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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: francavascol@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, September 6th

4:30 p.m. + Ed Fox

Sunday, September 7th

9:00 a.m. + Forturato & + Luciana Molica Lazzaro

11:00 a.m. + Vince Corvinelli

Tuesday, September 9th

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

Wednesday, September 10th

7:00 p.m. + Larry Hallihan

Thursday, September 11th

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

Friday, September 12th

8:30 a.m. + Giulia

Saturday, September 13th

4:30 p.m. + Adele Giardillo

Sunday, September 14th

9:00 a.m. + Quentin D'Mello

11:00 a.m. + Nicole Pirone

Pray for our deceased parishioners:

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

Office Hours & Bulletins

Now that the summer break is over; we are resuming our regular office hours. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Bulletins will be published every week.

CATERING

Franca Vasco, parishioner (905 621 9658), would love to use her talents of cooking to do fundraising for our parish.

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

Rosary Apostolate in the Schools

Do you love Jesus & Mary? Do you love Children? Do you love to pray the Rosary? Are you willing to dedicate 2 hours a month to pray the Roary with school children. **Contact Jeananne Ralph at 905 431 8497**

Knights of Columbus

Sunday, September 14, 2025.

KofC Breakfast Sunday after the 9am and 11am Masses. All are welcome!

International Food Tasting
Sunday, Sept 21 2025

Our successful food tasting festival is back again, after 11:00am Mass from 12 to 2:00 pm!

Please let us know if you are interested in a table to showcase your country's cuisine. Make small samples suitable for just tasting and keep the price to max \$2 per portion or take out as priced.

Our office volunteers will sell tokens for \$2 each. We are looking forward to having 10 or more different cuisines so our congregation can sample a wide range of foods and celebrate our cultural diversity. We suggest you decorate your table with cultural icons like flags etc. The table is free, but we want you to reserve a table with the office. The proceeds will go to St. Leo's Building Maintenance Fund.

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!



St. John Paul II Catholic Elementary School is currently seeking lunch hour supervisors.

Hours: 11:05 AM – 12:05 PM

This is a paid position and requires a police check including the vulnerable sector screening.

If interested, please contact the school office at **905-655-2291**.

Our Newest Saints,
Carlo Acutis & Pier Giorgio Frassati

On Sunday, Sept. 7, in Rome, Pope Leo XIV will celebrate two important canonizations, the first of his pontificate.

The Holy Father will raise to the altars two 20th-century men whose lives were brief but whose love for Jesus burned so brightly that they blazed a trail of holiness that continues to invite young people and indeed, all of us, to follow in their footsteps.

Blessed Carlo Acutis will be our first millennial saint. Born in 1991, he grew up in Milan, Italy, and was just 15 years old when he died from leukemia.

By all accounts, he was an ordinary teen. He loved playing sports and video games; he had a genius for making websites and finding creative ways to use the internet to share his faith.

At an early age, Acutis discovered the secret power of the Eucharist: that the more we receive Jesus reverently in holy Communion, the more we can become like him.

He lived his faith through simple, ordinary practices: praying the rosary and going to Mass daily, trying to be a good example to his friends, giving to the poor and homeless.

His mother said "Carlo was a normal person. But if it's illuminated by the light of Christ, a life becomes extraordinary." This is how our faith is meant to be lived: not with elaborate gestures of piety, but as the natural expression of our friendship with Jesus.

Pope Leo will also canonize Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

As we know, before someone can be declared a saint, the Church must determine that this individual

has worked two miracles from heaven.

In the case of Blessed Frassati, it was determined that he worked a miracle for a Los Angeles seminarian, and it's this miracle that caused the Church to declare that he is a saint.

Frassati was a young man who loved the outdoors. He was a mountain climber, cyclist, and swimmer. He enjoyed an occasional drink and a cigar.

His whole life was animated by the Eucharist. At a time when it was rare for laypeople to receive Communion daily, he was granted permission. He often said that he lived from Eucharist to Eucharist. Our new saint was deeply engaged in the politics of his time, opposing both communism and fascism, and striving for a social order based on the principles of Catholic social teaching.

Frassati formed several associations to promote the cause of world peace and justice in society. He dedicated himself personally to serving the poor and vulnerable.

Once when someone asked him why he was willing to risk his life to go to some of the most dangerous neighborhoods, he replied: "Jesus pays me a visit in Communion every morning, and I repay him in the way that I can: by visiting his poor."

Biographers say that it's likely he contracted the disease that killed him from his work in those poor neighborhoods. He died on July 4, 1925, at the age of 24.

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Our new young saints teach us that we can root our lives in a deep friendship with Jesus. They teach us that holiness is possible in our ordinary, daily lives, and that by our love, we can bring our neighbors and loved ones to know the friendship with Jesus that we know. Ask our Blessed Mother

Mary to help our young people, and all of us, to live in the light of her Son.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary **September 8, 2026**

The Catholic Church celebrates today the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne. The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church.

These accounts, although not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about the birth of Mary.

The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. "He called to mind Abraham," the early Christian writing says, "that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac." Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting, initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah, as an angel revealed to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer,

and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

After Mary's birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne "made a sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and "allowed nothing common or unclean" on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father "made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel."

"And Joachim brought the child to the priests," the account continues, "and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations' . . . And he brought her to the chief priests, and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be for ever.'"

The protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life, and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley," he said. The fourth-century bishop, whose theology profoundly shaped the Western Church's understanding of sin and human nature, affirmed that "through her birth, the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."

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