

St. Leo The Great

# **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Pastor:** Father Mounir El- Rassi **Parish Secretary:** Sandy Yatabe 905-655-3286 ext. 1

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 lgba2008@yahoo.ca

Saint Vincent de Paul President: Maureen Kerr maureen.kerr100@gmail.com 905-655-3286 ext 3

**Catholic Women's League (CWL)** President: Shannon Rogers smarogers@gmail.com

Federation of North American Explorers (FNE) Founder: Paul Ritchi paul.ritchi@gmail.com 416-435-6593

**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



Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m. ✤ Steven Falsetto Sunday, Februarv 16<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. ♀ Joseph Fenech Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. ✤Innocenzo & ♣ Vincenzina Mammone 骨Attilio & 骨 Maria Tuzi Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Living intentions of Michael Mohammed & Family ♀ Ella Drennan ♀ Marie & Frank O'Donnell Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. 🕆 Patricia MacDonald Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 8:30 a.m. ✤ Mark Sokol Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

4:30 p.m. 
<sup>‡</sup> Edward Fox <sup>‡</sup> Margaret Bunker <sup>‡</sup> Deceased members of the CWL *Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>*9:00 a.m. <sup>‡</sup> Doreen Martello
11:00 a.m. <sup>‡</sup> John Michael White

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

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### **Donation Envelopes**

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

## Faith Formation: Holy Spirit

We will have 3 remaining sessions delving into the Holy Spirit. What are the Holy Spirit's gifts, fruits, charisms and who is the Holy Spirit. Sessions start at 10:00am in the Church Hall on: Feb 15: Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Feb 22: Charisms of the Holy Spirit. March 1: Who is the Holy Spirit. or simply www.stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/faithformation/holy-spirit/ Join in and learn.

## **2024 Income Tax Receipts**

2024 Parish Tax Receipts are being processed; you will receive them in the mail on or before Monday February 24th.

## **Knights of Columbus**

**Feb 15,2025.** St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Valentine's Dance is on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>,2025 @ 6:45pm in the church hall.

### <u>CWL</u>

#### March 18, 2025. Spiritual Bouquet

Each year the CWL from across the Archdiocese of Toronto collect the gift of prayer to present to the Men being ordained to the Priesthood. Through the month of Feb St. Leo will collect your donation of prayers through the online form and will submit what we have collected as a parish. It will be presented on March 18th at the Ordinandi Dinner. Help us get over One Million.



Scan the QR code or use the link

Stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/SB

## LUNCH SOCIAL

<u>February 23, 2025.</u> Lunch social after the 11am Mass. Choice of scrumptious meat or vegetarian meal. Join us for an enjoyable lunch with fellow parishioners. All are welcome.

## **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

## **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.

### **HOUSEKEEPING**

Parishioners - Jesto Fernando & Niluka De Silva are new arrivals in Canada. We are happy to have them as practicing parishioners eager to work and build their new life. Jesto is a chef and both Jesto & Niluka do house keeping. They are hoping to find a car for everyday use as a donation. They can be reached at 647 823 5660. Thank you in advance!

## <u>SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE</u> <u>SERVITE ORDER</u>

**February 17, 2025**. The Story of the Seven Founders of the Servite Order.

Can you imagine seven prominent men of Boston or Denver banding together, leaving their homes and professions, and going into solitude for a life directly given to God? That is what happened in the cultured and prosperous city of Florence in the middle of the 13th century. The city was torn with political strife as well as the heresy of the Cathari, who believed that physical reality was inherently evil. Morals were low and religion seemed meaningless.

In 1240, seven noblemen of Florence mutually decided to withdraw from the city to a solitary place for prayer and direct service of God. Their initial difficulty was providing for their dependents, since two were still married and two were widowers. Their aim was to lead a life of penance and prayer, but they soon found themselves disturbed by constant visitors from Florence. They next withdrew to the deserted slopes of Monte Senario.

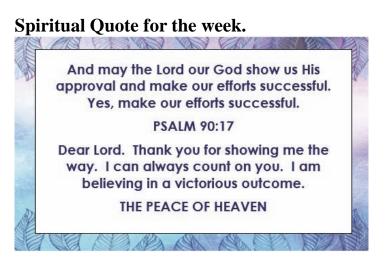
In 1244, under the direction of Saint Peter of Verona, O.P., this small group adopted a religious habit similar to the Dominican habit, choosing to live under the Rule of St. Augustine and adopting the name of the Servants of Mary. The new Order took a form more like that of the mendicant friars than that of the older monastic Orders.

Members of the community came to the United States from Austria in 1852 and settled in New York and later in Philadelphia. The two American provinces developed from the foundation made by Father Austin Morini in 1870 in Wisconsin.

Community members combined monastic life and active ministry. In the monastery, they led a life of prayer, work and silence while in the active apostolate they engaged in parochial work, teaching, preaching, and other ministerial activities.

The time in which the seven Servite founders lived is very easily comparable to the situation in which we find ourselves today. It is "the best of times and the worst of times," as Dickens once wrote. Some, perhaps many, feel called to a countercultural life, even in religion. All of us are faced in a new and urgent way with the challenge to make our lives decisively centered in Christ.

Pope Leo XIII canonized them all on 15 January 1888. https://www.franciscanmedia.org/



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