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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours (Summer Schedule)

Monday, Saturday & Sunday: closed

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 - 4:00 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

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905-655-3286 ext 3

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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, August 23rd

4:30 p.m. + Joe Camarata & + Alex McCormick

Sunday, August 24th

9:00 a.m. + Sienna Millete Toader

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Tuesday, August 26th

8:30 a.m. + Mary Frances Tomsic

Wednesday, August 27th

7:00 p.m. + Damian Maraj + Souls in Purgatory

Living intentions for Ida Franks & Tina Bishop

Thursday, August 28th

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

+ Attilio & + Maria Tuzi

Friday, August 29th

8:30 a.m. + Keith MacCallum

+ Larry Hallihan

Saturday, August 30th

4:30 p.m. + Larry Hallihan

Sunday, August 31st

9:00 a.m. + Peter D'Brass

11:00 a.m. + Ivan Krizmanic

Tuesday, September 2nd

8:30 a.m. + Olga Horunjik

Wednesday, September 3rd

7:00 p.m. Living intentions for Margie & Terry Baxter & Edward Joan Michael Scoffied.

Thursday, September 4th

8:30 a.m. + Larry Hallihan

Friday, September 5th

8:30 a.m. + Cosimo Timtano + George Peiris

Saturday, September 6th (1st Saturday of the month)

8:30 a.m. + Rodrigo Nieto + Rosalia Reyes + Radeen Esico + Ruth, Harry & Mary Pascal Mott

Pray for our deceased parishioners: Frances Tomsic, Larry Hallihan

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

2nd Collection
Building Fund
September 6th & 7th, 2025

Renovation Project

We are in the process of exchanging the HVAC, Flat roof and Support Foundation to a new system at a cost of \$ 267,550.02. A formal request for approval has been sent to the Archdiocese. We will keep you posted as to when work will commence. At this moment we are stacking our building fund.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation, (RCIA) enables you to enter the Catholic Faith. Classes are on Thursday evenings, starting October 16, 2025. Contact the office for Registration Forms.

Email:

officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com

Marriage Prep Course
Classes on April 30, May 1 & May 2, 2026 (evenings).
Contact the office at 905 655 3286 ext.1

Season of Creation 2025

The annual event of the Season of Creation begins on September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology.

This year's theme is "Peace with Creation" and the symbol is "Garden of Peace", inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18.

An introductory video and resources to observe this season at home, church and school may be found at the following links:

Celebration Guide:

[https://bit.ly/SoC-](https://bit.ly/SoC-CelebrationGuide)

CelebrationGuide

Video: <https://bit.ly/SoC-Video>

Have a look at our new 'Tip Tap' Pay for Offertory
Located in the vestibule

The Archdiocese of Toronto has partnered with Tip Tap Pay so that you can help support your parish with a simple tap. Simply tap the 'tiptap' device to give to your parish. That's it!. You can also receive a tax receipt for your 'tiptap' gift as well. After your first tap, scan the parish **QR Code right away** with your smart phone and register your payment card. After your card had been registered, you will receive an end-of-year tax receipt for all of your 'tiptap' gifts. Thank you for your kind heart and supporting our church!



Gospel for August 24, 2025
Luke 13:2-30

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from. And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company, and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the

south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Reflection on the Gospel:
Perceiving the Dignity of Others

The context of this passage provides insight into Jesus' mission and His concern for each and every person. Note that Jesus was traveling toward the large and populous city of Jerusalem. But as He traveled, He passed through "towns and villages" and taught the people as He went. This might seem like a small detail, but it is also a significant one.

A city like Jerusalem was large and often had wealthy, influential, and "important" people. The less-populated towns had borders and often some form of local government. Villages were much smaller rural areas, often made up of poorer, less educated, less influential, and simpler people. One historian, Josephus, wrote that there were about 240 villages throughout Galilee at the time Jesus lived. It's interesting to note that Jesus wanted to teach everyone. He didn't care if they were wealthy and powerful people in the large city or peasant farmers and shepherds from the countryside. His mission was to all.

