



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: 9:15 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

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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, December 2nd

8:30 a.m. Angela Maegher & Leonard Greene

4:30 p.m. † Anni Bale & † Cirignano Family

Sunday, December 3rd

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo

11:00 a.m. † Maria & † Attilio Bianco

Tuesday, December 5th

8:30 a.m. No mass

Wednesday, December 6th

7:00 p.m. † Dr. Paul Kolodej

Fr. Taras

Thursday, December 7th

8:30 a.m. Benedetto Tuzi

Friday, December 8th

8:30 a.m. † Delia Marquez

† Dr. Paul Kolodej

Frank Mihelcic & Delvecchio family

Intentions for the Frank family

Saturday, December 9th

4:30 p.m. † Michael Meagher

Sunday, December 10th

9:00 a.m. † Maureen Labarre

11:00 a.m. † Anka & † Sam Babic

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

- Soup and Sandwich Sunday's
- Catholic Mom Group's Movie Night
- RosslandGarden Dental
- Christmas Sale Of Goods
- Christmas Concert by The Clarington Concert Band.
- New Years Dinner and Dance
- This is our 1st Sunday Of Advent: 10 things to try.
- Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Link to our archdiocesan church second website:

<https://stleothegreatbr.archtoronto.org>

Soup and Sandwich Sunday's

Our parish is grateful to Franca Vasco for sponsoring and preparing the soup for this past social event. Also, thank you to Rania McNaughton for the egg salad sandwiches. If you would like to sponsor our next social event in the New Year let us know at the office. Thank you.

Catholic Mom Group's Movie Night

The St. Leo Catholic Mom's group would like to invite you and your family to attend the family movie night, featuring The Star. December 8th, Families will be able to gather and enjoy this animated spectacular with popcorn, juice, and coffee. We ask you to enter through the Carson St doors at 6:30.

RosslandGarden Dental

Our parish community welcomes this new dentistry family services into our community. Wish you all the best in this coming new year.

Dr. Stephen Phen

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Christmas Sale Of Goods

Show your talents and skills and make some money in the process. Be creative with your products on display. Packaged (Christmas) baked goods, or decorative, or goods whatsoever will be sold at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in the Parish Hall after all three weekend masses, on December 16/17. Anyone may rent a table(s) for \$50 to display/sell their packaged goods. Parishioners are invited to patronize and to support this parish event. Fill your house with these goods for the coming Holy season and the Holidays!

*******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 31st, 2023.

Bella Notte Ristorante will provide our full course dinner: chicken breast and braised beef, salad and

dessert. Available coffee and tea, and one wine bottle for each 4 adults on each Table. For bar drinks, please bring cash.

There will be a DJ for our New Year Eve celebration. Limited seats available. Arrival 6:30pm, Dinner starts at 7pm and we close by 1:00am.

Prices is:

- 10 yrs. and under \$25.
- 11-17 yrs. \$35.
- 18+ \$75.

Please reserve your tickets and drop your info and money at the office or at the drop box outside the office.

This is our 1st Sunday Of Advent

Ten Family Advent Traditions to Try This Year

1. Bless your Advent wreath and light it every night. Put it on your dinner table (or nearby), and light it each night leading up to Christmas with your children or grandchildren.
2. Pray special Advent prayers during dinnertime or sing an Advent hymn with your family.
3. Prepare the empty manger for Jesus.
4. Assign family Advent Angels.
The goal is for each person to perform acts of kindness and service (in secret) for the person to whom they've been assigned.
5. Make a Jesse Tree with your children.
The tradition of the Jesse tree comes from the passage in Isaiah: Isaiah 11:1-3
6. Make Advent Cards with your children.
Retell the story of salvation history with simple illustrations on notecards.
7. Learn the original tradition of the Christmas tree (and bless your family tree)
If possible, wait to put up your tree until later in the season, echoing the original tradition of the Christmas tree. And when you do put it up, make sure to bless it with a special blessing of a Christmas Tree
8. Celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas.
Nicholas: the Boy Who Became Santa as a family.
9. Celebrate Las Posadas with your community.
Read Tomie dePaola's book The Night of Las Posadas to learn more about this

Mexican religious tradition with your family.

10. Listen to Advent music instead of Christmas
For ideas, try out these free Advent playlists on www.spotify.com

- 1- Advent of Ephesus by the Benedictines of Mary
- 2- Advent Promise by Roger Wilcock & The London Fox Players
- 3- The Advent of Christmas by Matt Maher
Handel's Messiah

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast day: December 08

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity.

In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

It took a long time for this doctrine to develop. While many Fathers and Doctors of the Church considered Mary the greatest and holiest of the saints, they often had difficulty in seeing Mary as sinless—either at her conception or throughout her life. This is one of the Church teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Even such champions of Mary as Bernard of Clairvaux and Thomas Aquinas could not see theological justification for this teaching.

Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They pointed out that Mary's Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus' redemptive work. Other members of humans are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus' work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.....

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