



# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Pastor:** Father Mounir El- Rassi

**Parish Secretary:** Sandy Yatabe 905-655-3286 ext. 1

### 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

Peter Darcy Grand Knight Contact: stleokoc@gmail.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

### Catering Services

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### 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, March 14th

4:30 p.m. + Ed Fox

### Sunday, March 15th

9:00 a.m. + Robert Domenic and

+ Rocchina De-Georgia

11:00 a.m. + Hector Anselmo

### Tuesday, March 17th

8:30 a.m. + Innocenzo Mammone

+ Vincenzina Mammone

+ Attilio & Maria Tuzi

### Wednesday, March 18th

7:00 p.m. + Visidor

+ Zenaida Balatayo

### Thursday, March 19th

8:30 a.m. Manuel Paheco

### Friday, March 20th

8:30 a.m. + Carmelita Ring

+ Shaun Mullan

### Saturday, March 21st

4:30 p.m. + Jacinto DeLeon

### Sunday, March 22nd

9:00 a.m. + Frank Utrosa

11:00 a.m. + Attilio Bianco

### Pray for our deceased parishioners:

Nicholas Sabeh

**For: Sanctuary Light - Kenise Kilbride**

**For: Vigil Light for Marjorie Asselin**

**For: Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**For a visit by the parish priest.**

*Make your request at the office*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Temporary office hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
Friday – 9:00am to 1:00pm

### Lenten Poverty Soup & Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent, join us in the hall from 5:00pm to 6:45pm for soup, bread and water.

Stations of the Cross in church at 7:00pm.

Breakfast in the Church Hall has been cancelled for March

### Annual Financial Report for 2025:

Available at the Welcome Centre for your convenience.

### *Additional Confession Times*

March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am – 10:00am  
March 21<sup>st</sup>, from 9:00am – 10:00am  
March 25<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00pm – 6:30pm  
(two priests available)  
March 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am – 10:30am  
March 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am – 10:30am  
(two priests available)

### FORMED.org

For you information and study purposes we are pleased to share the opportunity to join FORMED.org You will need to register with your email and name. Select our parish, St. Leo the Great as a parishioner. There will a link access sent to your email. The resources are incredible.



Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am  
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo will be celebrating Mass at Holy Redeemer Parish /Pickering 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

RSVP before March 15<sup>th</sup> to [holyredeemerPI@archtoronto.org](mailto:holyredeemerPI@archtoronto.org)

### Announcing – Musical Gala Fundraiser Holy Mary

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 – 7:30 pm  
at St. Lawrence Martyr Church,  
2210 Lawrence Ave. E.  
Scarborough, Ontario  
Contact Julia – 416-759-9359  
if you wish to attend.

### A Day with Mary

*Advanced Announcement*  
**May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
11:00am – 4pm  
Villanova College  
King City, Ontario  
*Additional details to follow*

### Invitation to Volunteer:

**Volunteer Help is needed for USHERS especially for the Saturday (4:30pm) Mass and the Sunday (9:00am) Mass**

**If you are available and interested, please speak to Richard Lawrence on Sundays after 11:00am Mass or email [Richard.a.Lawrence@outlook.com](mailto:Richard.a.Lawrence@outlook.com)**

**Additional Volunteers are needed for Sacramental Preparations and Events Committee. Please email the office at [officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com](mailto:officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com)**

### **We are hiring!**

### Secretary Position at our office – St. Leo the Great Parish

if you are looking for full time (Tuesday – Friday) and long term position with our parish.

### Book Keeper position –

Must be familiar with finances and reports (preferably church) such as monthly consolidation, payroll, tax reports, mid year and end of year reports. Also, taxation filing and HST rebates, etc.

Send your resume to the office  
ATTENTION: Fr. EL-Rassi



### ATTENTION:

### regarding Bill C 218

Please find this information regarding a new campaign developed by the Archdiocese of Toronto - Help Not Harm.

