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Office Hours

Monday, Saturday & Sunday: closed

Tuesday – Friday

: 9:00 - 12:00 pm; 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 8:30 am

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

First Saturday: 8:30 am

Benediction and Adoration

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 – 9:45 am

Saturday: 9:00 – 9:30 am

Sacrament of Baptism

Go to our website Forms

Sacrament of Marriage

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 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

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To become a catholic

Please contact the parish office

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, March 1st

4:30 p.m. † Edward Fox

Sunday, March 2nd

9:00 a.m. † Tomasina & † Francesco Parente

11:00 a.m. † Hector Anselmo

Tuesday, March 4th

8:30 a.m. † Paul Frenedo-Cumbo

Wednesday, March 5th – Ash Wednesday

12:00 noon Pro Populo

7:00 p.m. † Ella Drennan † Conchita "Toots" Evidente

Thursday, March 6th

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

Friday, March 7th

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Moth & Young Families

Saturday, March 8th

4:30 p.m. † Edward Fox

Sunday, March 9th

9:00 a.m. † Nadia & † Chelik Isovski

11:00 a.m. † Vince Corvinelli

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

Building Maintenance Fund

March 1st & 2nd. We will have a second collection at all Masses this weekend for the Building Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

2024 St Leo's Financial Statement

Copies of the Financial Statement are available on the welcome table in the vestibule. Please help yourself.

Faith Formation: Holy Spirit

We will have 1 remaining session delving into the Holy Spirit.

Session starts at 10:00am in the Church Hall on:

March 1: Who is the Holy Spirit.
or simply

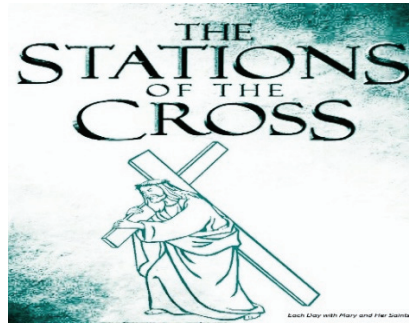
www.stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/faith-formation/holy-spirit/

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>



Lenten Soup and Stations of the Cross

St. Leo the Great is pleased to announce that Lenten poverty soup is returning as of March 7, 2025. Fridays in lent, join us in the hall from 5:00pm to 6:45pm for soup, water and bread. Following soup is the Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm in church.

CWL

The CWL wishes to extend our appreciation to those who have already participated in the bouquet of prayers being offered to the Ordinariate class of 2025 who will be ordained this spring. This is the last opportunity to register your prayers, sacrifices and novenas. There are tables set up on either side of the doors for parishioners to sign up if they have not yet done so. Please visit and our members will help you to make your spiritual donations. Just look for a blue scarf. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus

Monday, March 3, 2025: Knight's general meeting in the church hall at 7:30pm.

Sunday, March 9, 2025: Knights Breakfast Sunday after the 9:00am & 11:00am Masses.

Choir Ministry

St. Leo's Senior Choir has made many strides forward in developing a music program focused on the High Mass each Sunday. Pina has done a wonderful job directing our new and returning choir members in developing their voices and adding new music to the music program. In our next step we would like to introduce some additional instrumentation to the accompaniment. I am requesting any parishioners that play the flute, the oboe, the violin or the cello to come forward and indicate if they would be interested in joining our choir to enhance the beauty of the music, we offer to God each Sunday and on special occasions such as Easter, and Christmas. We rehearse Tuesday evenings as a choir, but perhaps there would be an opportunity to have an additional rehearsal for the instrumental aspect to begin with. Please feel free to come forward on a Sunday morning, call the parish office, or call me directly 289 385 3226.

Music is such a wonderful expression of our love for God and all He gives us. What a wonderful way to give back the gifts the He has bestowed upon us!

