

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.

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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, May 24th

4:30 p.m. + Kevin Barry Clancy

Sunday, May 25th

9:00 a.m. Living intentions of James Gallagher Jr.

11:00 a.m. +Patrick Aranha

Tuesday, May 27th

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

Wednesday, May 28th

7:00 p.m. + Mary Matha Tran Thi Hoat

Thursday, May 29th

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

Friday, May 30th

8:30 a.m. +Emmet & + Helen McCrory + John Wayne
McBride + Cecilia Miranda

Saturday, May 31st

4:30 p.m. + Melvyn Rodricks

Sunday, June 1st

9:00 a.m. +Thomas Passafiume

11:00 a.m. +Michael Giardulo

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

Special Upcoming 2nd
Collections for May & June
2025

The Pope's Pastoral Works:

- May 24 & 25

Building Maintenance Fund:

- June 7 & 8

ShareLife:

- June 14 & 15

Mary Grove Camp:

- June 21 & 22

Lunch Social
May 25, 2025

Join us for an enjoyable lunch with fellow parishioners on May 25th after the 11am Mass. All are welcome!

Financial Seminar - It's Like
Building and Being Your
Own Bank

Thursday, May 29, 2025, in the church hall. To reserve **your spot**, please RSVP the number attending. Call: 905-442-7242 or Email: john.gallop@kofc.org

Join us for an educational evening on building financial strength and creating generational wealth at any age. Everyone is welcome to attend. Are you concerned 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. **It's Your Personal Financial Program – Be Your Own Bank**

You have access to the same tools the rich use to create their wealth, they just use it differently. Learn how to create accessible capital and generational security by making more innovative use of what's already within your reach. Or continue the same path you are on now.

Refreshments provided by Knights of Columbus

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.*

Yard Sale, Save the Date
June 14, 2025

St. Leo's will be hosting a yard sale on June 14th, 2025. Kindly donate your unwanted items at the church hall on June 12th & 13th. Please check the Bulletin insert for details and items we are accepting.

Do you have a passion for
Gardening?

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

GROW Garden

The CWL Social Justice Committee is requesting volunteers for a GROW garden project to provide produce for a low-cost, 4-hour Saturday food market for people whose income is challenged by layoffs, firings, or other misfortunes. Volunteer drivers, gardeners, market clerks, cleaners, etc., are all needed for the vegetable garden or Saturday market. After Masses this weekend, please see us in the Church Hall for more information. Or contact Kenise Kilbride by email (kilbride@torontomu.ca) or phone (9416-837-2002).

Ave Rosarium Cenacle

With joy and gratitude, we warmly welcome you to our

newly named prayer group, the ****Ave Rosarium Cenacle****! We invite everyone to join us whether you're a longtime member, a newcomer, or simply seeking a place to pray, as we grow in faith together through the power of the Rosary. Our group is dedicated to praying the Rosary, reflecting on the Gospel, and extending pastoral visits to those in need, bringing Christ's love to our community. We meet on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the lounge.

Gospel Reflection
John 14:23-29
Loving the Trinity

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me." John 14:23-24

The Father and the Son are One. Their unity is perfect in every way. They share one divine nature. Yet they are distinct Persons. They are not only perfectly united as One God, they are also able to be in a loving communion of unity with each other. The mystery of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is a mystery so deep that we will never fully comprehend Them. They are the "unknowable God" Whom we seek to know. Thus, our relationship with God is an ongoing journey by which we plunge ourselves into this mystery more deeply every day and through eternity. Today's Gospel gives us a glimpse into the glorious unity of God, but it goes further. It also reveals the desire in the Heart of God to come and dwell within us. If we love God and keep His Word, the Trinity will come to us and dwell within us. "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." This invitation given to us to share in the unity of God is also a mystery too deep for words.

