



# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Pastor:** Father Mounir El- Rassi

**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

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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, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Gabriel Silveira & Thanksgiving  
for Blessings Received

**Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Francesco Caruso

11:00 a.m. † Augen Abraham

**Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Andrea Elenora Deleeuw

**Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. † George O'connor

**Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Luis Cruz  
Living Intentions for FR.Mounir

**Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Vince Corvinelli

11:00 a.m. † Catherine Comeav

**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***

- Weekend of Promoting God's Word/Scripture.
- St Leo's SSVP.
- The Knight's Annual Valentine Dance.
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25.
- Webinar: "The Global Phenomenon of Conspiratorial Antisemitism"
- Divina Eloquia - Patristic Conceptions of Martyrdom and Their Relevance Today
- St. John Bosco

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

**Weekend of Promoting God's Word/Scripture**

You are invited to check the various Bible selections in the hall today after Mass. This weekend is set by the Archdiocese to raise awareness of the value and the treasure we have in the holy scripture. Our volunteers are waiting in the hall with the sign-up sheets if you are interested in a certain Bible. Some bibles start at \$10 and some others much higher. It all depends on the quality, the content, or the commentary included and your needs. This is a great opportunity for our parish community to acquire a family Bible that fits your needs. Once you make your selection and deposit, we will be able to make our purchase from the publisher. The price will be better when we purchase in numbers and from the Church. Please take advantage of this opportunity this weekend after all masses. Thank you.

**St Leo's SSVP**

The members would like to express our deep gratitude for your generous support to the Christmas Outreach program. Your financial contributions allowed us to assist 34 families with Walmart Gift Cards to help put a few presents under their trees. In addition, parishioners donated food hampers, gift baskets, a turkey, and many gingerbread house kits to brighten up our 'Neighbours in Need' Christmas. Thank you one again for your generosity.

**The Knight's Annual Valentine Dance**

Is on Saturday Feb.17 ,2024 in the church Hall. Tickets will be on sale after all masses. this weekend. Thank you for your support. Larry Grand Knight.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**  
**January 18-25**

Posted: Jan-15-2024

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) have provided the following information and resources regarding the upcoming Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity [WPCU] is an annual global ecumenical celebration (traditionally held January 18-25 in the northern hemisphere).



JANUARY 21, 2024

Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all the baptized; to reflect together on Scripture; to participate in jointly organized worship services; and to share in acts of outreach and fellowship. The theme for 2024 is drawn from Luke 10:27: "You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself." ...

<https://www.weekofprayer.ca/>

For the full text from the CCCB, [please visit their website here.](#)

The Archdiocese of Toronto's Office for Promoting Christian Unity and Religious Relations with Judaism, along with the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches jointly planned a special prayer service to celebrate the WPCU.

All are welcome to join His Grace, Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity on Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 4 p.m. at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral, 455 Ferrier St., Markham, Ont.

The Office for Promoting Christian Unity and Religious Relations with Judaism has [additional information and resources on their website here.](#)

The office also has a downloadable sheet of complementary resources on [how to observe WPCU that can be accessed here.](#)

### **Webinar: "The Global Phenomenon of Conspiratorial Antisemitism"**

**Sunday, January 21, 2024, 12:00 PM - Sunday, Jacob Kovalio, Professor of Japanese and Asian History/Studies at Carleton University in Ottawa, has researched widely nationalism, antisemitism, and jihadism. He will explore the core reasons behind Holocaust denial, including many related conspiracy theories. Join not only to understand this expression of racism in the past but also how to address it today for the flourishing of everyone in society.**

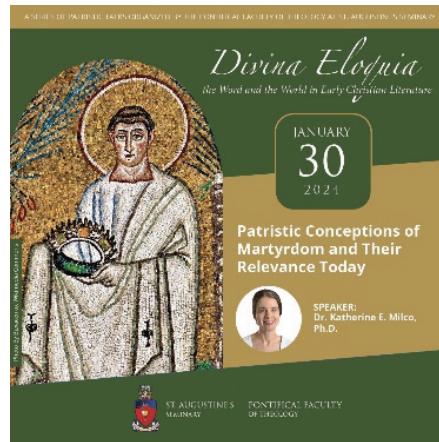
A VIRTUAL EVENT RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY AND RELIGIOUS RELATIONS WITH JUDAISM

REGISTER: <https://isca.indiana.edu/conferences/webinars/Fall23/Jacob-Kovalio.html>

### **Divina Eloquia - Patristic Conceptions of Martyrdom and Their Relevance Today**

**Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 06:30 PM to Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 08:00 PM | 81 St. Mary Street, Toronto (Charbonnel Lounge)**

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THIS CONTENT IS FROM ANOTHER WEBSITE - [CLICK HERE TO VIEW ON ORIGINAL SITE.](#) We invite you to join us on January 30th at 6:30 p.m. for this free talk.

Secure your spot for this event by registering in advance. Tickets will become available on December 29, 2023. Join us for a talk followed by fellowship and light refreshments.

POSTER: <https://bit.ly/patristic-talk-jan2024>

DETAILS &

REGISTRATION: <https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/patristic-talk-jan2024>

LOCATION: Charbonnel Lounge, University of St. Michael's College, Elmsley Hall, 81 St. Mary St., Toronto M5S 1J4. Virtual attendance is also available.

### **St. John Bosco**

**Feast day:** January 31

**Birth:** August 16, 1815

**Death:** January 31, 1888

**Beatified:** June 2, 1929, by Pope Pius XI

**Canonized:** April 1, 1934, by Pope Pius XI

John Bosco, also known as Giovanni Melchiorre Bosco and Don Bosco, was born in Becchi, Italy, on August 16, 1815. His birth came just after the end of the Napoleonic Wars which ravaged the area.

Compounding the problems on his birthday, there was also a drought and a famine at the time of his birth.

At the age of two, John lost his father, leaving him and his two older brothers to be raised by his mother, Margherita. His "Mama Margherita Occhiena" would herself be declared venerable by the Church in 2006.


Raised primarily by his mother, John attended church and became very devout. When he was not in church, he helped his family grow food and raise sheep. They were very poor, but despite their poverty his mother also found enough to share with the homeless who sometimes came to the door seeking food, shelter, or clothing.....

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