One thing this teaches us is that we also must have love and concern for everyone, regardless of their social status. Each and every person is equal in dignity. From the president of a large country to the beggar in an alleyway, everyone deserves our respect and attention in an equal way.

Our fallen human nature experiences various forms of temptation. Among them are temptations for riches, power and prestige. For that reason, we tend to admire those who have obtained

worldly success because we want it for ourselves. As a result, we tend to show greater respect for those who have achieved what we covet and give less attention to those who do not have that success. This, of course, goes to the heart of the problem.

When you think about the people whom you have encountered recently, what comes to mind? Perhaps your “encounter” was to read about someone’s great success in the financial world. Or perhaps it was to read about someone’s demise in another way. Perhaps a neighbor has done well and purchased a new car, or a friend got fired from a job. Whatever the case may be, it is important to consider the level of personal respect and love you show for each person. It must be equal. Worldly status cannot determine how we treat others. This is hard to avoid.

The teaching that Jesus gave to those in the towns and villages was an exhortation to holiness. “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” And at the end of today’s Gospel, Jesus says, “For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” The latter statement must have especially resonated with those who felt somewhat insignificant and unimportant in life. Those who felt like they were “last” would have received a certain hope. This tells us that God never measures us by our successes from a worldly standpoint. He measures us only on the level of our fidelity to His holy will.

Reflect, today, upon how you look at all people. Do you see every person in the way that God sees them? Do you see everyone with equal dignity and worth? Or do you elevate those whom you envy and whose success you covet? Seek to

eliminate all worldly ways of looking at others so that you will only look at others through the lens of their dignity and fidelity to the will of God.

<https://www.catholiclife.com/>

Lord, as You journeyed through life, You looked only at the hearts of those You encountered. You treated each person with dignity and love. Please help me to shed all temptations to see others through the eyes

Do you know

Significance of Holy Water?

Holy water is a sacramental used widely in Catholic practice with deep spiritual meaning. It is ordinary water blessed by a priest, set apart for sacred use.

The Uses of Holy Water in Catholic Life

Baptism: The First Anointing

The most profound use of holy water is in the sacrament of baptism where we die with Christ and rise to new life (Romans 6:4). Baptismal water is blessed specifically for this sacred purpose, marking the soul with an indelible spiritual seal.

Blessing Ourselves Upon Entering Church

When Catholics dip their fingers into a font of holy water and make the Sign of the Cross, they are remembering their baptism. It is an act of re-consecration: claiming again the identity of beloved sons and daughters of God.

Each gesture says without words: “I belong to Christ.”

Protection Against Evil

Holy water has long been used as a shield against spiritual danger. Not as a talisman, but as a prayerful appeal to God’s

power and the protection of His angels. The Church encourages faithful to sprinkle it in homes, on doorways, even in fields — to ask God’s blessing and to drive away evil.

In Funerals: A Journey into Eternal Life

During Catholic funerals, the body of the deceased is sprinkled with holy water. This gesture recalls their baptism and entrusts their soul to God’s mercy, affirming that the one who passed through the waters of life in Christ will now cross the waters into eternal life.

A Daily Battle for Holiness

Catholic spirituality often speaks of life as a daily spiritual battle. Holy water becomes a tangible weapon not through superstition, but through faith in the struggle against temptation, discouragement, and spiritual forgetfulness.

In blessing ourselves, we stand in Christ’s victory, not our own strength.

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Memorial of the Passion of

St. John the Baptist

Friday, August 29

Saint John the Baptist, you were given a holy mission and sanctified in the womb of your mother in preparation for that mission. You never deviated from your calling and always pointed the way to Christ, the Savior of all. Please pray for me, that I will have the same courage you had and the resolve to fulfill my duties, no matter the cost. Saint John the Baptist, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.



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