

# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**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

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### Catholic Women's League (CWL)

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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



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
OF THE WEEK

**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

**Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. Mass

**Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

† Attilio & Maria (Tuzi)

**Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. Pro populo

**Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Sonya S.

11:00 a.m. † 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***

- Prayer Group: Divine Mercy Lectio Divina
- Faith Formation: Symbolon
- Lenten Poverty Soup
- Knights Of Columbus
- Archbishop Francis Leo's Visit
- Embracing life in the Kingdom
- Restoring the Gospels' Jewish Voice
- St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

***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 March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, we will start off with the 6<sup>th</sup> session: **The Paschal Mystery: Jesus's Death & Resurrection** 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.

**Knights Of Columbus**

KOC are hosting their popular Breakfast this Sunday March the 10<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 am and the 11:00 am Masses. Hope to see you there after Mass.

**Archbishop Francis Leo's Visit**

Our parish community this weekend welcomes his grace Archbishop Francis Leo's visit. He is our celebrant for the 4:30pm this Saturday and will meet with the community after the Mass at our parish Hall. All are invited to attend the Mass and the reception afterwards. His grace is happy to take one picture with each family. Hope to see you there, there is no need for reservation.

**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.



## **Restoring the Gospels' Jewish Voice**

**Monday, March 18, 2024, 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM**

In this webinar Dr. Murray Watson will explore the contribution of André Chouraqui (a Jewish interfaith activist, translator, and politician) to dialogue in his recent book "Restoring the Gospel's Jewish Voice." Dr. Watson is a Roman Catholic Biblical scholar and interfaith educator who represents the Archdiocese of Toronto on the Christian Jewish Dialogue of Toronto. Join this webinar for an insight into Chouraqui's rich and fascinating life and his unique approach to Bible translation, especially grounding the Gospels — and Jesus — in their original Jewish context.

A VIRTUAL EVENT RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY AND RELIGIOUS RELATIONS WITH JUDAISM REGISTER: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/7117007514891/WN\\_05afvgVzTrOi2WOnZRFwFQ#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/7117007514891/WN_05afvgVzTrOi2WOnZRFwFQ#/registration).

## **Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Solemnity of St. Joseph: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that by Saint Joseph's intercession your Church may constantly watch over the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation, whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. St. Joseph, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus, was probably born in Bethlehem and probably died in Nazareth. His important mission in God's plan of salvation was "to legally insert Jesus Christ into the line of David from whom, according to the prophets, the Messiah would be born, and to act as his father and guardian" (Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy). Most of our information about St. Joseph comes from the opening two chapters of St. Matthew's Gospel. No words of his are recorded in the Gospels; he was the "silent" man. We find no devotion to St. Joseph in the early Church. It was the will of God that the Virgin Birth of Our Lord be first firmly impressed upon the minds of the faithful. He was later venerated by the great saints of the Middle Ages. Pius IX (1870) declared him patron and protector of the universal family of the Church.

St. Joseph was an ordinary manual laborer although descended from the royal house of David. In the



designs of Providence he was destined to become the spouse of the Mother of God. His high privilege is expressed in a single phrase, "Foster-father of Jesus." About him Sacred Scripture has little more to say than that he was a just man—an expression which indicates how faithfully he fulfilled his high trust of

protecting and guarding God's greatest treasures upon earth, Jesus and Mary.

The darkest hours of his life may well have been those when he first learned of Mary's pregnancy; but precisely in this time of trial Joseph showed himself great. His suffering, which likewise formed a part of the work of the redemption, was not without great providential import: Joseph was to be, for all times, the trustworthy witness of the Messiah's virgin birth. After this, he modestly retires into the background of holy Scripture. Of St. Joseph's death the Bible tells us nothing. There are indications, however, that he died before the beginning of Christ's public life. His was the most beautiful death that one could have, in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Humbly and unknown, he passed his years at Nazareth, silent and almost forgotten he remained in the background through centuries of Church history. Only in more recent times has he been accorded greater honor. Liturgical veneration of St. Joseph began in the fifteenth century, fostered by Sts. Brigid of Sweden and Bernadine of Siena. St. Teresa, too, did much to further his cult.

At present there are two major feasts in his honor. On March 19 our veneration is directed to him personally and to his part in the work of redemption, while on May 1, we honor him as the patron of workmen throughout the world and as our guide in the difficult matter of establishing equitable norms regarding obligations and rights in the social order.

Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch. St. Joseph is invoked as patron for many causes. He is the patron of the Universal Church. He is the patron of the dying because Jesus and Mary were at his death-bed. He is also the patron of fathers, of carpenters, and of social justice. Many religious orders and communities are placed under his patronage.

Article from:

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2023-03-20>  
[www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)

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**Holy Week Schedule**



Wednesday March 20	: 4:45 – 6:45 p.m.	<b><u>Reconciliation Service &amp; Confessions</u></b> <b>5 Priests Available</b>
Saturday March 23	: 4:30 p.m.	<b><u>Palm Sunday Mass</u></b>
Sunday March 24	: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	<b><u>Palm Sunday Masses</u></b>
Tuesday March 26	: 8:30 a.m.	<b><u>Mass</u></b>
Wednesday March 27	: 7:00 p.m.	<b><u>Mass</u></b>
Thursday March 28	: 7:00 p.m.	<b><u>The Supper of the Lord Mass</u></b>
Friday March 29	: 3:00 p.m.	<b><u>Good Friday Communion Service</u></b> <i>Office closed</i>
Saturday March 30	: 8:00 p.m.	<b><u>Easter Vigil Mass</u></b>
Sunday March 31	: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	<b><u>Easter Sunday Masses</u></b>
Tuesday April 2	: All day	<b><u>NO MASS</u></b> <b><u>Church and office closed</u></b>




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