

# 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

### Ave Rosarium Cenacle Prayer Group

Every Wednesday at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

Contact: francavasco1@gmail.com

### 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.kerr100@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, June 14th

4:30 p.m. + Edward Fox

### Sunday, June 15th

9:00 a.m. + Francesco Caruso

11:00 a.m. + Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hallihan

### Tuesday, June 17th

8:30 a.m. + Innocenzo & + Vincenzina Mammone

+ Attilio & + Maria Tuzi

### Wednesday, June 18th

7:00 p.m. + Omer & + Florence Lacroix

### Thursday, June 19th

8:30 a.m. + Armenio Medeiros & Souls in Purgatory

### Friday, June 20th

8:30 a.m. + Lionel & + Eva Lortie

+ Douglas Cole

### Saturday, June 21st

4:30 p.m. + Antonio Tamburro

### Sunday, June 22nd

9:00 a.m. + Herbert D'Souza

11:00 a.m. + Deceased members of Delvecchio Family

### Tuesday, June 24th

8:30 a.m. + Mirosław Horunjak

### Wednesday, June 25th

7:00 p.m. + Cosimo Timtano

### Thursday, June 26th

8:30 a.m. + Innocenzo & + Vincenzina Mammone

+ Attilio & + Maria Tuzi

### Friday, June 27th

8:30 a.m. + Lionel & + Miranda Marchildon

**Vigil Light for Mary** - June 13th - June 15th for Jeananne Ralph

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Collections for June 2025**

*ShareLife: - June 14 & 15*

*Mary Grove Camp: - June 21 & 22*

**Yard Sale at Parish Hall**

All parishioners are invited to browse through items in the hall after all masses this weekend. If you like something, please take and leave a donation.

**Father's Day, June 15, 2025**

"Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father." To all the amazing men of St. Leo's Parish.



**GROW Garden Project Update**

The Grow Garden Project volunteers will have a brief meeting in the Lounge after each of the Masses this weekend. Topics: site for a market, groceries to partner with, possible new farm sites we're looking into, etc. New volunteers are always welcome! **Contact: Kenise Kilbride: [kilbride@torontomu.ca](mailto:kilbride@torontomu.ca)**

**Knights of Columbus  
Golf Tournament**

Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at Oshawa airport. First tee time 7:30am. \$65.00 each, includes golf, pizza and a ticket for refreshments.

**Contact: Gerry Hanley (905 409 0733) or [Gerryhanley18@gmail.com](mailto:Gerryhanley18@gmail.com)**

**Hearing God's Voice with  
Jonna Schuster,  
hosted by Lila Rose  
Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm  
Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> @ 10am  
Location: Church Hall**

Have you ever prayed, hoping to hear from God and heard nothing? Maybe you've thought God only speaks rarely, and only through dramatic signs. Today, we're

clearing up those misconceptions with Jonna Schuster, Director of Catholic Revival Ministries and author of *Hearing God's Voice: A Catholic Guide to Listening Prayer*. Jonna reminds us of what Scripture says: We are His sheep, and His sheep know His voice. God wants to speak to you daily. And learning to hear Him is essential for your joy and spiritual growth. She's sharing a simple, powerful playbook: How to recognize a potential message from God. How to discern if it's truly from Him And how to respond in a way that bears real fruit and keeps the conversation going.

**Ice Cream for Kids  
June 29, 2025**

Ice Cream will be distributed after the 11 am Mass on Sunday, June 29th. If any high school students are interested in helping out to earn volunteer hours, please contact Karen at [Karen.Liivoja@dcdsb.ca](mailto:Karen.Liivoja@dcdsb.ca).

**Parking Lot Line Painting  
July 14, 2025**

Work to refresh our parking lot lining and adding additional disability spots will take place between the hours of 6:00am and 4:00pm. Parking lot will not be available on July 14.

**Renovation Project**

We are in the process of exchanging the HVAC, Flat roof and Support Foundation to a new system at a cost of \$ 267,55.02. A formal request for approval has been sent to the Archdiocese. We will keep you posted as to when work will commence.

