

# 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

President: Maureen Kerr

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### Catholic Women's League (CWL)

President: Donna Shaddick

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### Catholic Moms Group

Leaders: Lindsay & Shannon

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### Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

Founder: Paul Ritchi

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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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



### MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

#### **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)

#### **Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Mass

#### **Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. Mass

#### **Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Mass

#### **Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Stephen Jakabfy

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#### **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. Pro populo

#### **Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Vince Corvinelli

11:00 a.m. † Hector Anselmo

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**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
- Soup and Sandwich Social
- The Saint Vincent de Paul Group
- Lenten Poverty Soup
- Knights Of Columbus Event
- Archbishop Francis Leo's Visit
- Embracing life in the Kingdom
- Webinar: "A Jewish Paul: Restoring the Apostle Paul to His Roots"
- St. Patrick

#### **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 March at 7 pm, we will start off with the 5<sup>th</sup> session: **Who Is Jesus? Just a Good Man or Lord of Our Lives?**

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

#### **Soup and Sandwich Social**

Thank you for all the volunteer's and a special gratitude to the Vasco and the Isovski families for sponsoring the soup and sandwich event.

#### **The Saint Vincent de Paul Group**

We would like to Thank all parishioners for the support on Bundle Weekend, a great success. Thank You.

#### **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.

#### **Knights Of Columbus Event**

General Meeting is on Monday March.4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in Church Hall at 7.30 p.m.

#### **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.

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

## **Embracing life in the Kingdom**

“Kingdom living” involves dying to ourselves daily and entering the movement of the Paschal Mystery in all that we experience: death and resurrection, at many levels, in many ways. To live each day as an active and committed member of God's Kingdom is not for the faint of heart, but the Lord is still present and always will be, loving and active, even, and specially in many different hardships end struggles.

Archbishop Francis Leo.

## **Webinar: “A Jewish Paul: Restoring the Apostle Paul to His Roots”**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 06:00 to 07:00 PM  
(Online)**

Dr. Matthew Thiessen (Associate Professor of Religious Studies at McMaster University) will discuss how the Apostle Paul viewed the Jewish law and understood Christian discipleship according to his time, culture and religious background.

REGISTER: [https://bccte.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_9iPoMeORTLy71ehHyfyRcw](https://bccte.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9iPoMeORTLy71ehHyfyRcw)

## **St. Patrick**

Feast day: March 17

Patron: of Ireland

Birth: 387 Death: 461

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans, but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, The Confession. In The Confession, he wrote:

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir:

"I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and

he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'"

The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433.

There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftan of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone.

In His Footsteps:

Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing -not even death.

"The Breastplate," Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God:

"Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

Read the full article from: <https://www.catholic.org/>




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