



# 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: closed

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 Moms Group

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### Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

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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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

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

4:30 p.m. Matilda Thornhill

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

9:00 a.m. † Sonya S.

11:00 a.m. † Attilio Bianco

**Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. † Manuel Pacheco

**Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Patrick Sullivan

**Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † John Granery

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**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

4:30 p.m. Pro populo

**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Robert de Giorgio

11:00 a.m. † Teresita, † Epifanio Jr. & † Ruel Gabison

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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.*

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm, we will start off with the 7<sup>th</sup> session: **The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace** For more information visit our website:

<https://stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/faith-formation/faith-formation-symbolon/>

### **Lenten Poverty Soup**

On March 22<sup>nd</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.

### **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.

### **Reconciliation Liturgy and Lenten Confession**

Reconciliation Liturgy starts at 4:45pm – 5pm, on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. This is followed by an individual confession with our five priests present from 5-7pm. Mass will follow these events at 7pm.

### **St. Joseph of Arimathea**

The councillor (Lk 23:50) who, after the Crucifixion, requested the body of Christ from Pontius Pilate and provided for a proper burial for Christ.

An immensely popular figure in Christian lore, Joseph was termed in the New Testament the "virtuous and righteous man" (Lk 23:50) and the man "who was

### ***On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin***

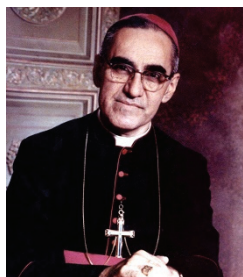
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- Philanthropy event
- Webinar on Mordecai and Esther

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

himself awaiting the kingdom of God" (Mk 15:43). Described as .... secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, [he] asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it" (In 19:38).

According to the apocryphal Gospel of Nicodemus, he helped establish the community of Lydda. He also was a prominent figure in the legends surrounding the Holy Grail, appearing in Robert de Barron's early thirteenth-century romance Joseph d'Arirnathea, William of Malmesbury's twelfth-century *De Antiquitate Glastoniensis Ecclesiae*, and Thomas Mallory's famed *Morte D'Arthur*; William of Almesbury's tale recounts Joseph's arrival in England with the Holy Grail and the building of the first church on the isle at Glastonbury; the passage on Joseph, however, was added in the thirteenth century.

### St. Óscar Romero



Feast Day: March 24.  
St. Óscar Romero was a prominent figure in El Salvadoran history and the Catholic Church. Born in 1917 in Ciudad Barrios, El Salvador, Romero became a priest and later Archbishop of San Salvador in

1977. Initially, Romero was not politically active. Óscar's views evolved over time as he witnessed the suffering and oppression endured by the poor and marginalized in El Salvador.

Following a close friend's assassination, Romero became an outspoken critic of the government's human rights abuses, calling for an end to violence and injustice in his country. Romero used his position as Archbishop to denounce government-sponsored violence and advocate for social justice and human rights. His weekly radio broadcasts, where he spoke out against violence and oppression, earned him both admiration and criticism.

On March 24, 1980, while celebrating Mass, a sniper shot Romero. His death shocked the world and sparked international outrage. The death squad that carried out Romero's assassination was believed to be linked to El Salvador's government. Romero's martyrdom transformed him into a symbol of

resistance against oppression and injustice. In 2018, Pope Francis canonized Óscar. St. Óscar Romero's legacy inspires people worldwide to advocate for social change and stand up against oppression.

### Philanthropy Event

TKE in a Box, is a student ran food drive ran by the local chapter of international fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon. Looking to raise awareness for homelessness in Durham Region, "TKE in a Box" has our members stay overnight during the course of 72 hours in a shelter to mimic the conditions of those less fortunate than ourselves.

During the event we collect non perishable goods. This includes items such as:

- Canned food
- Dried food (e.g. granola bars, rice, oats, noodles, pasta)
- Clothing
- Other items include freeze dried food, cooking oils, powdered drinks, etc.

All goods will go towards the Feed the Need Durham. Start time will be 2:30 PM March 29th and last call for collections will be at 1:00 PM on Sunday March 31st."

"The parish is happy to partner with the TKE in a Box to make this event a success. Please do your best to take part in this charitable event. Thank you",  
Fr. El-Rassi

### Webinar on Mordecai and Esther

Mordecai the Jew and Esther the Greek: The Changing Politics of the Book of Esther in Antiquity and Our Times

This webinar, presented by Dr. Aaron Koller (Adjunct Professor, Jewish Theological Seminary & Professor of Near East Studies, Yeshiva University), will explore various interpretations of select topics in the Book of Esther. This session is part of a spring learning series, "Timely Insights, Timeless Wisdom."

**REGISTER:** <https://www.jtsa.edu/event/changing-politics-book-esther-antiquity-our-times/>






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