



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.

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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

Tuesday, December 12th

8:30 a.m. Living intentions for Anna Maria & Benedetto Tuzi and Veronica & Christopher Duarte

Wednesday, December 13th

7:00 p.m. † Dr. Paul Koledj

† Stan Burke

Thursday, December 14th

8:30 a.m. † Louiza & † Joe Camarata

Friday, December 15th

8:30 a.m. † Mary and † Alex McCormick
† Unborn due to miscarriage
and the Deceased members of the Quinn
and the Rudden family

Saturday, December 16th

4:30 p.m. † Luis Raposo

Sunday, December 17th

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

- Christmas Sale Of Goods
- Christmas Concert by The Clarington Concert Band.
- New Years Dinner and Dance
- Online Conference: Towards Reconciliation
- This is our 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Apparitions of Mary – Guadalupe

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

Christmas Sale Of Goods

Show your talents and skills and make some money in the process. Be creative with your products on display. Anyone may rent a table(s) for \$50 to display/sell their packaged goods. 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. Parishioners are invited to patronize and to support this parish event. We hope to have, in this event, many handmade 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 are:

- 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.

Online Conference: Towards Reconciliation Among Christians and Churches

Thursday, December 14, 2023 12:00 PM

A VIRTUAL CONFERENCE RECOMMENDED BY THE
OFFICE FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY AND
RELIGIOUS RELATIONS WITH JUDAISM

Dr. Professor Donna Orsuto (Professor of Spirituality at the Pontifical Gregorian University and Director of the Lay Centre at Foyer Unitas, Rome) will be the keynote speaker at this annual conference in honour of the Servants of God Father Paul Wattson and Mother Lurana White (early pioneers in the ecumenical movement and co-founders of the Society of Atonement) at the Centro Pro Unione in Rome. Dr. Orsuto has served on the Commission for Ecumenism and Dialogue in the Diocese of Rome, and the Nostra Aetate Foundation. Pope Benedict XVI named her a Dame of the Pontifical Equestrian Order of Saint Gregory the Great in 2011. She is currently a Consultant for the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. Plan to attend this livestreamed session to appreciate how 'at-one-ment' and reconciliation are at the heart of the gift of Christian unity that needs to be sought and shared among the disciples of Jesus for the life of the world.

REGISTER:

www.prounione.it/en/events/14-dec-2023

This is our 2nd Sunday of Advent

“As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

“And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

“Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of

today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ.” — Benedict XVI
Taken from: catholicculture.org

Apparitions of Mary – Guadalupe

Feast day: December 12

The story of the apparition of the Virgin of Guadalupe is one that almost any of her devotees can recount by heart: On December 9, 1531, only a decade after Spanish troops had conquered and supplanted the Aztec empire, a newly converted native Nahua man, Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, was walking near a hill known as Tepeyac, on the outskirts of Mexico City. He was on his way to catechism classes when he heard beautiful sounds from atop the hill.

Following the sound, he came upon a vision of a beautiful woman floating in the air. She told him, in Nahuatl, that she was the Mother of the True God, and that he should tell the bishop that she wanted a church built there in her honor. Juan Diego went to the bishop to do so, but was not granted an audience, so he returned to Tepeyac.

She appeared again and asked him to return to the bishop. The bishop received him but doubted the claims and asked for a sign. Juan Diego returned to Tepeyac, and the lady promised to send a sign the next day. Juan Diego was not actually able to return that day because his uncle fell gravely sick, but on December 12, he met her again. She reassured him and told him not to fear, describing herself as his mother, one who would care for him. She assured him that his uncle was cured and told him to go to the hilltop and gather the flowers growing there to bring to the bishop.

Though it was December, he found roses and other flowers growing there, and bundled the flowers in his *tilma*, or cloak, carrying them back to Bishop Zumárraga. When he unfurled the *tilma*, the image of the Virgin—the same image venerated above the altar at the basilica today—appeared to the bishop. When Juan Diego returned to his uncle, he learned that the Virgin had also appeared to the uncle and had called herself by the name Guadalupe. According to tradition, a small chapel was built there almost immediately, and the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was placed there.

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