

# *St. Leo The Great*

## **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**  
OF THE WEEK

**Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

4:30 p.m. + Manuel Pacheo

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. + Larry Hallihan

11:00 a.m. + Michael Giardullo

**Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:30a.m.+ Innocenzo &

+ Vincenzina

Mammone &

+ Attilio &

+ Maria Tuzi

**Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. Pro Populo

**Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Bridget Otobo

**Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass---

**Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. + Manuel Pacheo

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. + Larry Hallihan

11:00 a.m. + Michael Giardullo

**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*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**  
**January 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
Building and Maintenance  
Fund

**DECO ART, CUSTOM  
CABINETRY**

We wish to extend our thanks  
to Andy of Deco Art, 180  
Fencedene, Unit 8,  
Scarborough (416 908 3973),  
who worked on our Kitchen

Cabinets and Counters. Job  
well done Andy!

**Parking - Carson Avenue**

Gentle reminder! Please try to  
avoid parking your vehicle on  
Carson Avenue in the heavy  
snow season for safety  
precautions. We have plenty  
of parking spaces in our west  
parking lot

**St. Leo The Great  
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Our deepest gratitude to the  
Clarington Concert Band for their  
performance at St. Leo's Christmas  
Concert on Saturday December  
20<sup>th</sup>. Your music filled our hearts  
with the joy of the incarnation.  
You lifted our spirits, making this  
celebration very special.

**Kitchen & Hall Floors**

We are in the process of getting  
quotes for our Kitchen & Hall  
Floors. Your Comments or  
suggestions are welcome.

**2026 Offertory Envelopes**

Kindly pickup your 2026  
Offertory Envelopes that are on a  
table in the vestibule. If you  
need any help finding your box  
of envelopes, please ask an  
Usher. For PAG Parishioners  
requiring special envelopes,  
please put your name down on  
the sheet.

**Employment Opportunities**

Looking for work, please check the  
board next to the Welcome Centre for  
Job Postings.

**LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY  
NO GREATER LOVE**

Lift Jesus Higher Rally registration  
is now OPEN!

For more than thirty years, the Lift  
Jesus Higher Rally has brought  
together Catholics of all ages from  
the Greater Toronto Area and  
beyond for a day of fellowship,  
inspiration, and drawing closer to  
the Lord. We often hear from  
attendees that the rally is the  
highlight of their year! The 2026  
rally will be held Saturday, March  
14, at the Metro Toronto  
Convention Centre. A youth rally  
will be held at the same time in the  
John Bassett Theatre.  
<https://ljhr.ca/>

**Annual Week of Prayer for  
Christian Unity Prayer Service  
2026**

Sunday, January 18, 2026, 4 p.m.

Venue: Runnymede United  
Church, 432 Runnymede Rd,  
Toronto, ON M6S 2Y8

Theme: "There is one body and  
one Spirit, just as you were called  
to the hope of your calling"  
(Ephesians 4:4)

Join Bishop John A. Boisonneau  
and a wide representation of  
Christian leaders to pray for the  
restoration of full visible unity  
willed by Jesus Christ for the  
Church. This event is jointly  
organized by  
the Office for Ecumenical &  
Interfaith Relations and the GTA  
Council of Christian Churches.

**The Holy Name of Jesus:  
Meaning and History**

The Holy Name of Jesus holds a place  
of deep reverence in our Catholic faith.  
It is more than a name; it is a sacred  
symbol that reminds us of God's  
immense love and salvation. For  
centuries, the faithful have called upon  
the Holy Name in prayer and song,  
understanding that invoking it brings

us closer to Christ's mercy, compassion, and truth.

### **Devotion and Symbolism**

The Holy Name of Jesus represents the very heart of our Christian faith. Devotion to the Holy Name is not only a way to honor Jesus, but also a reminder of His infinite mercy and boundless love. Believers embrace this devotion as a call to live in holiness and to offer every moment of their lives in praise of God's glory.

### **Patronages and Celebrations**

The Holy Name of Jesus is celebrated as a powerful patronage in many religious traditions. This celebration has woven itself into the pastoral and spiritual life of the Church.

### **Miracles and Spiritual Impact**

Throughout history, many miraculous events have been associated with the Holy Name of Jesus. These accounts, while varied, underscore the belief in the name's potent spiritual power.

By venerating the Holy Name, we reaffirm our faith and our commitment to a life filled with mercy, hope, and divine love.

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

### **Epiphany of the Lord** **January 4, 2026**

*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ~Matthew 2:10-11*

**Reflection:** All of God's creation gives Him glory and praises Him by its very existence. Psalm 143 states, "Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all shining stars. Praise him, highest heavens, you waters above the heavens. Let them all praise the LORD's name; for he commanded and they were created..." Though creation gives praise to God simply by existing and thus, revealing its Creator, today's solemnity commemorates the one

moment in time when God used a star to manifest His eternal glory.

At the time of Jesus' birth, it was commonly believed that a new star would appear whenever a new ruler was born. The Father in Heaven used this belief to honor His Son Who was born as the new King. The three Magi from the East were astrologers. When they saw this "new star," they chose to follow it to discover the new King. Creation itself, in the form of a star, pointed the way, thus giving glory to the newborn King, manifesting Him to the whole world as symbolized by the Magi.

The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation." Therefore, as we honor this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded.

First of all, the Magi were determined. When they saw a sign from the heavens that pointed to a new King, they stopped everything and departed in haste to find Him. When God speaks to you and manifests Himself to you in some way, nothing could be more important than to be attentive to His voice and follow His manifestation with the same haste.

The Magi brought the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God was honored and glorified through His creation by the giving of these gifts. God created gold to manifest His beauty and dignity. It was a gift that symbolized kingship. When we ponder the natural gift of gold given to the Christ Child, we are inspired to give Him our own gift of symbolic gold by prayerfully acknowledging Him as our own King to whom we pledge our complete submission.

Made from the sap of trees found in India, northeastern Africa, and the

Arabian peninsula, frankincense and myrrh are also fruits of God's creation. Used in worship to symbolize prayers rising to heaven, frankincense symbolizes the Christ Child's divinity. We offer frankincense to Christ when we acknowledge His divine nature, since He is God in the flesh. Often used in burial, myrrh honors the Christ Child Who came to give His life as a sacrifice for many. We offer myrrh to profess our belief in the saving power of Christ's death on the Cross and our need for that gift of salvation.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, try to see it as a historical event in which you are invited to share. God wants to manifest Himself to you today. When this happens, you must respond with faith and worship, giving God the greatest glory by giving Him your very life and offering Him your spiritual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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### **Saint of the Day** **January 6, 2026**

Saint André Bessette (Canadian Saint) is buried at the St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. He was beatified in 1982 and canonized in 2010. At his canonization in October 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said that Saint Andre "lived the beatitude of the pure of heart."

*Prayer for Saint André Bessette  
God of all saints,  
Your porter, André, opened doors  
for strangers,  
who met a friendly face.  
But he also opened doors to grace.  
Let me greet the world  
with the same depth of love,  
and open doors to your people  
with an open heart.*

*Amen*

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