



# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**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

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### Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

Founder: Paul Ritchi

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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

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

#### Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

4:30 p.m. † Edward Fox †  
Margaret Bunker †  
Deceased members of  
the CWL

#### Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Doreen Martello  
11:00 a.m. † John Michael White

#### Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

#### Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. † Errol Foran

#### Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. † Holy Souls in  
Purgatory

#### Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a.m. † James & † Evelyn  
Mullaney  
† Raphael Bravo

#### Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

4:30 p.m. † Edward Fox

#### Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Tomasina & †  
Francesco Parente  
11:00 a.m. † Hector Anselmo

**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.

### 2024 Income Tax Receipts

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

### Building Maintenance Fund

We will have a second collection at all Masses on the weekend of March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Building Maintenance Fund.

### Faith Formation: Holy Spirit

We will have 2 remaining sessions delving into the Holy Spirit.  
Sessions start at 10:00am in the Church Hall on:

Feb 22: Charisms of the Holy Spirit.

March 1: Who is the Holy Spirit.

or simply

[www.stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/faith-formation/holy-spirit/](http://www.stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/faith-formation/holy-spirit/)  
Join in and learn.

### 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>

### LUNCH SOCIAL

**February 23, 2025.** Lunch social after the 11am Mass. Choice of scrumptious meat or vegetarian meal. Cost per person \$ 7.00. Join us for an enjoyable lunch with fellow parishioners. All are welcome.



### CWL

#### **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](https://stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/SB)



**Invitation to Join a Parish Ministry**

A starting point is to have a conversation with a minister in a particular ministry. Then take it to prayer after considering the responsibilities involved to join the Ministry. Some Ministries will require the Pastor's approval.

**THE FNE**

Are you looking to declutter? Donate your items for a good cause! The Federation of North American Explorers are a faith-based youth group (ages 8-15). They are collecting items to help fund their pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal in April 2025. We are doing a FUNDRIVE where we are collecting any used items that are still in good condition such as clothing, books, toys, household items, décor, kitchen items, bedding. No large furniture. If you have items to donate, please bring it to the church vestibule after the weekend masses on March 1, March 2, and March 8, March 9. Thank you and God Bless.

**Dominican Friars Youth  
Interfaith Video Contest 2025**

Feb. 5, 2025, to April 15, 2025  
Theme: Faith as a Pathway from Division to Unity  
High school students (aged 13 to 19 years) in the Catholic School Boards within the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual celebration of the United Nations International Human Fraternity Day on February 4 each year. Students are encouraged to create a three-minute video that captures this year's theme. Please adhere to the guidelines provided on our website and submit your entries via the submission form at <https://bit.ly/DFVCSsubmission>. For further information, please contact us at [interreligious@archtoronto.org](mailto:interreligious@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527

**Employment Opportunities**

Please check the Bulletin Board over the Welcome Centre in the vestibule for the latest employment opportunities.



A special thank you to **Laura Mederios** for this weekend's flowers in church. Laura said the flowers she arranged were with love for all the girls at Church for the Glory of God.

Thank you to the **Knights of Columbus** for organizing the Valentine's Dance. To the Knights and those that braved the snow, it was a fun filled evening.

**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 FEAST OF THE  
CHAIR OF ST. PETER.**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>.** This feast honors the special role Jesus gave to St. Peter. It reminds us of the papacy and the line of popes that stretches back to Peter, the first pope.

St. Peter was the first Bishop of Rome. Jesus chose him as the leader of the apostles. He called Peter the "rock" on which He would build His Church. This feast celebrates Peter's leadership and the unity of the Church under the Pope. The "chair" in this feast is not just a piece of furniture. It is a symbol of the Pope's teaching and authority. This authority comes from Jesus and is passed down through every pope. It shows the Church's unity under one leader, the successor of Peter. The feast reminds us that the Pope's role is to guide the Church. The Pope helps keep the Church united in faith and teaching. This unity is a gift from Christ to His Church.

As Catholics, this feast calls us to pray for the Pope and for the Church. It invites us to stay close to the teachings of the Church. It also reminds us that Christ is with His Church always.

The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter has been celebrated since the early days of the

Church. It honors St. Peter as the first leader of the Church and the Bishop of Rome. It also reminds us of the unity and authority of the papacy, which began with Peter. The "chair" in this feast is not an ordinary chair. It is a symbol of the Pope's role as a teacher and leader of the Church. Jesus gave this authority to Peter, and it has been passed down through every pope since then. There are two chairs connected to St. Peter. One is in Antioch, where he was bishop before going to Rome. The other is in Rome, where he became the first pope.

This feast also shows how important the early Church believed Peter's role was. By the fourth century, Christians celebrated this day to honor Peter's leadership. It was also a way to remember the unity of the Church under one shepherd. The Chair of St. Peter connects us to the early days of Christianity. It reminds us of the faith of the apostles and how their mission continues today. It also invites us to reflect on the importance of staying united as one Church.

This chair is linked to Jesus' words in Matthew 16:18. Jesus told Peter, "You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church." This shows that Jesus chose Peter to lead the Church. The chair is a symbol of the authority that Jesus gave to Peter and the popes who came after him. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>

**Spiritual Quote for the week.**

For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13

Dear Lord. When the road is long and the conditions are stormy, you are there right by my side to help me make it to my destination in your perfect timing, in your perfect ways. All I need to do is cling to you and know that if it gets too rough, you will carry me.




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