

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

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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, April 19th

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 20th

9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass

11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass

Tuesday, April 22nd

8:30 a.m. No Mass. Church & Office Closed

Wednesday, April 23rd

7:00 p.m. + Susan & + Alex Quinn
+ Frank Mihelac

Thursday, April 24th

8:30 a.m. + Deirdre Al Derraju

Friday, April 25th

8:30 a.m. + Charles W. James
Living intentions for Janelle Anne
Birthday Blessings for Mary & Elvin Arulnesan

Saturday, April 26th

4:30 p.m. + Antonio Tamburro

Sunday, April 27th

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
11:00 a.m. Bishop Vincent Nguyen
1:00 p.m. Confirmation Candidates
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Candidates

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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin

- Sacraments
- SSVF Bundle Up Sunday
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- Carlo Acutis
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- Divine Mercy Sunday

Confirmation April 19, 2025

2nd Confirmation catechism will take place in the Hall from 10:00am – 12:00pm



SSVP Bundle Up Sunday **April 26 to 27, 2025**

The Society of St Vincent de Paul will be hosting their 'Bundle Up Weekend' and we ask that you drop off your gently used clothes, drapes and small household goods in the truck parked outside. We are unable to accept baby furniture, books, large appliances or mattresses.

Divine Mercy Celebration **April 26, 2025**

Celebration of the Divine Mercy will take place at 5:45pm. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with music and song and a procession with Holy Image of the Divine Mercy and Blessings.

Carlo Acutis – the boy from **Milan, April 27, 2025**

On Divine Mercy Sunday, the Church will celebrate one of

its *most anticipated events* of this Jubilee Year of Hope: the canonization of the *first millennial saint*.

Faith Formation:

We will continue with our Faith Formation journey in May.

CWL High Tea **May 3, 2025**

The St. Leo's CWL invites you to join them for a lovely afternoon high tea social to help celebrate Mother's Day on Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 1pm to 4pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$ 25.00 and will be for sale on April 26th & 27th, 2025.

Volunteers Needed

St. Leo is looking for volunteers to help with RCIA on Tuesdays at 6:30pm and Faith Formation on Thursdays at 7:00pm & Saturdays at 10:00am. Please contact the office.

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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.

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Parish Weekly Updates

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

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Employment Opportunities

Please check the Bulletin Board for the latest employment opportunities.

Bulletin Advertisements

We encourage you to browse the advertisements at the back of the

bulletin. They support the printing of our bulletins by Liturgical Publications. We have a new one by Dan, who is a plumber and parishioner.

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.

Reflection on Easter **April 20, 2025**

God Is Always at Work:

Easter is the most important feast in the Catholic liturgical calendar, as it celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus has triumphed over sin and death, and offers us the hope of new life and salvation.

The readings for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday remind us of God's goodness, power, and saving work throughout history. From the Creation Story to the Exodus from Egypt, God has been at work, leading his people to freedom and new life. In the Epistle reading, St. Paul exhorts us to die to sin and live for God, emphasizing the importance of baptism and faith in Jesus. And in the Gospel reading, we hear the amazing news of Jesus' Resurrection, which brings hope and new life to all who believe.

A Message of Hope:

This message of hope is especially important in our world today, where there is so much suffering, pain, and despair. We are all touched by the effects of sin and death, whether in our own lives or in the lives of those around us. But the Resurrection of Jesus offers us a way out of this darkness. It reminds us that death is not the final word, and that God never

abandons us, even in our darkest moments.

As we celebrate Easter, we are called to let go of sin and selfishness, and to embrace the new life and hope that Jesus offers. We are called to let Easter change our hearts and transform our lives, so that we may become more fully the people that God created us to be. We are called to be bearers of hope and agents of new life, bringing the light of Christ to a world that is so often shrouded in darkness.

Meaning through Faith:

Luke's writings in the Bible remind us that God sent his Son to free us from sin and death and to live without fear. This message is just as important today as it was in the time of the early Christians. Sometimes, religion can become focused on ceremony and lose its true meaning. The Resurrection of Jesus is a powerful reminder of the transformative power of our faith.

The message of the empty tomb was initially confusing to the disciples. They couldn't understand where the body had gone and what had happened. However, when they were reminded of Jesus' words, the message began to make sense to them. Similarly, the experiences of our lives can sometimes be confusing and difficult to interpret without faith. We need to remember that, through the Resurrection, God has the power to transform our lives.

The early disciples were so energized by the shock of the Resurrection that nothing, not even death or persecution, could stop them from spreading the Good News. We too, as Christians, must be willing to hear the message of transformation and then spread it to others. We should not keep the Good News to ourselves, but share it with others so that they too can experience the joy and hope that comes from knowing Jesus.

So let us rejoice and be glad this Easter, as we celebrate the triumph of Jesus over sin and death. Let us give thanks to God for the gift of new life, and let us renew our commitment to follow Jesus, the risen Lord, wherever he may lead us. May the hope and joy of Easter fill our hearts and our lives, now and always.

<https://young-catholics.com/686/easter/>

Divine Mercy Sunday **April 27, 2025**



Divine Mercy Sunday, which falls on the Sunday after Easter, is one of the most powerful days in the Church's liturgical calendar. It's a day when the floodgates of God's mercy are opened in a special way, an opportunity to step away from distraction and draw near to the heart of Jesus.

1. Reflect on What Divine Mercy Sunday Is All About

Divine Mercy Sunday was established by Pope St. John Paul II and is rooted in the revelations given to St. Faustina Kowalska. Jesus made a remarkable promise: the soul who receives Communion in a state of grace on this day, having gone to Confession, will receive not only forgiveness of sins but the full remission of punishment. In short, it's a chance to begin again.

2. Make a Good Confession

Confession is at the heart of this devotion. Whether it's been a few weeks or a few years, this is the time to go. Prepare well. Be honest. Trust that Christ meets you there, not with condemnation, but with mercy. As Jesus told St. Faustina, "The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy."

3. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet Especially at 3:00 PM

The 3 o'clock hour when Christ died on the Cross is known as the Hour of Mercy. Jesus asked that we pause at this time to reflect on His Passion and to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, even if only briefly. If you're able, set a reminder to stop and pray at 3 PM. It's a small habit that can bear much fruit.

4. Create Space for Prayer and Silence

If your schedule allows, carve out a little time this Sunday for quiet. No agenda. No expectations. Just a chance to sit with the Lord and let His mercy reach you. Bring your rosary, your journal, or simply your honest heart. Sometimes the most important thing we can do is simply show up.

5. Keep Sacred Reminders Close

Many people find it helpful to have physical reminders that ground their spiritual practices whether that's a rosary, a prayer booklet, or a medal of a saint who inspires them.

Final Encouragement

This Sunday is a gift. Don't let it slip by unnoticed. Whether your Lent went as planned or felt more like a struggle, Divine Mercy Sunday is a reminder that grace doesn't depend on our perfection, it depends on our willingness to trust.

"Jesus, I trust in You."

<https://romancatholicgear.com/>



I hope Jesus Christ's risen life motivates you throughout the year and all the years to come. I wish you a Happy Easter. Fr. Mounir EL-Rassi.

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