



# 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: 9:00 am - 9:30 am

### 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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### Catholic Moms Group

Leaders: Lindsay & Shannon

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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



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
OF THE WEEK

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Sam Albanese

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Vincenzo Guzzo-Foliaro

11:00 a.m. pro populo

**Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

† Attilo & Maria (Tuzi)

**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. † Romeo and † Marjorie Asselin

**Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Mary & † James Callagher

**Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Guy Asselin

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Deidre Al Derrati

**Sunday, April 21<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. pro populo

11:00 a.m. Ed & Sylvia Long

**For: Sanctuary Light Request.**

**For: Vigil Light for Mary.**

**For: Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**For a visit by the parish priest.**

*Make your request at the office.*

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Sacrament Celebration
- 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Second group
- Confirmation Registration / Preparation
- Mass & Pub Night / Young adults
- St Mark the Evangelist
- Catechism Articles on the Eucharist

**Link to our archdiocesan church second website:**

<https://stleothegreatbr.archtoronto.org>

**1st Communion Sacrament Celebration**

This Sunday at 2 pm the first group of the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion celebrants will celebrate their First Communion. Join us in congratulating them on this milestone in their Catholic faith. We have a very vibrant group of volunteers, that helped us make this into a big success. Thank you.

**1st Communion second group**

Because we have some many celebrants, A second group of First Communicant celebrants will start Monday April 15 with registration at 6:30 p/m/ in the Hall. Times and dates are available on our website. Please check the details as found there.

**Confirmation Registration/Preparation**

All students register and start their session on Monday April 22, for the whole week, and the celebration takes place on the Sunday following with an option of 1pm Mass or 4pm Mass. Times and dates are available on our website. Please check the details as found there.

**Mass & Pub Night / Young Adults**

Tuesday, April 16, 07:00 - 09:30 p.m.

St. John The Evangelist, 903 Giffard St, Whitby

Calling all young adults ages 19–35 in the Durham region. Join us on Tuesday, April 16th for 7 p.m. Mass at St. John the Evangelist Parish followed by a pub social at Sham Rock's Grill House (1100 Dundas St. E., Whitby). For more information or to get involved please contact Samantha Goh, Eastern Region Young Adult Minister, at [sngoh@archtoronto.org](mailto:sngoh@archtoronto.org) or 416-599-7676.

**St Mark the Evangelist**

Saint Mark the Evangelist, author of the Gospel Book of Mark in the Bible, was one of Jesus Christ's original 12 disciples. He is the patron saint of many different topics, including lions, lawyers, notaries, opticians, pharmacists, painters, secretaries, interpreters, prisoners, and people dealing with insect bites. He lived in the Middle East during the 1st century, and his feast day is celebrated on April 25th. Here's a biography of St. Mark the Evangelist, and a look at his miracles.

**Biography**

Mark was one of Jesus Christ's original disciples, and he wrote the Gospel of Mark in the Bible. After Jesus' ascension to heaven, Saint Peter and Mark traveled together to many places in the ancient world, ending up in Rome, Italy. Mark wrote down many of the sermons that Peter delivered in speeches to people during their travels, and historians believe that Mark

used some of the content of Peter's speeches in the Gospel book he wrote.

Mark's Gospel emphasizes the importance of learning and applying spiritual lessons. Lamar Williamson writes in his book *Mark: Interpretation, A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching* about what distinguishes the Gospel that Mark wrote: "This rich and varied message clusters about two major foci: Jesus as king and his disciples as subjects in the kingdom of God. Jesus not only announces the kingdom's coming but also, by his authoritative words and deeds, incarnates its hidden presence. Disciples are those to whom the secret of the kingdom is given; they are those who receive it, enter it, and share Jesus' mission of announcing it. Christology and discipleship are two basic concerns in the proclamation of the kingdom of God in Mark."

In the Gospel of Mark, Mark describes Saint John the Baptist's voice (which witnesses said sounded like a roaring lion) crying out in the wilderness to prepare the way for Jesus' ministry, and Mark himself helped deliver the Gospel message to people with boldness, like a lion. So people began associating Saint Mark with lions. Mark is one of the four evangelists that the prophet Ezekiel saw in a miraculous vision of the future many years before Jesus came to earth; Mark appeared in the vision as a lion.

Mark traveled to Egypt and founded the Coptic Orthodox Church there, bringing the Gospel message to Africa and becoming the first bishop of Alexandria, Egypt. He served many people there, founding churches and the first Christian school.

In 68 AD, pagans who persecuted Christians captured, tortured, and imprisoned Mark. He reportedly saw visions of angels and heard the voice of Jesus speaking to him before he died. After Mark's death, sailors stole relics from his body and took them to Venice, Italy. Christians honored Mark by building St. Mark's Basilica there.

#### Famous Miracles

Mark witnessed many of Jesus Christ's miracles and wrote about some of them in his Gospel book that's included in the Bible.

Many different miracles are attributed to Saint Mark. One that relates to Mark's patronage of lions happened when Mark and his father Aristopolus were walking near the Jordan River and encountered a male and female lion who eyed them with hunger and seemed about to attack them. Mark prayed in Jesus' name that the lions wouldn't harm them, and immediately after his prayer, the lions fell down dead.

After Mark founded the church in Alexandria, Egypt, he took a pair of his shoes to a cobbler named Anianus for repairs. As Anianus was sewing Mark's shoes, he cut his finger. Then Mark picked up a piece of clay nearby, spit on it, and applied the mixture to Anianus' finger while praying in Jesus' name for it to be healed, and then the wound healed completely. Anianus then asked Mark to tell him and all of his children about Jesus, and after hearing the Gospel message, Anianus and his children all became Christians. Eventually, Anianus became a bishop in the Egyptian church.

People who have prayed to Mark since his death have reported receiving miraculous answers to their prayers, such as healing of illnesses and injuries.

#### **Catechism articles on the Eucharist**

The Catechism states the Church's teachings on the Eucharist, e.g.

**1322** The holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation. Those who have been raised to the dignity of the royal priesthood by Baptism and configured more deeply to Christ by Confirmation participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist.

**1323** At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet 'in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.




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