

# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Pastor:** Father Mounir El- Rassi

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

### Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

### Church Hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Wednesday 8:00 am - 7:30 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 5:30 pm, Sunday - opens 8:00 am

### 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

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

### 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, May 30th

4:30pm: +Kenise Kilbride

### Sunday, May 31st

9:00am: Pro Populo

11:00am: Rose Kisielski (103rd Birthday)

### Tuesday, June 2nd

8:30am: +Joey Camarata

### Wednesday, June 3rd

7:00pm: Amedeo Guzzi-Foliaro

Christopher Brown

### Thursday, June 4th

8:30am: Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

### Friday, June 5th

8:30am: Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, June 6th

8:30am : Mark

4:30pm: Pro Populo

### Sunday, June 7th

9:00am: +Lorraine Stevenson

11:00am: +Christopher Borysenko

### Sanctuary Light:

### Mother Mary Vigil Light:

*To reserve the Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary & To schedule a visit with the Parish Priest, please contact the office.*

### **SHARE LIFE SPECIAL COLLECTION**

The 3rd special collection for ShareLife takes place this weekend on **May 30 & 31**. This will be their final collection for 2026.

### **BUILDING FUND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection for our Building Fund next weekend on **June 6 & 7**. These collections will continue on the first weekend of every month throughout the year.

### **A NOTE FROM FR. MOUNIR**

"Dear parishioners, The parish has received a donation to purchase a full size statue of St. Michael the Archangel. There are also two other prospects interested in a similar generous donation to the parish (Sacred Heart and Our Lady). I have in mind a location in the Church where these gifts would fit nicely. These, I assure you, will add to the general beatification and long term aesthetics of our beloved parish. If you would like to add to this conversation or take part in this project in any way, please make time to speak with Father Mounir. The statue will be of high quality, from white natural marble, sculpted in our classical traditions. Location and size is of the statue of our Lady on the right side of the Altar (one difference these will be from natural marble). Thank you for your attention and continued generosity of your presence, witness, ministries, time, talent, and treasure. God bless." Fr. Mounir / Pastor of St. Leo.

### **ST. LEO SOCIAL EVENING - MAY 30**

Join us on **Saturday, May 30th @ 5:30pm** (right after the 4:30pm Mass) for our Charcuterie Social. Your individual plate will be filled with cheeses, deli meats, crackers, cookies, chocolates, dried fruit, and more little delights, all set to a backdrop of soft instrumental tunes. A sweet, simple way to enjoy being together. Join us for free coffee & tea and your choice of small plate \$5 and large plate \$10.

### **CWL SPRING BASKET - LAST CHANCE!**

The final ticket sales are happening this weekend on **May 30 & 31**. Don't miss your last chance to win an incredible Spring Basket, valued at over \$600! The draw will take place on May 31 after the 11am Mass.

### **GARDENING VOLUNTEERS**

Spring is finally here and our gardens are looking for volunteers! Do you have a passion for gardening? Please contact the office if you'd like to assist with spring clean up and bring our beautiful gardens back to life by sponsoring one of our seven little gardens.

### **GOLF TOURNAMENT - JUNE 6**

The Knights are planning a Larry Hallihan Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, **June 6** at the Oshawa Airport Golf Club. The first tee time starts at 8:00 am. Ticket price is \$70 which includes golf and a ticket for a refreshment & pizza afterwards. Power carts are available for \$21 per person. Please contact Gerry Hanley at [gerryhanley18@gmail.com](mailto:gerryhanley18@gmail.com) or 905-409-0733.

### **KNIGHTS BREAKFAST**

Please note that the Knights Breakfast on Sunday, June 7 is **cancelled**. They will return to the kitchen on Sunday, September 13. Thank you to the Knights for preparing these delicious breakfasts for our parish community!

### **CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR**

A free Catholic Estate Planning webinar is offered by the Archdiocese of Toronto via zoom on Saturday, **June 6 @ 9:00am**.