**Parish Registration**

All parishioners are strongly encouraged to register with the parish. You could be a new parishioner, or a long timer.

The reason is if we need to contact you, or provide a document to you, we do not have the ability to contact you by phone or email. Please register, it makes it easier to have a consolidation of your records. Thank you

**Church Bulletin Advertising**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in September 2025 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. **Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.**

**The Most Holy Trinity  
June 15, 2025**

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (Year B Gospel)

Of all the great feasts we celebrate within the Church throughout the year, today's Solemnity presents us with a Mystery that is so deep and transcendent that our eternity will be spent in perpetual contemplation. The Trinity, the life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will never get old, never be fully understood, and will be the cause of our everlasting adoration and joy. Though the Church has used philosophical concepts to explain the Trinity, no human concept or description will ever fully explain Who God is. Though we can point to some general truths about God, we will never be able to fully depict the inner essence, depth, beauty and omnipotence of the Trinity.

As we consider that fact, it's important to understand that the Trinity is not *first* a theological mystery we try to define. Rather, the Trinity is *first* a communion of Persons we are invited to know. We do not primarily come to know God through intellectual deduction. We come to know

God through prayerful union with Him. Though theology is exceptionally useful and important, the essence of God is beyond any and every philosophical concept we can define.

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are Persons. And as Persons, they want to be known. And they want to be known primarily through a life of deep and intimate prayer. Praying to One Person, of course, is praying to all, since they are One God. But we are, nonetheless, called to a relationship of love with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And though our feeble minds may not be able to fully comprehend the essence of God, He will draw us deeper and deeper into a knowledge of Him if we let Him.

Prayer often begins by saying prayers, by meditating upon Scripture, and by listening. But true prayer is something much deeper. True prayer is contemplative prayer that ultimately leads to divine union. Only God can initiate this form of prayer in our lives, and only God, through this deep form of prayer, can communicate Himself to us as He is. Some of the greatest mystics of our Church, such as Saint John of the Cross and Saint Teresa of Ávila, explain in their mystical theology that the deepest knowledge of God does not come through concepts or images. In fact, if we wish to obtain a knowledge of God in His essence, we must allow Him to purge every concept of Who He is so that the pure light of His essence can be poured forth upon our minds. This knowledge, they say, is beyond knowing “about” God. It’s the beginning of a knowledge “of” God.

Reflect, today, upon the Most Holy Trinity. As you do, say a prayer to God asking for a deeper and more intimate knowledge of Him. Ask Him to communicate to you His divine love and to open your mind and heart to a deeper understanding of Who He is. Try to humble yourself before the great Mystery of the inner life of God. Humility before the Mystery of God means that we know how little we know about Him and how little we know of Him. But that humble truth will help you move closer to the deeper relationship of love to which you are called.

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## **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**June 27, 2025**

As we honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus, ponder the fact that Jesus’ love must pour forth from His Heart. He needs willing recipients to receive that love. Console His heart by being one of those recipients and by loving Him in return. Doing so will win countless graces for you and for the whole world.

Prayer: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I love You, adore You, and desire to lay my head upon Your Sacred Heart so that the outpouring of Your love will be received and You will be loved all the more. I beg pardon for every sacrilege, indifference, and rejection You encounter and pray that I can make reparation to You. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I especially beg pardon for my sins and pray that my sins all be consumed by the fire of Your love. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in You.

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## **Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

**June 24, 2025**

Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: “I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John....” But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: “[Y]et the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he” (Luke 7:28).

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: “He must increase; I must decrease” (John 3:30).

John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. “I need to be baptized by you” (Matthew 3:14b). But Jesus insisted, “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15b). Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what

was required of any good Jew. Jesus thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic.

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

Perhaps John’s idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, when he was in prison, he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus’ answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.

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## **Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Vatican**

### **II document on liturgy:**

### **Full & Active Participation in Liturgy & the Life of the Church (versus attending a movie, concert or theatre).**

*Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people (1 Pet. 2:9; cf. 2:4-5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism.*

***Psalm 143:8 Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You. Show me the way I should go, for to You I entrust my life.***








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