

# St. Leo The Great

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**Parish Secretary: Magda Nowak 905-655-3286 x 101**

### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Closed for Lunch from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Friday Office Closed.

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (followed by 8:30 a.m. Mass)

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Youth Mass

Sunday 9:00 a.m. (with Children's Liturgy JK, SK, Grade 1 & 2) & 11:00 a.m.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please download the Baptism Information Kit and Registration Form from the parish website, [www.stleothegreat.ca](http://www.stleothegreat.ca)

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you contact your parish priest at least one year in advance of the planned date of your wedding and that you participate in a marriage preparation course. 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.

### LOCAL HOSPITALS AND EMERGENCY PASTORAL VISITATION

If you or someone in your family is in the Oshawa, Whitby or Port Perry Hospitals and would like to have a priest (for serious reasons) visit the person who is sick for Anointing of the Sick, Last Rites, Confession or Communion, please note that there is a full-time Catholic Priest assigned to these three hospitals at various times of the week. Simply ask hospital staff to inquire as to whether *Father Pius Alejo* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If Father Pius Alejo is not available and there is an emergency requiring a Catholic priest, please call St. Leo the Great Parish at 905-655-3286 and when prompted, press "8" and leave your message. Fr. Charles will receive your message (if he is available) and return your call. If there is no emergency but you would like to speak to Fr. Charles, please call the parish office and leave a message with the parish secretary at 905-655-3286 x 101.

## HOLY DAYS MASS TIMES



The following Masses will be celebrated at St. Leo the Great Parish for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus Christ, the Saviour and Mary, Mother of God:

### CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, December 24: 4:30 & 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, December 25: 9:00 & 11:00 am.

There will be morning Mass on

Thursday, December 26 at 8:30 am.

Friday, December 27, Holy Hour at 7:30 am.

Followed by Mass at 8:30 am.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE & NEW YEAR'S DAY

Holy Day of Obligation in Canada

*Catholics in Canada are obligated to attend Mass on either New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, which is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.*

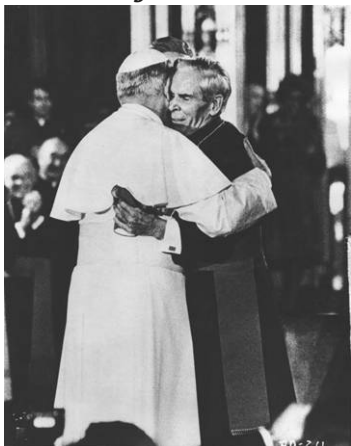
Tuesday, December 31, 4:30 pm. Mass

Wednesday, January 1, 11:00 am. Mass only!

Please Note... Because Christmas and New Year's are solemnities in the Church, Incense will be used at all of the Christmas and New Year's Masses.



## Venerable Fulton J. Sheen *Beatification Indefinitely Cancelled*



While the Church on earth journeys through this Advent season of joy, those of us who have come to know the holiness and tremendous legacy of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, who died just forty years ago (this past Monday), will be deeply saddened that his beatification to being named 'Blessed' has been indefinitely postponed.

Sheen was born in 1895 in El Paso, Illinois, was raised in

Peoria, Illinois and was ordained a priest in 1919. Since he had a brilliant mind, following ordination he was sent to the Catholic

University at Louvain in Belgium, to do a Doctorate which later became published as *God and Intelligence*, with a forward to the book by his good friend, G. K. Chesterton. For this doctorate he won the prestigious Cardinal Mercier prize for excellence. On returning to America he taught Philosophy for 20 years at the Catholic University of America as well as hosting a Catholic radio show from 1930-1950 called *The Catholic Hour*. Msgr. Sheen was consecrated Aux. Bishop of New York in 1951 and within a year was asked to host an experimental television show which eventually won him two Emmy awards and became famous as the *Life Is Worth Living* series. He wrote over 60 books (most of which I own). He had a reputation of personal holiness and died in December of 1979, just two months after he got to meet and was embraced by his long time hero, St. John Paul II

Sheen's cause for Sainthood was begun in 2002 and since that time was named Servant of God and then Venerable. As with all cases in the process of making one a saint of the Church, Sheen's life underwent intense personal scrutiny and the miracle of the raising from the dead of newborn James Fulton Engstrom, who didn't breathe for over an hour after birth, provided the necessary miracle also needed in the canonization process. More recently, Pope Francis himself had declared Fulton Sheen as worthy of Beatification, the second last step before full canonization to sainthood. The Vatican informed the Peoria, Illinois diocese that they could go ahead with plans for the Beatification ceremony to take place in Peoria on Saturday, December 21, just four days from Christmas. Most plans like this are given a year or several months to prepare.

