlessness. She entered the local Carmelite convent in her hometown of Ávila, Spain, intent only on trying it because she was desperate for peace and contentment following something of a mental breakdown and a lengthy period of illness.

As with many saints, Teresa hit a spiritual low point before she could identify and pursue the true greatness for which she was longing in the depths of her soul. The Carmel that Teresa entered was not conducive to the life of prayer she truly desired. She was dissatisfied with the laxity of her initial years in religious life and suffered again from fits of ill health. Convalescing, she decided to take the advice of a friend and commit more firmly to mental prayer. Quickly convincing herself otherwise, she continued to suffer the consequences. In something of a second conversion, Teresa came to know God's intimate presence in her life. This was the means to true greatness, and it propelled her to be a woman of prayer and action.

Through perseverance in prayer, she came to greater awareness of God's presence and his love for her. She experienced how prayer is the necessary means to the unity with God for which we have been made, that our life only has meaning in God.

Teresa was a woman of action who, with this knowledge, set out to reform the quality of religious life in her Carmelite order. In order to strengthen and purify the Church in the wake of the Protestant Reformation, there were many reformers of religious communities who had similar ideas to Teresa's — namely, that religious life needed to be refashioned. It was necessary to retrieve the way of life intended by their various founders.

Reforming her Carmelite order in Spain was no easy task for a woman in Teresa's time. Her reforms were heavily criticized and looked upon with suspicion. Many within the order saw the reforms as a threat to their way of life. Few believed her claims that her reform movement was rooted in contemplative visions from the Lord. And yet she persevered with the love of a mother.

Teresa founded nearly 20 convents in as many years, all bound by strict observance of the ancient Carmelite rule. And there were the additional religious houses for men, sometimes opened in collaboration with the other famous Carmelite Spanish mystic and reformer St. John of the Cross. Teresa also authored a number of spiritual works.

Teresa of Ávila's teachings have survived through the ages, in part because of their multifaceted appeal and universal approachability. In a concise yet profound description, Pope Paul VI described her writings as making known "a mother of wonderful simplicity and yet a teacher of remarkable depth."

St. Teresa of Ávila was canonized in 1622, and her feast was spread to the universal Church in 1688 the first female non-martyr saint to be so honored. Her feast is Oct. 15.

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