

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

Grand Knight: Larry Hallihan

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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, May 18th

4:30 p.m. † Ivan Krizmanic

Sunday, May 19th

9:00 a.m. † Vince Corvinelli

11:00 a.m. † Luigi Giardullo

Tuesday, May 21st

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

Wednesday, May 22nd

7:00 p.m. † Jose Guilherme

Thursday, May 23rd

8:30 a.m. Conversion of sinners

Friday, May 24th

8:30 a.m. † James and † Mary Gallagher

Saturday, May 25th

4:30 p.m. Living intentions of James Gallagher Jr.

Sunday, May 26^h

9:00 a.m. † Isabella Jardim

11:00 a.m. † Patrick Aranha

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

- Food and toiletries drive
- R.C.I.A. fast track
- Year of Prayer Video Series
- St Leos Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament
- Movie Night: Fireproof (PG)
- CWL May meeting
- Personhood of the Holy Spirit?
- Gardening
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- Altar Server training
- Corpus Christi Mass and Procession
- Securities as a Charitable Gift option

Link to our archdiocesan church second website:

<https://stleothegreatbr.archtoronto.org>

Food and toiletries drive

In light of Pope Francis's recommendation for truth and reconciliation, our group called Movement for Active Indigenous Allyship and Advocacy (MAIAA, formerly the YES Group) in collaboration with Native Child and Family Services of Toronto (NCFST) is hosting another Spring food and toiletry drive supporting the indigenous community in the GTA. I invite you to visit our website to learn more about the work we have been doing: maiaa.org. We have also been helping to address food insecurity issues in Nunavut.

The Knights of Columbus of our Parish will be collecting the standard toiletries, plus canned and dry groceries. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

R.C.I.A. fast track

We are contemplating a R.C.I.A. fast track course for eligible candidates wishing to be received in the Church. Check if you are eligible by contacting Father directly 905-655-3286 ext 8 if you are interested or if you know of someone who may be interested. Or please leave a voicemail.

Year of Prayer Video Series

In advance of the Jubilee Year taking place in 2025, the archdiocese has created a video series which will highlight the importance of prayer in our lives. The series will focus on the seven petitions of the Lord's Prayer as found in the fourth part of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The first video, an introduction to the Year of Prayer by Archbishop Leo, is available for viewing now on the archdiocesan website (www.archtoronto.org) as well as on the archdiocesan YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@archtoronto>.

St Leos Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament

The Knights of Columbus at St Leo will have a golf tournament at the Oshawa Airport Golf Club on Saturday June 8th. First tee-off will be at 8:10. The tickets are \$65 and include golf, pizza lunch and 1 ticket for refreshments. Please contact Gerry Hanley by phone 905 409 0733 or by email gerryhanley18@gmail.com.

Movie Night: Fireproof (PG)

The last movie before our summer break will be on May 23 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Fireproof is a powerful tale of triumph, honor, and forgiveness. as Caleb Holt, a heroic fire-captain who values dedication and service to others above all else. This gripping story follows one man's desire to transform his life and marriage through the healing power of faith and fully embrace the fireman's code: Never Leave Your Partner Behind.

CWL May meeting

St. Leo's CWL invites you to hear a speaker from "Feed the Need" at our next meeting on May 29 at 7:00. She will speak at the beginning of the meeting in the parish hall.

Personhood of the Holy Spirit?

The personhood of the Holy Spirit is clearly affirmed in the Fourth Gospel where Jesus says, "The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things" (John 14:26, and thereafter adds that "the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness to Me" (15:26). Note that personal pronouns are used regarding the Holy Spirit.

There are many other references in the New Testament that depict the Holy Spirit functioning as a person. A few may be mentioned: "The Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them'" (Acts 13:2); "the Spirit Himself intercedes for us" (Romans 8:26; "do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God" (Ephesians 4:30); and "the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come'" (Revelation 22:17). There are many other similar references portraying the Holy Spirit as a person.

Hence it is important not to think of the Holy Spirit as merely an attribute of God, such as power. There are passages that might suggest the Spirit to be God's power in creation (e.g., Genesis 1:2), or in regeneration (e.g., John 3:5), or at Pentecost where the Holy Spirit is promised, and the disciples receive power for their witness and ministry (Acts 1-2). The fact that they were "filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4; cf. 4:31) might sound more like being filled with energy than with a person. However, in all these instances the important thing to recognize is not that the Spirit equals power, but that where the Spirit of God is there is power. Moreover, we are to understand that to be

"filled with the Holy Spirit" is not simply to be filled with a substance or force but to be fully possessed by the Holy Spirit, the personal Spirit of God.

In the spiritual (or "charismatic") renewal of our time, one of the most outstanding testimonies is that of how real and personal the Holy Spirit has become to many individuals. Thus, deepening Christian experience marvellously confirms the biblical record.

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<https://www2.cbn.com/article/pride/personhood-holy-spirit>

Gardening

We are looking for 4 more sponsors for our gardens around the church. Sponsorship for a garden means taking the time to keeping it clean and presentable. Please contact the office if you are willing to spend some time on the upkeep of our church gardens.

Debit machine

The parish now has a debit machine also known as a Point of Sale. We can now take payments from credit or debit cards for donations, masses etc. It will also be made available for events where the donations are intended for the parish.

Altar Server training

Saturday, May 25, there will be an Altar Server Training and Social after the Saturday Mass between 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Corpus Christi Mass and Procession

All are welcome to join the procession after the Sunday 11 a.m. Mass on June 2nd from 12:10 to 12:30 p.m. around the vicinity of our church.

Securities as a Charitable Gift option

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of you Parish and various archdiocesan charities.

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