



# 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

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 Server practice and social every last Saturday of the month from 5:30 - 6:30pm.

Altar Servers/ children serve the mass they attend. Arrive 15 minutes before your mass if possible. Please register children for this ministry at the Welcome Centre.

### Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Larry Hallihan

[lgba2008@yahoo.ca](mailto:lgba2008@yahoo.ca)

### Saint Vincent de Paul

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### Catholic Women's League (CWL)

President: Donna Shaddick

[dmsaddick@gmail.com](mailto:dmsaddick@gmail.com)

### Catholic Moms Group

Leaders: Lindsay & Shannon

[stleosmg@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:stleosmg@catholicmomsgroup.com)

### Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

Founder: Paul Ritchi

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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, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. pro populo

**Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Mary & † James Callagher

11:00 a.m. † Adele Giardullo

**Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. † Olga

**Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

† Attilo & Maria (Tuzi)

**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † James Evelyn

† John Mullaney

† Raphael Brauo

Living Intentions for Fr. Taras

**Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Living Intentions for Volter

4:30 p.m. pro populo

**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Fortunato Molica

† Luciano Molica

11:00 a.m. † Francesco & † Tumasina ( Parente)

**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**

- Prayer Group: Divine Mercy Lectio Divina
- Faith Formation: Symbolon
- Lenten Poverty Soup
- Soup and Sandwich Social
- Half day retreat by CWL and Catholic Moms Group
- Archbishop Francis Leo's Visit
- Coins For Life 2024
- The Holy of Holies: Discovering the Richness of the Mass
- St. Perpetua and Felicity

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

**Prayer Group: Divine Mercy Lectio Divina**

The prayer group meets after the 7pm evening mass, every Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Church Lounge.

**Faith Formation: Symbolon**

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained is a systematic presentation of **our Catholic Faith**. It will lead you through the "big picture" of the Catholic Faith and our Creed is the guide. Symbolon brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith.

**Knowing the faith:**

On Feb 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, we will start off with the 4<sup>th</sup> session: **The Story of Salvation: Creation, Fall, & Redemption**

For more information visit our website:  
<https://stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/faith-formation/faith-formation-symbolon/>

**Lenten Poverty Soup**

On February 23<sup>rd</sup> join us for soup, water, and bread in the hall from 5:00 - 6:45 Stations of the cross following in the church at 7:00PM. A good will offering will be collected to benefit St. Vincent De Paul Society.

**Soup and Sandwich Social**

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> after the 11 a.m. Mass, we are having our monthly Soup and Sandwich Social. The Soup and Sandwich are \$5.00 or \$2.50 for either or.

**Half day retreat by CWL and Catholic Moms Group**

The CWL and Catholic Moms Group is inviting all women of the parish to a half day retreat. Please join us, along with our Facilitator Trena Finnegan as we respond to the Call, Here I am Lord, Send me. Music, prayer, and small group discussion. Rema Celio of Catholic Moms Group ministry will share her journey of responding to the call and throwing out into the deep.

Saturday March 2nd join us for First Saturday Mass and retreat to follow at 9:30 in the Hall. for more information or to rsvp email [smarogers@gmail.com](mailto:smarogers@gmail.com)

## **Archbishop Francis Leo's Visit**

March the 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, his grace will celebrate our Saturday 4:30pm Mass. It will be followed by a meet and greet at the Hall with a light reception. All are invited to attend the Mass and the reception afterwards. Hope to see you there, there is no need for reservation.

## **Coins For Life2024**

Project ends on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Bring your coins back to the parish on the weekend of March 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **The Holy of Holies:**

### **Discovering the Richness of the Mass**

**Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 09:00 AM to 4:00 PM | St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Road.**

We invite you to join us on February 24th at 9:00 a.m. for this Lent Retreat with speaker Fr. Eric Rodrigues. Secure your spot for this event by registering in advance.

DETAILS & REGISTRATION:

<https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/st-augustines-spirit-life-series-lenten-retreat>

LOCATION: St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto, 2661 Kingston Road, Toronto, ON, M1M 1M3

## **St. Perpetua and Felicity**

Feast day: March 7

Patron: of mothers, expectant mothers, ranchers, and butchers/ Death: 203

St. Perpetua and Felicity were Christian martyrs who lived during the early persecution of the Church in Africa by the Emperor Severus.

With details concerning the lives of many early martyrs unclear and often based on legend, we are fortunate to have the actual record of the courage of Perpetua and Felicity from the hand of Perpetua herself, her teacher Saturus, and others who knew them. This account, known as "The Passion of St. Perpetua, St. Felicitas, and their Companions," was so popular in the early centuries that it was read during liturgies.

In the year 203, Vivia Perpetua, a well-educated noblewoman, made the decision to follow the path of her mother and become a Christian, although she knew it could mean her death during the persecutions ordered by the emperor Severus. Her surviving brother (another brother had died when he was seven) followed her leadership and became a catechumen as well, meaning he would receive instruction from a

Catechist in the Catholic Christian faith and be prepared for Baptism.

Her pagan father was frantic with worry and tried to talk her out of her decision. At 22-years-old, the well-educated, high-spirited woman had every reason to want to live -- including a baby son whom she was still nursing. We know she was married, but since her husband is never mentioned, many historians assume she was already a widow.

Perpetua's answer was simple and clear. Pointing to a water jug, she asked her father, "See that pot lying there? Can you call it by any other name than what it is?" "Her father answered, "Of course not." Perpetua responded, "Neither can I call myself by any other name than what I am -- a Christian."

This answer upset her father and he attacked her. Perpetua reports that after that incident she was glad to be separated from him for a few days -- even though that separation was the result of her arrest and imprisonment.

Perpetua was arrested with four other catechumens, including two slaves, Felicity and Revocatus, and Saturninus and Secundulus. Their instructor in the faith, Saturus, chose to share their punishment and was also imprisoned. Perpetua was baptized before taken to prison. She was known for her gift of "the Lord's speech" and receiving messages from God. She tells us that at the time of her baptism she was told to pray for nothing but endurance in the face of her trials.

The prison was so crowded with people that the heat was suffocating. There was no light anywhere and Perpetua "had never known such darkness."

The soldiers who arrested and guarded them pushed and shoved them without any concern. Perpetua had no trouble admitting she was very afraid, but during all this horror, her most excruciating pain came from being separated from her baby.

The young slave, Felicity was even worse off, for Felicity suffered the stifling heat, overcrowding, and rough handling while being eight months pregnant. Two deacons who ministered to the prisoners paid the guards to place the martyrs in a better part of the prison. There, her mother, and brother were able to visit Perpetua and bring her baby to her. When she received permission for her baby to stay with her....

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