As a child, perhaps you were taught about the mystery of the Trinity by being shown a three-leaf clover. Each petal represents one of the divine Persons, but the whole leaf represents Their unity. We benefit from this simplistic imagery to help us begin to understand Who God is. But in reality, there is only one thing that will help to fully reveal God's very Self to us. What is that one thing? It is exactly what Jesus spoke about: Loving obedience to the Word of God. Obedience to the Word of God is the best expression of love we can offer to God. This is because God's Word is Truth in its fullness. When we understand this Truth and live by it, then this is love. Furthermore, this form of loving obedience will result in something that is unimaginable. It will result in the indwelling of the Most Holy Trinity in our souls: "...and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." Though this language is clouded and mysterious, when the Most Holy Trinity comes to dwell within a person, the cloud begins to be lifted and the mystery begins to become known. Therefore, the only way to begin to discover this incomprehensible mystery of the life of the Most Holy Trinity is to allow the Trinity to dwell within you. And the only way to invite God to do so is through love of Him. And the only way to love Him is through obedience to the Word of God. Jesus is the Word of God. We especially come to know Him as the Word of God through our reading of the Scriptures and by living the message it proclaims. Reflect, today, upon the most central calling you have been given. That mission is to become a dwelling place for God. And that is only accomplished by your love of God which is expressed through obedience to His Word. Ponder obedience. Tell God you will obey His every command of love. Look at your actions and consider any ways that you fail in obedience to all that our Lord has commanded. Where you see any deviation, know that correcting that deviation is the pathway not only to a deeper love but also the pathway to a fuller unity with the Triune God Who

seeks to unite Himself to you from within.

Most Holy Trinity, Unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come dwell within me. I pray for the gift of love of You, expressed through my obedience to Your every command that is revealed through Your holy Word. May I become more fully aware of every way I delay in my obedience so that I may change my ways and open myself more fully to You. Jesus, I trust in You.

<https://mycatholic.life/books/catholic-daily-reflections>

The Cross and Crucifix

The Cross and Crucifix are the most iconic symbols of the Christian faith.

The Cross, usually depicted as an empty cross, symbolizes the resurrection of Jesus and the hope of eternal life.

The Crucifix, which shows Jesus's body on the cross, represents his ultimate sacrifice and **profound love for humanity**.

The significance of these symbols cannot be overstated. They remind us of the central story of Christianity: Jesus's death and resurrection.

This powerful image calls us to remember His suffering and the immense love He showed by dying for our sins.

You'll find the Cross and Crucifix everywhere in Catholic life. They are prominently displayed in churches, often placed at the center of the altar.

Many Catholics also keep them in their homes as a constant reminder of their faith. Additionally, these symbols are worn as jewelry, serving as personal tokens of devotion and faith.

Most crosses are worn around the neck, keeping **God close to your heart**, symbolizing His constant presence and love.

Crosses are usually placed in prominent positions, often above and facing downwards. In churches, the Crucifix is typically hung above the altar, looking down over the congregation.

This placement symbolizes Christ **watching over His people** and blessing them from above. It serves as a powerful visual reminder of His presence

and His sacrifice, encouraging the faithful to reflect on their own lives and faith.

In every setting, the Cross and Crucifix inspire **reflection, prayer, and gratitude**. They are enduring symbols of **faith, hope, and love**, reminding us of the profound impact of Jesus's sacrifice.

As St. Paul said, **"But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us"** (**Romans 5:8**).

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>

Plenary Indulgences

Plenary indulgences in the Church are graces granted through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. They apply to sins already forgiven and cleanse the soul as if the person had just been baptized. To gain a plenary indulgence, one must fulfill specific conditions, including detachment from all sin, sacramental confession, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the Pope's intentions.

A "May Bouquet for Mary"

Gather spring flowers and place them by a statue or image of Our Lady. Offer a Hail Mary or decade of the Rosary for Pope Leo.

Guardian Angels

Introduce Your Children to Their Guardian Angels – May's rainy storms can be scary for little ones. Reassure them by explaining that God has given them a Guardian Angel to stay by their side through life's storms by teaching them this prayer.



ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH BAZAAR 2025 JUNE 14

Outdoor BBQ by KofC

Baked goods by the CWL



THINGS TO BRING

CD's/ DVDs/ sports
memorabilia/ small hand
made items/ trinkets/
religious items/ jewelry/
books/ working small kitchen
items: coffee makers/
electric kettles/ portable
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THINGS NOT TO BRING

mattresses/ bedding/
pillows/ large furniture/
clothing/ shoes/ kitchen
items that don't work or
very old

FRIENDLY REMINDER

If items are too big,
please take photo of the
item and provide a
contact phone number
where you can be
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