



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 - 6:30 pm.
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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Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

Founder: Paul Ritchi
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Prayer Group: Divine Mercy Lectio Divina

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm - 6:30 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, September 7th

8:30 a.m. Living intention for Aileen Gallagher
 † Rodrigo Nieto & Rosalia Reyes

4:30 p.m. † Frank Mihelcic

Sunday, September 8th

9:00 a.m. Pro populo

11:00 a.m. † Reynaldo, † Florinda and † Karl
 (Lesaca)

Tuesday, September 10th

8:30 a.m. Living intention for Anna Maria &
 Benedetto (Tuzi)

Wednesday, September 11th

7:00 p.m. Mass

Thursday, September 12th

8:30 a.m. † Larry McDonald

Friday, September 13th

8:30 a.m. Gianella Lazaro
 † Ida Tobin

Saturday, September 14th

4:30 p.m. † Frank Ferkul
 † Quentin D'Mello

Sunday, September 15th

9:00 a.m. pro populo

11:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, September 17th

8:30 a.m. † Innocenzo & † Vincenzina (Mammone)
 and † Attilio & † Maria (Tuzi)

Wednesday, September 18th

7:00 p.m. Mass

Thursday, September 19th

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, September 20th

8:30 a.m. † Maria Frendo - Cumbo

Saturday, September 21st

4:30 p.m. Pro populo

Sunday, September 22nd

9:00 a.m. † Vince Corvinelli

11:00 a.m. † Maria, † Toni & † Tullio (Caprio)

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

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

On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin

- First Saturday Mass
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- Season of Creation 2024
- Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- FNE Timberwolves for girls

First Saturday Mass

The 1st Saturday of the Month mass will be on Sep 7th at 8:30 am.

Books for Sale

Msgr. A. Robert Nusco: "The Christ of the Apocalypse" - \$15.00

Teresa Corvinelli's recipe books - \$10.00

The Knights of Columbus will be selling the books in the vestibule after each mass this week.

Thank you for your donation

We received a donation of \$250 from Parish connections.

Knight's breakfast

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their popular Breakfast this Sunday September 8th after the 9:00 am and the 11:00 am Masses. Hope to see you there after Mass

Children's liturgy

From September 8th we will resume our children's liturgy at the 11 am mass.

RCIA

Rites of Christian Initiation into the Catholic Faith. We have scheduled new sessions for every Tuesday 6:30 to 8:30 pm. starting September 24th. If you or someone you know is interested in our faith, please inform the office by phone or email.

Marriage preparation course

Our marriage preparation course will take place May 1st to May 3rd. Please register at the office via email.

First Communion schoolyear 2024-2025

First Communion will be earlier this year; in the month of October and November. On October 17 and 18, we will have registration sessions in the church hall. See the website for more information.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group

The timing of the Lectio Divina Prayer Group has been changed. It is now every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

International Food Tasting Sunday 22 Sept

Our successful food tasting festival is back again, September 22nd after mass from 12 to 1:30 pm !

Please let us know if you are interested in a table to showcase your countries' cuisine.

Make small samples suitable for just tasting and keep the price to max \$2 per portion.

Our office volunteers will sell tokens for \$2 each. We are looking forward to having 10 or more different cuisines so our congregation can sample a wide range of foods and celebrate our cultural diversity. We suggest you decorate your table with cultural icons like flags etc. The table is free, but we want you to reserve a table with the office. The proceeds will go to the Church's maintenance. At your request we can reimburse the cost of the food, provided you give us the receipts.

Season of Creation 2024

The annual event of the Season of creation begins on September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 (The Feast of St. Francis of Assis, patron saint of ecology). This year's theme is "To hope and act with Creation" and the symbol is "The first fruits of hope," inspired by Romans 8:19-25. An introductory video and resources to observe this season at home, church and school can be found on

www.stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/CreationVid and a document on this topic can be found on www.stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/CreationDoc

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

On 13 September 335, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (also called the Church of the Resurrection) was dedicated. The following day, the cross that Empress Helena had discovered on 14 September 320, was venerated in a solemn ceremony.

Today, the cruelty of the Cross is not what is exalted, but the Love that God manifested to humanity by accepting death on the Cross: "Who, though in the form of God, emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. This is the glory of the Cross of Jesus!" (Pope Francis)

"Being Christian", Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event". The Gospel the liturgy offers us on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross suggests that God wants to enter into a relationship of love with everyone. This is offered in His Son, Jesus, lifted up on the Cross.

Lifting up our gaze to God expresses a very important truth: we are invited to enter back into relationship with Him. We need to stop turning in on ourselves, uselessly nurturing a sense of guilt and forgetting that "in whatever our hearts condemn, God is greater than our hearts" (1 Jn 3:20). Let us lift up our eyes toward the stars (remember Abraham and the promise of many descendants), knowing how to cast every worry onto God.

Lifting up our gaze should not enkindle fear, but gratitude, because that elevation is the measure of the love with which God loves His children, in His Son. It is the Mercy of God, therefore, which, as is the case with Nicodemus, illuminates the darkness of our lives and allows us to continue on our journey.

FNE Timber Wolves for girls

Meetings from Wednesday Sept 11th from 7 to 9 pm. For more information visit www.fneexplorers.com, or email paul.ritchi@gmail.com




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