#### **Participants will learn about:**

- How to avoid problems in your Will, Powers of Attorney, and Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own Catholic legacy
- Catholic traditions around cremation, burials, and funerals

#### **To register:**

Visit [grco.de/WebJun6](https://grco.de/WebJun6)

Or send an email to

[Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org). Please write "**Webinar June 6**" in the subject line and include your name in the body of the message.

### **YARD SALE - SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

St. Leo's Annual Yard Sale is happening on Saturday, **June 13**. We will be accepting donations on June 11 & 12 in the church hall. Please check our website for more details, especially for non-acceptable items. Also, we need several volunteers to place road signs, receive items in the church hall, help on the day, and clean up afterwards. Please contact the office if you're available to lend a hand. Thank you for supporting our parish initiatives!

### **BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way adults come to learn about and experience the Christian life, specifically our Roman Catholic tradition. Please contact the office if you would like to register for our next program in the Fall.

### **A NOTE ON PRAYER**

Prayer is a universal human activity. It can be found in every country, in every period of human history, at every age of life. It expresses the awareness of a relationship with a Being greater than oneself, distinct from oneself, present within oneself.

Christian prayer is clearly marked by faith in God who has made himself known, not only as the Creator of the universe, but as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The faithful pray to the Father through the Son in the Spirit.

We learn to pray, just as we learn to speak, walk or sing. The Gospel offers a profound insight into this. Impressed by Jesus' prayer, the disciples ask him to teach them how to pray: he teaches them the "Our Father," with its two poles: God and humanity. Several other Gospel passages show Jesus at prayer, in close contact with his Father (abba = dad), jubilant under the action of the Holy Spirit (Mt 11:25-27), in anguish before death (Lk 22:39-46), and confident on the Cross (Mt 27:46; Lk 23:46). The great prayer re-counted in chapter 17 of Saint John's Gospel reveals the heart of Christ.

Prayer is personal, that is, it expresses and enriches the faith of each person, unique and precious in God's eyes. It is also communal, since it is lived in union with others, whether physically or spiritually present, those living in this world and those who have already entered into eternity. It is spiritual: "The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words" (Rom 8:26)  
*Credit: Canadian Catholic Bishops*

### **THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - MAY 31**

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity commemorates a central doctrine of Christianity, the Trinity. This doctrine, which developed over centuries, focuses on the nature of God which it defines as one God existing in three coeternal, consubstantial divine "persons." These "three persons" are said to be distinct, yet they share one essence, one substance and one nature.

The Council of Nicaea in 325 C.E. established the consubstantiality between the Father and Son, and the Council of Constantinople in 381 C.E. confirmed the consubstantiality of the Holy Spirit with the Father and Son. Although the traditional names for the triune God are God the Father, God the Son and

God the Holy Spirit, titles such as Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier — among others — can also be found within the Christian tradition.

It is important to note that the doctrine of the Trinity neither originated in the Bible nor during biblical times. The Gospel of John, however, does provide a kernel of thought that helped to shape the doctrine. Thus, the solemnity being celebrated today has a rich and long history, and the reinterpretation of the names of the "persons" of the Trinity continues to be of interest to current theologians, scholars, mystics and religious thinkers.

The liturgical readings for today's celebration hone in on three themes: identity, unity and power.

*Credit: www.ncronline.org*



### **SAINT BONIFACE, BISHOP & MARTYR - JUNE 5**

Saint Boniface (named Wynfrid at birth) was born into a noble family in the Kingdom of Wessex in southern England. As a youth, Wynfrid was raised in the Catholic faith and received a good education. When missionary monks visited his hometown, Wynfrid was inspired to follow their example. His father initially disapproved but eventually gave his consent. Wynfrid was first sent to a nearby Benedictine monastery for seven years and then to the Abbey of Nursling, about 100 miles away.

At Nursling, Wynfrid excelled in his studies and prayer life, made vows as a Benedictine monk, and was ordained a priest at the age of thirty. As a young priest, Father Wynfrid quickly became known as an excellent preacher and teacher with a profound understanding of Sacred Scripture, as well as an excellent administrator, organizer, and diplomat.

*Credit: mycatholic.life*



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