

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 lgba2008@yahoo.com

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, May 10th

4:30 p.m. +Herbert D'Souza

Sunday, May 11th

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

11:00 a.m. +Mr. & Mr. Lloyd Buggie

Tuesday, May 13th

8:30 a.m. No Mass - Retreat for Diocesan Priests

Wednesday, May 14th

7:00 p.m. +Rose Deagle & Jacqueline Majury

Thursday, May 15th

8:30 a.m. No Mass - Retreat for Diocesan Priests

Friday, May 16th

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

Marriage Blessings for the Bayer Family

Saturday, May 17th

4:30 p.m. +Edward Fox

Sunday, May 18

9:00 a.m. +Vince Corvinelle

11:00 a.m. +Attilio & +Maria Bianca

Sanctuary Light: For Claire week of May 10-16

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***

- Knights of Columbus
- KofC-Breakfast Sunday
- Campaign Life Coalition
- Missionary families of Christ
- Mother's Day
- St. Leo CWL Jubilee Pilgrimage To St. Gregory
- How to Weather Financial Storms
- Donating Securities
- A Day with Mary
- Gardening Volunteers
- Volunteers Needed
- Kitchen Cabinet Estimates
- Flat Roof Estimates
- Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers
- Parish Weekly Updates
- Catering
- May is the month Of Mary
- Gospel of Sunday
- Pray for-Pope's election
- Why Sign of the Cross?

**Knights of Columbus
May 3 & 4, 2025**

St. Leo Knights of Columbus will distribute Roses for Life in support of Rose of Durham Charity and young Mothers at all Masses on Mother's Day and preceding Saturday. Please support them.

**Knights of Columbus
Sunday, May 11, 2025.**

KofC Pancake Breakfast this Sunday after the 9am and 11am Masses. All Mothers eat free. All are welcome!

**Campaign Life Coalition
Thursday, May 8, 2025**

The biggest pro-life event in the nation is just around the corner. Join us in Ottawa for the National March for Life and all the fantastic events surrounding it.
Email: clc@clife.ca

**Missionary Families of Christ
May 10; 17; 24 & 31, 2025**

All are invited to a Christian Life Seminar from 1pm – 4pm at St. Leo's Church Hall hosted by the Missionary Families of Christ
**Contact Mary Ann or Leslie
David@ldavid4mfc@gmail.com**

**Mother's Day
May 11, 2025**

May 11th is dedicated to recognizing moms, grandmothers, stepmoms, mothers-to-be and all women who in and through their lives encompass the qualities of motherhood. Happy Mother's Day to all the beautiful Women of our Parish.

**St. Leo's CWL Jubilee
Pilgrimage: May 24, 2025**

We start at 9:30am, at St. Gregory Oshawa, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Confession. There will be a second priest alongside Father Mounir in hearing confessions. Holy Mass at about 10:15am, we will pray the Jubilee prayer after the Holy Mass. Please join us to worship together.

After the pilgrimage we have set aside tables at Cosy's Diner at 500 Rossland Road West at the corner of Stevenson Road North if you wish to join in purchasing lunch with other parishioners.

**How to Weather Financial
Storms, May 27, 2025**

You are invited to a "Financial Seminar" on Thursday, May 27 from 7pm to 9pm in the church hall. Worried about the current economic uncertainty in North America? Discover the time-tested strategies the wealthy have used for generations to build lasting, stress-free, guaranteed wealth. The wealthy don't have access to special tools the rest of us can't use – they use what's available differently. Learn how to create accessible capital and generational security by making more innovative use of what's

already within your reach. Join us for an educational evening on building financial strength and creating wealth at any age (though starting young always helps). Refreshments to follow.

**Donating Securities to the
Archdiocese of Toronto**

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and an increased support of various archdiocesan charities such as your Parish, ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary and many others. For further information, contact the Development Office at 416-934-3400 ext. 561 or send an email to development@archtoronto.org.

**Register Today for
"A Day With Mary"**

This FREE outdoor event is taking place Saturday, May 31 on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Villanova College in King City. There will be food, music, fellowship and Holy Mass celebrated by our Archbishop, His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. ***For more information and to register, visit archtoronto.org/mary.***

**Do you have a passion for
Gardening?**

St. Leo is looking for volunteers for overall maintenance and upkeep of our 4 outdoor gardens. If interested, please contact the office.

officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed

St. Leo is looking for volunteers to help with various ministries at

our parish. If you are interested, please contact the office.

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Kitchen Cabinets

We are looking for estimates for Kitchen cabinets. If you are a company that specializes in kitchen cabinets please contact the office.

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Flat Roof

We are looking for estimates for a Flat Roof (60x40 sq feet). If you are a Roofing Company, 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:

officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com

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.

Why is May the Month of Mary?

May is a special month for Catholics around the world, as it is traditionally dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Devotion to Mary is not just a cultural practice or a sentimental attachment, but a deeply rooted aspect of Catholic theology and spirituality.

Mary, the Mother of God

One of the most fundamental reasons why Mary is important to Catholics is her role as the mother of Jesus Christ, who is considered the Son of God. As

the mother of God, Mary has a unique relationship with Jesus, and her importance is inseparable from his. The Catholic Church teaches that Mary was chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus, and that she was conceived without sin in order to prepare her for this task. This doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, which was formally declared in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, is based on the belief that

Mary's sinlessness made her a fitting vessel for the Son of God.

Mary's role as the mother of Jesus is also significant because it demonstrates God's love and care for humanity. By choosing to become human and to be born of a woman, God showed that he values human life and desires to be intimately involved in our world.

Mary as Intercessor

Another important aspect of Mary's role in the Catholic faith is her intercessory power. Catholics believe that Mary can intercede on their behalf and bring their prayers to Jesus. This belief is based on the idea that Mary, as the mother of Jesus, has a special relationship with him and can ask him for favors. Many Catholics therefore pray to Mary and ask for her help in times of need, such as during illness or difficult times.

This belief in Mary's intercessory power is also reflected in various devotions to her, such as the Rosary. The Rosary is a form of prayer that involves reciting a series of prayers while meditating on various events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. The Hail Mary, which is one of the most well-known prayers of the Rosary, asks for Mary's intercession and protection.

<https://ffhl.org/the-importance-of-devotion-to-mary-in-the-catholic-faith/>

This Sunday Gospel: Jesus said:
"My sheep hear my voice. I know

them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Election of the Roman Pontiff

Dear faithful of the archdiocese, I would like you all to please join me in praying intently and wholeheartedly that the Cardinals be given wisdom and discernment from on High; that the Spirit of the Risen Christ descend with power and abundance upon the Cardinals united in Sistine Chapel and that the one chosen in the forthcoming conclave to be the next Successor of the Prince of the Apostles may be worthy and holy, humble and courageous, learned and wise.
Together let us please pray each day at least 3 Hail Mary's and the Hail, Holy Queen for this specific intention.

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.

Why do Catholics make the Sign of the Cross

Each time we make the Sign of the Cross, we renew our profession of faith; express our belief in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and acknowledge the divine work of creation, salvation, and sanctification. We invoke the Holy Trinity.



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