



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

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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 28th

4:30 p.m. † Steven Closs

Sunday, October 29th

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo

11:00 a.m. † Patrick Sullivan

Tuesday, October 31st

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

Wednesday, November 1st

7:00 p.m. † Patricia Hogo

† Nancy Greco

Thursday, November 2nd

8:30 a.m. † All Soul in Purgatory

Friday, November 3rd

8:30 a.m. † Suzanne Blain

† Josefina Caslasan

† Dr. Paul Kolodej

Saturday, November 4th

8:30 a.m. Deceased Family Members of Reyes & Nieto

4:30 p.m. Pro Populo

Sunday, November 5th

9:00 a.m. † Vince Corvinelli

11:00 a.m. † Alex Mitchell

Sanctuary Light: Two week starting Oct. 28th - Nov. 10th

For the Deceased Loretta Tahaan

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
- "Sacristan" Volunteer Opportunity
- Disciples: Family Prayer With The Priest
- Bible Study: Mary in The Bible & the Tradition
- Soup and Sandwich Social: Nov. 5
- St. Vincent De Paul: Christmas Appeal
- World Mission Sunday: Nov. 4th & 5th
- Registration Open for Canadian Bishops' Webinar Series
- All Souls' Day: Nov. 2nd

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.

"Sacristan" Volunteer opportunity

A sacristan opens the church, turns the light in the church, and prepares for the daily mass. with little training it is easy to do.(Tuesday 8:00 am, Thursday and Friday 8:00 am). please connect with fr. Mounir if you are interested.

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 Monday, Friday and Saturday afternoon and evening.

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 and the tradition.

The links of the session are listed on our website with a link to connect. Make notes as we go through the study and discussion.

For more information check the links on our website.

Soup and sandwich social

On Sunday November 5th after the 11 a.m. Mass, we will have a Soup and Sandwich Social. If this social becomes popular we may consider extending it to after the 9 a.m. Sunday mass as well. The Soup and Sandwich will be \$5.00 or \$2.50 each.

St. Vincent De Paul: Christmas Appeal

SSVP Christmas Appeal: Please consider giving your financial help to assist our Neighbours in Need this Christmas. Envelopes are available at the back of the church beside the bulletin. We are asking for cash, e-transfer, or cheque donations only. Please no gift cards. The last day for the collection will be the weekend of November 21st /22nd.

World Mission Sunday

We moved our Second Collection to this date: November 4th and 5th Sunday.

There will be a second collection today for the evangelization of the nations, otherwise known as world mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at need Catholic communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses that we are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support in this important work.

Registration Open for Canadian Bishops' Webinar Series

In November 2023, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will host a webinar series, titled "The Four Constitutions of Vatican II" inviting leaders of catechesis and evangelization to reflect on the Four Constitutions of Vatican II and their place in the life of the Church. Simultaneous interpretation in French and English will be available for all four sessions of the webinar series: "Sacrosanctum Concilium" — Monsignor Murray Kroetsch, PH VG

Tuesday 7 November from 1:00-2:30 pm EST

"Dei Verbum" — Bishop Yvan Mathieu, SM

Tuesday 14 November from 1:00-2:30 pm EST

"Gaudium et Spes" — Sr. Donna Geernaert, SC

Tuesday 21 November from 1:00-2:30 pm EST

"Lumen Gentium" — Dr. Catherine Clifford

Tuesday 28 November from 1:00-2:30 pm EST

All webinar sessions will be recorded and packaged with a reflection guide for later release.

To attend any of the webinar session or to be notified when session recordings are made available, [click here](#).

Web link: <https://www.archtoronto.org/>

All Souls' Day: Nov. 2nd

All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honoring the dead. The day is primarily celebrated in the Catholic Church, but it is also celebrated in the Eastern Orthodox Church and a few other denominations of Christianity. The Anglican church is the largest protestant church to celebrate the holy day. Most protestant denominations do not recognize the holiday and disagree with the theology behind it.

According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally

condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser (venial) sin, must go.

Purgatory is necessary so that souls can be cleansed and perfected before they enter heaven. There is scriptural basis for this belief. The primary reference is in 2 Maccabees, 12:26 and 12:32. "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... Thus, made atonement for the dead that they might be free from sin."

Additional references are found in Zechariah, Sirach, and the Gospel of Matthew. Jewish tradition also reinforces this belief as well as the tradition and teaching of the Church, which has been affirmed throughout history. Consistent with these teachings and traditions, Catholics believe that through the prayers of the faithful on Earth, the dead are cleansed of their sins so they may enter heaven.

The belief in purgatory has not been without controversy. Certainly, some flagrant abuses of the doctrine were used to raise money for the Church during the renaissance. Famously, Martin Luther argued with the monk, Johan Tetzel, over the sale of indulgences. Indulgences were sold as spiritual pardons to the poor and applied to the souls of the dead (or the living) to get people into heaven. The abuse of indulgences and the blatant, sometimes fraudulent practice of selling indulgences for money, led to Luther's protest.

When Martin Luther translated the Bible into German, he omitted the seven books of the canon which refer to prayers for the dead. He then introduced the heretical belief that people are simply saved, or not, and argued that there is no need to pray for the dead to get them into heaven.

The Church reeled from Luther's accusation and reformed its practice of selling indulgences. However, it reemphasized the Biblical and traditional practice of praying for the departed and the importance of such prayers.

All Souls Day is celebrated in much of the western world on November 2. Other rites have their own celebrations. The Eastern Orthodox Church has several such days throughout the year, mostly on Saturdays. All Souls Day is not a holy day of obligation.

Many cultures also mark the day differently. In North America, Americans may say extra prayers or light candles for the departed. In parts of Latin America, families visit the graves of their ancestors and sometimes leave food offerings for the departed.

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