

St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 am - 9:45 am

Saturday: 9:00 am - 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

Grand Knight: Larry Hallihan Lbga2008@yahoo.ca

Saint Vincent de Paul

President: Maureen Kerr Maureen.kerr@gmail.com
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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

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 8th

4:30 p.m. + Edward Fox

Sunday, March 9th

9:00 a.m. + Nadia & Chelik Isovski

11:00 a.m. + Vince Corvinelli

Tuesday, March 11th

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

Wednesday, March 12th

7:00 p.m. + Antonietta Zambri

Thursday, March 13

8:30 a.m. Anna Maria & Bendetto Tuzi

Veronica & Christopher Duarte

Friday, March 14th

8:30 a.m. + Gabriel Canniseraci + Maddalena Gerbasi

Saturday, March 15th

4:30 p.m. + Deceased members of Horvat Family

Sunday, March 16th

9:00 a.m. Bishop Vincent Nguyen

11:00 a.m. + Attilio Bianco

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin

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2024 St Leo's Financial Statement

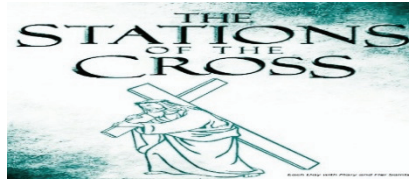
Copies of the Financial Statement are available on the welcome counter in the vestibule. Please help yourself.

Faith Formation: Holy Spirit

This Saturday in the Church Hall at 10 am on March 8th, we will go deeper into Lent. If you have thought this way, you are not alone. In this introduction, we will turn to Scripture to answer these questions and explore the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. You'll walk away from this episode understanding the "why" behind each Lenten practices and will be prepared to live this Lent differently
www.stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/faith-formation/lent/
Join in and learn.

SACRAMENTS

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



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.

Knights of Columbus



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

CWL

Our new Social Justice Committee from the Catholic Women's League is recruiting men and women 18 years and older for their focus groups to identify social issues the committee should address. The first focus group for interested individuals aged 18-32 will be held March 23 after the 11am mass in the Parish lounge. The second focus group for participants 33 years and up will be held in April. For additional questions please contact the Social Justice Committee co-chairs Kenise Killbride & Nila Chandran (kilbride@torontomu.ca) (nithila.chandran9@gmail.com).

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!

Young Adult Bible/Prayer Group

St Leo's Parish is initiating a Young Adult Bible Study and Prayer Group. This is slated to be Wednesday evenings starting at 5:45-6:45pm. This will be a great opportunity for individuals aged 19-39 regardless of their faith journey to come together in prayer, reading the word of scripture and fellowship. If you are interested, please email Marek at mviezner@gmail.com with your name. We are planning to start this as a Lenten devotion on March 12th and will meet in the lounge

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.

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 email the office. officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com

Parish Weekly Updates

If you need weekly parish updates via email, please email the office at: officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com

THE FNE

This is the last weekend to donate used items for the FNE youth group FUNDRIE. 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.

Employment Opportunities

Please check the Bulletin Board for the latest employment opportunities.

St. John Paul II School

St. John Paul II school are currently in need of lunch time supervisors. Contact the school office at (905) 655 2291

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.

Prepare for an Amazing Lent



Lent is the time in the Church year when we prepare for Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection. The purpose of Lent is to help us grow in our faith and become spiritually stronger. We have the opportunity during Lent to spend time in the desert with Jesus.

Three parts of Lent

Traditionally, Catholics spiritually prepare during Lent through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We can do all three (pray, fast, and give alms), two of these, or just one.

Which one should you do? Should you do all of them? One of them? Do what you did last year? Try something different than last year? A lot of questions can swirl around in your mind before Lent as you try to figure out what to do!

What can you do to prepare for an amazing Lent?

There are two things you can do to figure out how to spend your Lent: Pray about it and discern where in your life you need to grow or change. Pray and ask God to enlighten your mind and heart to what you should do for Lent. Give yourself time to pray and listen. God may not answer you in one day or give you an obvious answer. He may quietly shine a light in an area of your life that He wants you to focus on. Trust in Him to guide you.

Pray

Prayer is communication with God. Take time to look at how you communicate with God in your life right now. Is your prayer life currently what you want for it to be like?

What changes can you make to improve your prayer life? You don't need to make a big change for it to be a worthwhile one. Is there a prayer you have been wanting to pray, but have never prayed? Lent may be the perfect opportunity for you to begin

praying it. Do you just want to make more time for prayer in your daily life? Set your timer for 5-15 minutes a day and pray.

Make a plan about what prayer you want to pray or what you want to pray about, what time each day or each week you will pray, and where you will pray. When you plan ahead, you are setting yourself up for success. As Lent goes on, you can evaluate your plan. Is it working for you? If not, make any necessary changes.

Remember, the purpose of prayer is to bring you closer to God. You keep our mind and heart turned to Him when you pray. Even 5 more minutes a day is helpful. Make sure your prayer goal is going to help draw you closer to God, not cause extra frustration or feelings of being overwhelmed in your day. Set a reasonable plan in place that may be a bit challenging, but not overwhelming or unrealistic for you.

Final thoughts on preparing for an amazing Lent.

In preparing yourself for Lent, remember to set yourself up for success. You don't have to have BIG, HUGE plans. You can, if that is where God leads you, but a successful Lent is measured by how close you are to God and how often you turn your minds and hearts to Him. A successful Lent allows you to live out your vocation well as your journey with Jesus through the desert to His passion, suffering, and death on the cross so that you can truly experience the transformation that comes with His Resurrection from the dead on Easter.

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Spiritual Quote

God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy
- Pope Francis




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