

# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Parish Secretary:** Sandy Yatabe 905-655-3286 ext. 1

### 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  
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

### 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 22nd

4:30 p.m. +Melvyn Rodricks

### Sunday, March 23rd

9:00 a.m. + Michael Kerr

11:00 a.m. + Michael Giardullo

### Tuesday, March 25th

8:30 a.m. + James Gallagher Sr. & + Mary Gallagher

### Wednesday, March 26th

7:00 p.m. + Rocchina & + Domenico De Giorgio

### Thursday, March 27th

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

### Friday, March 28th

8:30 a.m. + Sheila Lang  
+ John Wayne McBride

### Saturday, March 29th

4:30 p.m. +Deceased Members of the Utrosa Families

### Sunday, March 30th

9:00 a.m. + Luz Ruelos

11:00 a.m. + Ada & + Anthony Wadden

### 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*

**On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin**

- ShareLife
- 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
- Annunciation of the Lord
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- Parish Weekly Updates
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**SHARELIFE**

**March 30, 2025.** There will be a second collection at all three weekend Masses for ShareLife. ShareLife agencies are bringing Gospel values to life everyday in our communities and around the world. There are many stories of how ShareLife agencies are making an impact on the lives of those who turn to them for support. The 2025 suggested parish campaign goal for St. Leo the Great Parish, Brooklin is \$ 22,500.

**Faith Formation: Church Fathers & Divine Mercy**

On Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Church Hall from 7 pm-8 pm, we will start with the Church Fathers.

On Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> in the Church Hall at 10 am we will start the Divine Mercy 101 with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC

"Divine Mercy is the urgent message of hope for our world. Learn the powerful devotion and graces associated with it in this dynamic presentation with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, filmed live at the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

Divine Mercy 101 provides a clear and concise overview of Divine Mercy and the role and mission of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), the apostle of Divine Mercy whom St. John Paul II called ""a gift of God to our time.""

Those who are new to Divine Mercy as well as those looking to achieve an advanced level of knowledge will find this presentation ideal.

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<https://stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/faith-formation/divine-mercy/>  
Join in and learn.

**SACRAMENTS**

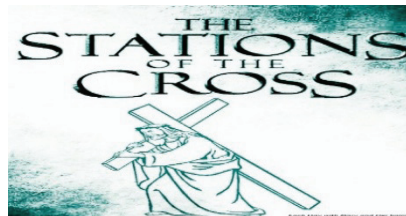
1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Catechism Class is on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> & March 23<sup>rd</sup> (10:00am-12:00noon) in the church hall.



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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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](mailto:officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com).

### **Lunch Social**

**March 23, 2025.** Lunch Social in the Hall after the 11:00am Mass.

Join us for an enjoyable lunch with fellow parishioners. All are welcome

### **Act of Consecration to Our Lady**

**Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>** 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.**

### **Annunciation of the Lord**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>.** The feast of the Annunciation of the Lord celebrates Angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary

(Luke 1:26-38) and his announcement that she had been chosen to be the mother of the savior of the world. Also being celebrated during this feast was Mary's *fiat*, which means "let it be" in Latin—her willing acceptance of the news.

### **Lift Jesus Higher Rally**

March 29, 2025. The Lift Jesus Higher Rally is taking place at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. This year's theme is "Power from On High." Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins. You can purchase tickets online at

[www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca)

### **Day of Reflection**

**March 31, 2025.** Day of Reflection with Fr. Michael Coutts, on the Words of Jesus from the Cross. (9:00am -2:30pm)

Register online at: [Manresacanada.ca](http://Manresacanada.ca) or Email: [manresaregistration@outlook.com](mailto:manresaregistration@outlook.com)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com)

### **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.

### **Today's Gospel**

#### **Luke 13.1-9**

Jesus was teaching the crowds; some of those present told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. Jesus asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way, they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then Jesus told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?'"

"The gardener replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'

### **Spiritual Quote**

#### **Pray**

**Not because you need something but because you have a lot to Thank God for**






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