Invitation to Join a Parish Ministry

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

World Day of Prayer Service

Friday, March 7 at 1:00pm

Brooklin United Church

All are welcome,

Thanksgiving for Prayers

Answered

You are invited to share with the Community answered prayers or miracles in your life. Sharing should be 2-4 lines. Please let the office know.

Employment Opportunities

Please check the Bulletin Board for the latest employment opportunities.

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 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 after any of the weekend masses on March 1, March 2, and March 8, March 9. Please contact Rachelle at (647) 688 2998 if you have a lot of items and would like her to pick up. Thank you and God Bless.

Ash Wednesday: Lent Begins



There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 12:00 noon & 7:00pm.

What Is Ash Wednesday?

The Beginning of Lent

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the 40-day journey leading to Easter Sunday. It's a time for Catholics to prepare their hearts for the joy of Christ's resurrection through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Why Ashes?

The ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday are a profound symbol of humility and mortality. They remind us of Genesis 3:19: "*Remember, you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*"

The Catholic Meaning of Ash

Wednesday

A Call to Repentance

At its heart, Ash Wednesday is about turning away from sin and back to God. The ashes symbolize our need for repentance and God's endless mercy.

A Time for Renewal

Lent is a season to hit the "reset" button on your spiritual life. Ash Wednesday is the starting line, encouraging Catholics to reflect on their relationship with God and seek ways to grow closer to Him.

A Communal Experience

When we gather to receive ashes, we're reminded that we are part of a greater community... the Body of Christ. Together, we begin this journey of transformation.

Spiritual Benefits of Ash Wednesday

Deepening Your Faith

Ash Wednesday invites you to pause and reconnect with God. It's an opportunity to refocus on prayer, Scripture, and the sacraments.

Embracing Humility

The ashes remind us of our dependence on God and our need for His grace in every moment.

Growing in Community

By participating in this holy day with others, you're joining a global Church united in repentance and renewal.

How to Prepare for Ash

Wednesday

Reflect on Your Intentions

Spend time praying about what God is calling you to focus on during Lent. Whether it's giving up a bad habit or taking on a new act of service, let the Holy Spirit guide you.

Plan Your Lenten Practices

Prayer: Commit to daily prayer or reading Scripture.

Abstain or Fasting: Decide what you'll fast from and how it will help you grow spiritually.

Almsgiving: Choose ways to give back, whether through time, talent, or treasure.

Attend Mass or a Service

Make Ash Wednesday a priority by attending a service to receive ashes and start Lent with intention.

Why Ash Wednesday Matters Today

In a busy, noisy world, Ash Wednesday is a call to slow down and turn back to God. It's a reminder that our lives are fleeting but full of purpose when centered on Christ. By participating in this holy day, you're embracing a tradition that connects you to centuries of faith and millions of believers worldwide.

<https://www.catholic.org/lent/ashwed.php>

Spiritual Quote

"Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter. Christ's victory over death"
- Pope Francis



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/DFVCSUBMISSION>.

For further information, please contact us at interreligious@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527

St. Leo The Great Roman Catholic Church

Holy Week Schedule



Wednesday April 9	: 4:45 – 6:45 p.m.	<u>Reconciliation Service & Confessions</u> 5 Priests Available
Saturday April 12	: 4:30 p.m.	<u>Palm Sunday Mass</u>
Sunday April 13	: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	<u>Palm Sunday Masses</u>
Tuesday April 15	: 8:30 a.m.	<u>Mass</u>
Wednesday April 16	: 7:00 p.m.	<u>Mass</u>
Thursday April 17	: 7:00 p.m.	<u>The Supper of the Lord Mass</u>
Friday April 18	: 3:00 p.m.	<u>Good Friday Communion Service</u> <i>Office closed</i>
Saturday April 19	: 8:00 p.m.	<u>Easter Vigil Mass</u>
Sunday April 20	: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	<u>Easter Sunday Masses</u>
Tuesday April 22	: All day	<u>NO MASS</u> <u>Church and office closed</u>




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