



# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Parish Secretary:** Gianella Lazaro 905-655-3286 ext. 1

### 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: 9:15 am - 9:45 am  
Saturday: 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

### 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

Altar servers/Children serve the mass they attend. Arrive at 15 minutes before your mass if possible. Please register the children for this ministry at the welcome desk.

### Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Larry Hallihan  
[lgba2008@yahoo.ca](mailto:lgba2008@yahoo.ca)

### Saint Vincent de Paul

President: Maureen Kerr  
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905-655-3286 ext 3

### Catholic Women's League (CWL)

President: Donna Shaddick  
[dmshaddick@gmail.com](mailto:dmshaddick@gmail.com)

### Catholic Moms Group

Leaders: Lindsay & Shannon  
[stleosmg@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:stleosmg@catholicmomsgroup.com)

### Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

Founder: Paul Ritchi  
[paul.ritchi@gmail.com](mailto:paul.ritchi@gmail.com)  
416-435-6593

### 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, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Belgin & † Elsy Rayen

**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Marie Sommerville

11:00 a.m. † Fr. Bill Addley

**Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Innocenzo & † Vincenzina Mammone

† Attilio & † Maria Tuzi

**Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00 p.m. † Janice Fernihough

† Giovanni Lazzaro

**Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Norman & † Joyce Gay

**Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Norman & † Joyce Gay

† John & † Maria Teresa (Geronimo) &

all souls in purgatory

In appreciation for family blessings

received

**Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Rosalia & † Antero Reyes

**Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo

11:00 a.m. † Maria & † Attilio Bianco

**For: Sanctuary Light Request.**

**For: Vigil Light for Mary.**

**For: Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**For a visit by the parish priest.** Father is available on Monday, Friday and Saturday afternoon and evening.

*Make your request at the office.*

**On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin**

- Bible Study: Mary in The Bible & the Tradition.
- Advent presentation:  
God Made Man by Fr. Shannon Collins.
- The Shepherd's Trust.
- St. Vincent De Paul: Christmas Appeal.
- St. Leo's CWL Vendors' Fair.
- Free Estate Planning Seminar.
- Soup and Sandwich Social.
- Men's Hostel Collection.
- Kumon Educational.
- Christmas Concert by The Clarington Concert Band.
- New Years Dinner and Dance:
- St. Catherine of Alexandria.

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

**Bible study: Mary in the Bible & the Tradition**

Join us in a bible study on Mary. For 8 Thursdays, starting Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

The links for the sessions are listed on our website.

**\*\*\*\*\*Advent presentation\*\*\*\*\*:**

**Thursday November 30**

On God Made Man by Fr. Shannon Collins

In this Christmas-themed presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins sheds new light on the Biblical narratives of the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as the beautiful Christmas traditions of the Church. Fr. Collins serves as a preacher of parish missions and retreat master. He has appeared on EWTN and has been stationed at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama. This is a presentation from formed.org in our parish hall. Hope to see you there no fee or registration required. 45 minutes presentation. There will be an open discussion to follow. Starting at 7pm sharp. We should finish by 8:15pm.

**The Shepherd's Trust**

This weekend November 18th -19th there will be a second collection for The Shepherds' Trust. Thank you for your support in this important work.

**St. Vincent De Paul: Christmas Appeal**

The last day for the collection will be the weekend of November 21st /22nd.

**St. Leo's CWL Vendors' Fair**

St John the Evangelist CWL is sponsoring a Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 25th in the parish centre from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thank you for your support.

**Free Estate Planning Seminar**

Saturday November 25, 2023, at 9:00 am  
 An estate planning kit will be provided at no cost.  
**Location:** Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, Assumption Mausoleum 355 Taunton Rd. East Whitby, ON.

**RSVP:** Frank Jannetta

446-733-8544 ext., 2023 or [info@cc-fs.ca](mailto:info@cc-fs.ca) or  
 Resurrection Catholic Cemetery 905-668-8912

**Soup and Sandwich Social**

On Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> after the 11 a.m. Mass. Our Soup and Sandwich is \$5.00 or \$2.50 each.

**Men's Hostel Collection**

Nov.26,2023 and for next two weeks, St. Leo the Great Parish will be collecting items for the Cornerstone Men's Hostel in Oshawa. Items necessary to the men who live on the streets include new-only socks, underwear, toothbrushes and deodorant, shaving cream, foot powder, lip balm and Kleenex tissues. We cannot accept used clothing. Please drop off these items in the bins located in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

**KUMON - EDUCATIONAL**

Kumon, a private school are looking for employees to help on Tuesday's and Friday's afternoons. For more information, please contact PORVI at [poorvips@outlook.com](mailto:poorvips@outlook.com) phone Number 647-770-9793. Thank you!

**\*\*\*\*\*Christmas Concert by the\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*Clarington Concert Band\*\*\*\*\***

On December 16, Saturday at 7pm, we are hosting at our Church this beautiful concert. A 40 plus band professional singers will provide for us Christmas singing and carols at our Church for this Holy time. There will be a free offering collection at the time suggestion Min \$5/person.

**New Years Dinner and Dance:**

Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.  
Belle Notte will provide our dinner, with a full course menu: main course chicken and beef, salad and dessert, coffee and tea, and two wine bottles on each Table. There will be open bar. There will be a DJ for our social evening. Limited seats available. Dinner starts at 7pm and we close by 1:00am.  
Please reserve your tickets. \$75 a person with your info. Drop your info and money at the office or at the drop box outside the office.

**St. Catherine of Alexandria**

Feast day: November 25  
Saint Catherine of Alexandria is a canonized saint in the Catholic Church who, per Christian tradition, was martyred around 305 in Alexandria, Egypt. Of course,

the Church of the first Millennium was undivided. She is also recognized as the Great Martyr and Saint by the Orthodox Church. There are no surviving primary sources attesting to her existence, but the fact that her memory, and the stories about her, have been kept alive - and handed down in the tradition - certainly confirm her existence, and her life of heroic virtue and holiness.

The young saint was born around 287 in Alexandria, Egypt. At that time, Alexandria was one of the finest cities in the world, and a center of learning and culture as well as faith.

Christian tradition states she was of noble birth, possibly a princess. As a member of the nobility, she was also educated and was an avid scholar. Around the age of fourteen, she experienced a moving vision of Mary and the infant Jesus, and she decided to become a Christian.

Although she was a teenager, she was very intelligent and gifted. When the emperor Maxentius began persecuting Christians, Catherine visited him to denounce his cruelty.

Rather than order her execution, Maxentius summoned fifty orators and philosophers to debate her. However, Catherine was moved by the power of the Holy Spirit and spoke eloquently in defense of her faith. Her words were so moving that several of the pagans converted to Christianity and were immediately executed.

Unable to defeat her rhetorically or to intimidate her into giving up her belief, the emperor ordered her to be tortured and imprisoned.

Catherine was arrested and scourged. Despite the torture, she did not abandon her faith. Word of her arrest and the power of her faith quickly spread and over 200 people visited her. According to some legends, the emperor's own wife, Valeria Maximilla was converted by Catherine.

The emperor eventually executed his own wife over her conversion. However, this is not mentioned in the historical record and may be a legend. It is believed that Maximilla was alive and with her husband at the Battle of the Milvian Bridge in 312, seven years after the death of Catherine.

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