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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

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President: Shannon Rogers smarogers@gmail.com

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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 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

Tuesday, March 18th

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

Wednesday, March 19th

7:00 p.m. + Stella Whiting

Thursday, March 20th

8:30 a.m. + Pro Populo

Friday, March 21st

8:30 a.m. + Shannon Frank

Saturday, March 22nd

4:30 p.m. + Melvyn Rodricks

Sunday, March 16th

9:00 a.m. + Michael Kerr

11:00 a.m. + Michael Giardullo

Saturday, March 22nd - March 28th

Sanctuary Light - Rocchina & Domenico De-Giorgio

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin

- Faith Formation
- Sacraments
- Lenten Soup & Stations of the Cross
- CWL
- Young Adult Bible & Prayer Group
- Lay Pastoral Ministry
- Lunch Social
- Act of Consecration to Our Lady
- Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers
- Parish Weekly Updates
- Employment Opportunities
- St. John Paul II School
- Catering
- Feast of St. Patrick
- Feast of St. Joseph
- Spiritual Quote

Faith Formation: Holy Spirit

This Saturday in the Church Hall at 10 am on March 15th, we will go deeper into Lent.

Why do we fast during Lent?
Does anybody really like fasting?

Fasting can feel like a hard Catholic diet. Is there more to it? In this episode, we will dive into how this physical act of penance deepens our spiritual lives and learn what our sacrifices should be motivated by.

www.stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/faith-formation/len/
Join in and learn.

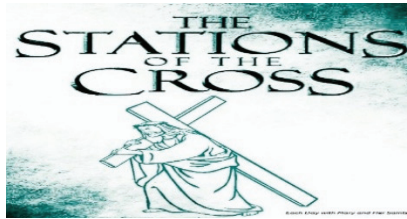
SACRAMENTS

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



Lenten Soup & 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

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).

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

Lay Pastoral Ministry

The Lay Pastoral Ministry is eager to welcome new members. We visit the sick and housebound after the 9am Sunday Mass. For the sick and housebound, Holy Communion can bring a sense of peace and solace, offering hope and reminding them of God's love and mercy. It also reassures the homebound and the sick that they are valued members of our faith community.

If you are interested in joining this parish ministry under the supervision of Fr. Mounir please feel free to contact the office at: officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com.

Lunch Social

March 23, 2025, is our Lunch social in the hall. Join us for an enjoyable lunch with fellow parishioners. All are welcome.

Act of Consecration to Our Lady

Tuesday, March 25th is the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord. Cardinal Francis Leo is inviting all the faithful to renew their consecration to our Blessed Mother, and to participate, to whatever degree may be possible, in a three-day period of preparation prior to the Feast. **On March 20th, 21st & 25th** before the 8:30 am mass there will be devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Given that the *Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary* is deemed a unique and grace-filled opportunity we can gather together, in prayer and devotion, to entrust all that we are and all that we have, our joys and our sorrows, our dreams and our plans into her Immaculate Heart and through her, to Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. We shall make this beautiful act of Catholic devotion

and spirituality celebrating the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord.**

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 would like to receive our weekly parish updates via email, please email the office at:

officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com

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.

Today's Gospel

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to Jesus. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his exodus, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his

glory and the two men who stood with him.

Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” but Peter did not know what he said.

While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

And the disciples kept silent and, in those days, told no one any of the things they had seen.

Saint Joseph – March 19

Who Was Saint Joseph?

Saint Joseph was the husband of Mary and the earthly father of Jesus, chosen by God to play a vital role in the story of salvation. He lived in Nazareth and worked as a carpenter, coming from the royal lineage of King David.

Known for his deep faith, humility, and obedience to God, Joseph accepted his extraordinary role with courage. When he discovered Mary was pregnant before they came together, he initially planned to divorce her quietly to spare her shame. However, an angel appeared to him in a dream, explaining that the child was conceived by the Holy Spirit. Trusting God, Joseph took Mary as his wife and cared for her and the child Jesus.

Joseph's protective nature is seen when he fled to Egypt with his family after being warned by an angel about King Herod's plan to kill Jesus. He later returned to Nazareth when it was safe, providing a stable and loving home for Mary and Jesus. Throughout his life, Joseph demonstrated unwavering faith and selflessness, putting his family's well-being above his own. He is honored as a model of fatherhood, a faithful protector, and a humble servant of God's plan.

Saint Joseph is celebrated as the patron of fathers, workers, and the universal Church. His life of faith and devotion continues to inspire believers worldwide.

Reflection: The Father in Heaven sent His Son into the world to be born of the Virgin Mary. The Father chose her who was the Immaculate Conception to bear His Son in her womb, bring Him into the world, and raise Him from infancy to adulthood. But the Father also needed to choose a foster father for His divine Son. Of all the men in Israel that He could have chosen, He chose Joseph of Nazareth, a carpenter. Today's solemnity not only honors him, but it also points us to his marital union with the Blessed Virgin Mary and to the effect that that marriage had not only upon him, Mary and Jesus, but also upon us as members of the Body of Christ.

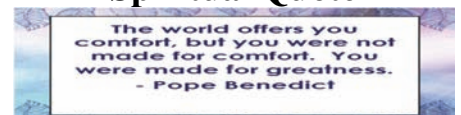
Joseph was likely born in the small town of Bethlehem, where Jesus was also born, but he moved to Nazareth with Mary and Jesus after returning from Egypt in order to keep Jesus safe from Archelaus, the ruler of Judea. Though there are a number of apocryphal writings about him from the first several centuries, nothing is known about him for certain except what is contained in the Gospels. But the Gospels tell us all we need to know about this holy, obedient, and just man, who was given authority over the Son of God and continues to exercise a holy authority over the entire Church.

Saint Joseph was truly the father of Jesus. Of this truth, Saint Augustine writes, “By reason of their faithful marriage, both of them deserve to be called Christ's parents, not only his mother but also his father, who was a parent in the same way that he was the mother's spouse: in mind, not in the flesh.”

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Spiritual Quote

The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.
- Pope Benedict






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