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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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Saint Vincent de Paul

President: Maureen Kerr
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Catholic Women's League (CWL)

President: Shannon Rogers
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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, February 1st

4:30 p.m. Pro Populo

Sunday, February 2nd

9:00 a.m. † Margaret Wesley

11:00 a.m. † David Cullen

Tuesday, February 4th

8:30 a.m. † William Whiting

Wednesday, February 5th

7:00 p.m. Living intentions for Presentation Sisters

† Jennifer Sammays † Frank Thomas

Davies † Hilda Winifred Lopes

Thursday, February 6th

8:30 a.m. † Christopher Pestano

Friday, February 7th

8:30 a.m. Living intentions of Maria & Family

† Sheldon Kelly

Saturday, February 8th

4:30 p.m. Living Members of the CWL

Sunday, February 9th

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo

11:00 a.m. † Vince Corvinelli

Sanctuary Light, week of February 8th

Canadian Women's League (CWL)

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>

Donation Envelopes

2025 envelope boxes are available at the back of the church, to your right. Ask for help if needed.

Faith Formation: Discernment of Spirits

February 1st will be our final lesson on our Faith Formation Discernment in the church hall.

New Sessions start on:

Feb 8: Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Feb 15: Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Feb 22: Charisms of the Holy Spirit.

or simply www.stleothegreat.ca/

Join in and learn.

Building Maintenance Fund

There will be a second collection this weekend at all Masses (February 1st & 2nd) for the Building Maintenance Fund. Your kindness builds God's people and house. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus

Feb 3, 2025. The Knight's general meeting is in the church hall at 7.30 p.m.

Feb 9, 2025. The Knights' Breakfast Sunday after the 9am and 11am Masses.

Feb 15, 2025. St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Valentine's Dance is on Saturday, February 15th, 2025 @ 6:45pm. Tickets are \$30.00 per person & are available before & after all Masses. No ticket sales at the door on Feb 15th.

CWL

Feb 8, 2025. The CWL are celebrating the 15th Anniversary of the Catholic Women's League at St. Leo the Great. Please come celebrate with the CWL for a ladies only wine and cheese following the 4:30pm Mass. Membership not required.

SACRAMENTS

Registration & Info Session for First Holy Communion is on Friday, March 21 (5:00-6:00pm).

Registration & Info session for Confirmation is on Friday, April 11 (5:00-6:30 pm). The following link will provide you with all the dates (registration, catechesis, confession and celebration) of both First Communion and Confirmation.

<https://stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/FCandC>

On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin

- Donation Envelopes
- Faith Formation
- Building Maintenance Fund
- Knights of Columbus General Meeting, Breakfast & Valentine's Dance
- CWL Anniversary
- Sacraments
- Catering
- The Presentation of the Lord

CATERING

Franca Vasco, parishioner, would love to use her talents of cooking to do fundraising for our parish. For details and more information, please call Franca 905-621-9658.

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2025. According to the Church's liturgical calendar, the feast held on Feb. 2 each year is in honor of the Presentation of the Lord. In fact, according to Luke's Gospel, the presentation of Jesus and the purification of the Blessed Mother took place in the Temple on the same day, and both are remembered during Mass on Feb. 2.

Under Mosaic law found in the Old Testament Book of Leviticus, a Jewish woman who gave birth to a child was considered unclean. The mother of a newborn could not routinely go out into public and had to avoid all things sacred, including the Temple. If her child was a male, this exclusion lasted for 40 days. If the child was female, the period lasted 80 days. This was a ceremonial seclusion and not the result of sin or some kind of wrongdoing on the part of the mother.

At the end of the 40 or 80 days the woman presented herself at the Temple to be purified. If the baby was her firstborn male child, the infant was brought along to the Temple to be dedicated to the Lord. The law in Exodus specifies that the first male child belongs to God. This law is a tribute to God for His sparing the firstborn Israelite males during the time of the Exodus from Egypt. The firstborn Egyptian male children, of course, were not spared.

The mother's purification ritual obliged her to bring, or purchase at the Temple, a lamb and a turtledove as sacrificial offerings. The lamb was offered in thanksgiving to God for the successful birth of the child; the turtledove was a sin offering. Families that could not afford a lamb could bring two pigeons or two turtledoves. After these animals were sacrificed, the Temple priest prayed over the woman, and she could once again resume her normal role or status.

Mary, the ever-spotless Mother of God, certainly did not have to comply with this ritual, but did so to honor God and observe all the rules handed down by Moses. She was the holiest of all women, but she still submitted to the humbling requirements of the law. She remained at home for 40 days, denied herself all association with sacred things and on the day required walked the five miles from Bethlehem to the Temple in

Jerusalem. Arriving at the Temple, Mary likely stood in line and waited her turn to see the priest. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus, Mary and Joseph go to the Temple offering two turtledoves for Mary's purification. Along with Mary's willing submission, Jesus is presented into the hands of the priest and thus to God. In accordance with the Old Testament, the child was blessed and then bought or ransomed back by the family who would pay five shekels into the Temple treasury. The Savior of the world is ransomed in the manner of every other Hebrew boy. "When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord".

The Gospel of Luke explains that the old prophet Simeon and the prophetess Anna were at the Temple that day. They, like many others, had spent their lifetime waiting, longing for a Messiah, and the Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Savior. Among all the children and mothers coming into the Temple, Simeon recognized Jesus as the Christ Child; he held Jesus and exclaimed this hymn of thanksgiving, "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel".

Like Mary, Jesus the Divine Son of God did not have to undergo these rituals, but His parents willingly complied in order to pay tribute to Jewish laws, to avoid any possible scandal and in so doing demonstrated profound humility. They acquiesced to the law like all poor Jewish families. The Holy Family must have experienced great joy, even wonder at all that had happened to them. Consider the events of the previous weeks. First, the shepherds miraculously arrived to adore and praise Jesus on the night He was born. And now, Simeon, another stranger, singles out Jesus as the Savior, not only of Israel but of the world. Someday all the other children being presented will know Jesus as their Savior. But here in the Temple there is also pain. The old prophet, moved by the Holy Spirit, tells Mary that she will experience unspeakable grief because of the outrageous way the world would judge and treat her Son. But Mary remained always committed to God's will and to her Son.

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