The campaign seeks to push back against plans currently in place to expand euthanasia (Medical Assistance in Dying – MAiD) for those suffering from mental illness. At present, as of March 17, 2027, those suffering solely from a mental illness will be eligible to pursue MAiD. There is a Private Members Bill C-218, (The Right to Recover Act) introduced in the House of Commons, to amend the Criminal Code to ensure this expansion will not take place.

We are asking parishes and the Catholic community to communicate this campaign broadly throughout the month of March and early April. At present, a vote is anticipated in the House of Commons for mid-April 2026 so time is of the essence.

A simple website (in English and French) - [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) - has been prepared where parishioners can easily e-mail their Member of Parliament (MP) on this issue. The process takes less than 3 minutes – all communication leads to this portal. Using this site will allow us to quantify the number of e-mails sent to elected officials and to conduct follow up accordingly. Parishioners can use suggested text for their e-mail or craft their own communication.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



Reflection:

**SEEING BY THE LIGHT**

**“Now I can see.” —John 9:15**  
 People are born spiritually blind. “Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance” (1 Sm 16:7). We must get our sight correct, because this is not a neutral matter. If we don’t grow in spiritual sight, we sink deeper into darkness; we grow more blind (see Jn 9:41). Jesus “came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind” (Jn 9:39, RNAB). Adam and Eve had their eyes opened when they sinned, but became blind spiritually (see Gn 3:5ff). Are we like Adam and Eve or are we like the blind man who was healed and came to believe in Jesus? (see Jn 9:38) Are we like Samuel, who learned to see with God’s eyes? (1 Sm 16:12). “We walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor 5:7). Elisha’s servant grew in faith when God opened his eyes (2 Kgs 6:17). Repentance opens our eyes (see Rv 3:18-19). May we repent of seeing with the light of this world, which is darkness (Mt 6:23), and receive “the light” of Christ to truly see (Jn 1:5). With Bartimaeus, say, “Lord...I want to see” (Lk 18:41). So many people see by the eyes of the mass media, secular culture, the entertainment industry, and social media. Turn off the TV and your handheld electronic device. Repent and fix your eyes on Jesus (Heb 12:2). Pray for the Lord to “enlighten your innermost vision” (Eph 1:18). “Christ will give you light” (Eph 5:14).

Laudate reflections for March 15, 2026

**Saint Patrick**

Although legends abound concerning the life and work of Patrick, Apostle of Ireland, he tells us about himself in his Confession. At 16, Patrick was carried off from Wales in a pirate raid and sold as a slave in Ireland. He was made a swineherd, living in solitude on a mountain, where a life of prayer and asceticism marked him forever.

After serving his master for six years, Patrick heard an inner voice tell him that he would return to his homeland, and he escaped. Landing in Gaul (Western Europe), Patrick had many adventures before reaching his parents in Britain. Later, he returned to Gaul to study for the priesthood, eventually becoming a bishop.

When the missionary to Ireland, Saint Palladius, died, Patrick took his place. By the time of his death in 492, he could see the fruits of his work: a native clergy was in place, Christianity had reached nearly all of Ireland, and churches and monasteries had been established. He is patron of Ireland and Nigeria, of engineers of several Canadian dioceses, and of those who fear snakes.

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**Saint Joseph**

Joseph, according to gospel accounts, was a carpenter and a descendant of King David. Art and popular imagination have portrayed him as an old man, but this is likely false.

Embarrassed by Mary’s pregnancy, Joseph was told in a dream to take Mary as his wife. Thought of rejecting her for infidelity banished and he was faithful to his responsibility as her husband and foster father of Jesus.

St. Joseph was declared a patron of the universal Church in 1870 and is principal patron of Canada. Living with Christ Vol. 32 No. 3

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**My God,  
 I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy.**

Excerpted from Celebrating Reconciliation  
 (Ottawa: Concacan Inc., 2006)





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