



St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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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, March 23rd

4:30 p.m. Pro populo

Sunday, March 24th

9:00 a.m. † Robert de Giorgio

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

Tuesday, March 26th

8:30 a.m. † Mary & † James Gallagher

Wednesday, March 27th

7:00 p.m. Noah Mathews' Thanksgiving

Thursday, March 28th

7:00 p.m. Last Supper / pro populo

Friday, March 29th

3:00 p.m. Good Friday

Saturday, March 30th

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil / pro populo

Sunday, March 31st

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. † Tom MacDonald

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: Movie St Bernadette
- Catechists and volunteers contact the office
- Collections during Holy Week
- Reconciliation Liturgy and Confessions
- Philanthropy event
- Canadian Conference of Bishops on Lent
- Doctors of the Church
- St Joseph's eloquent silence

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: Movie night

On March 28th at 7 p.m. in the hall we will show a movie titled: St Bernadette of Lourdes. Humorous, moving, and reverent, this unique, award-winning, independent film has been seen by millions worldwide and has sold tens of thousands of copies since its release in 2009. Featuring a cast of over 160 mostly home-schooled, Catholic children ranging from 3 to 17 years of age, the film is perfect viewing for the entire family.

Catechists and Volunteers contact the office

The work would comprise of registering candidates and assisting the candidates in following the program of catechesis. This year we will have 3 sessions, 2 for First Communion and 1 for Confirmation. Each session will run weekday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. The commitment would be for 1 2 or all 3 events. Please call the office at 905-655-3286 ext. 1 if you are interested in helping.

Collections during Holy Week

This year for Holy Thursday the collection will go towards our Parish' building fund. This year's Good Friday collection will be for the Holy Land.

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 nonperishable 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

Canadian Conference of Bishops on Lent

The Canadian Conference of Bishops have developed a short series of video's around 7 minutes each. These video's put your focus on Lent if you are looking to deepen your faith. You will find a link to the video series on
<https://stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/2024/03/20/jtl/>

Doctors of the Church

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A doctor of the church is a person whose teaching on faith has been deemed sound and of benefit to the church through their writing, study, or research. Along with significant theological contribution, the person must also display a high degree of sanctity, which is why all church doctors are also canonized saints. A third requirement to be named a doctor of the church is formal proclamation as such by the pope or an ecumenical council.

The first church doctors were declared by Pope Boniface VIII in the 13th century: Sts. Ambrose, Jerome, Augustine, and Pope Gregory the Great. The first women to be named as church doctors were Sts. Teresa of Ávila and Catherine of Siena in 1970 by Pope Paul VI.

St. Teresa of Ávila (born March 28, 1515, Ávila, Spain—died October 4, 1582, Alba de Tormes; canonized 1622; feast day October 15) Spanish nun, one of the great mystics and religious women of the Roman Catholic Church, and author of spiritual classics. She was the originator of the Carmelite Reform, which restored and emphasized the austerity and con-

templative character of primitive Carmelite life. St. Teresa was elevated to doctor of the church in 1970 by Pope Paul VI, the first woman to be so honoured.

In 1558 Teresa began to consider the restoration of Carmelite life to its original observance of austerity, which had relaxed in the 14th and 15th centuries. Her reform required utter withdrawal so that the nuns could meditate on divine law and, through a prayerful life of penance, exercise what she termed "our vocation of reparation" for the sins of humankind. In 1562, with Pope Pius IV's authorization, she opened the first convent (St. Joseph's) of the Carmelite Reform. A storm of hostility came from municipal and religious personages, especially because the convent existed without endowment, but she staunchly insisted on poverty and subsistence only through public alms.

Teresa's ascetic doctrine has been accepted as the classical exposition of the contemplative life, and her spiritual writings are among the most widely read. Her *Life of the Mother Teresa of Jesus* (1611) is autobiographical; the *Book of the Foundations* (1610) describes the establishment of her convents. Her recognized written masterpieces on the progress of the Christian soul toward God through prayer and contemplation are *The Way of Perfection* (1583), *The Interior Castle* (1588), *Spiritual Relations*, *Exclamations of the Soul to God* (1588), and *Conceptions on the Love of God*. Of her poems, 31 are extant; of her letters, 458 are extant.

Source: <https://www.britannica.com/>

St. Joseph's Eloquent Silence

Positive silence ... can be described in five different movements embodied by St. Joseph — movements that mirror our interior participation in the Mass.

- The silence of preparation
- The silence of listening
- The silence of self-offering
- The silence of contemplation
- The silence of savoring

The complete article is linked on:

<https://stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/2024/03/20/soj/>




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