Yet, mysteriously and suddenly in the first week of this December, it was announced by the Vatican that the Beatification process was "postponed indefinitely" and things get complicated after that.

It has something to do with the current Archbishop of Rochester, Salvatore Matano, who wrote the Vatican calling for a stop to the Beatification as Sheen had been Bishop there for three years from 1966-1969. There was fear (politics) that Sheen's Beatification might coincide with a New York Attorney General's report concerning priest sex abuse and that it might name Sheen in that report, although Sheen has already been cleared twice in any alleged role in assigning a priest, a Fr. Richard Gouley, who had been accused of being a predator of adults in 1963, to a parish during Sheen's tenure as Bishop. However, both the Vatican's Congregation for the Cause of Saints' investigation with the cooperation of the Peoria Diocese showed that Sheen had not assigned Fr. Gouley to any parish within the Diocese and that it, in fact, was done by the Bishop who followed Sheen as Bishop of Rochester.

Nevertheless, Sheen's Beatification has been halted for what looks more like politics than for any good reason.

It seems that Bishop Sheen, in death as in life, as Catholic commentator Patrick Coffin has said, "continues to purify the Church". To my mind, Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen exemplified all that a holy Saint of the Church is and has always been: a heart so in love with Christ and His Church that he or she embraces, as did Our Saviour, the Cross.

His good name may have dirt and mud hurled at him by human hands, but it will not stick, for he is holy before the Lord. (FrC)

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m.

Intentions of Tom McVeigh

† Lorna George

**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m.

† Innocenzo, Angela, Giuseppe & Maria

Mammone

**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m.

Intentions of Father Charles

Intentions of the Pinch Family

† Mark Mason

**Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

4:30 p.m.

† Antonio Tamburo

**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 a.m.

† Intentions of Catholic Mothers Group

11:00 a.m.

† Henry Freve

**Sanctuary Lamp Intention: Micheal & Edna Higgins**

St Leo Knights of Columbus will be selling **Christmas Cards** and **Keep Christ in Christmas Lawn Signs** after the Saturday and Sunday Masses until December 15th.

**St. Leo Knights of Columbus** will serve Breakfast in the Church hall on December 15th. following the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Masses. Everyone is invited to enjoy a **full Breakfast** of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice. Adults - \$6.00, Children ages 4 - 10 - \$4.00, and Children under 4 - free. Funds raised from this Breakfast will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. **Please join us.**

Once again this Advent Season, St. Leo the Great Parish will be collecting items for the **Cornerstone Men's Hostel in Oshawa**. Items necessary to the men who live on the streets include: new-only socks, underwear, toothbrushes and deodorant, shaving cream, foot powder, lip balm and Kleenex tissues. We cannot accept used clothing. Please drop off these items in the bins located in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

### GIFT OF SECURITIES

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## Advent Schedule

### PARISH RECONCILIATION

A holy act to give yourself over to in the Advent Season is to prepare for and go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

During the *Week of Advent Reconciliations* in the Archdiocese of Toronto, (December 18 – 21), our parish will offer a total of 4-hours of confession on

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 17 at 9 – 11 am and 6 – 8 pm**

Other area parishes will hold their own days and times for the opportunity for confession and these will be either posted on their websites or are available through the Archdiocese's website – [archtoronto.org](http://archtoronto.org)



A big 'THANK YOU'

to all of the volunteers who assisted with the First Reconciliation Classes and the evening of First Reconciliation!

### VOCATION SEEDS

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister,, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)**

### Register for Grade 1 French Immersion

You are invited to enrol your child in a French Immersion program at schools across the Durham Catholic District School Board. Online registration take place from **December 9, 2019 to January 17, 2020**. Students entering Grade 1 in September 2020 are eligible to register. Visit [dcdsb.ca](http://dcdsb.ca) and click on the French Immersion banner to register. Opening Doors to Opportunities!

### Kindergarten Registration

You are invited to register your child for Kindergarten at a Durham Catholic schools across the region. Your child must be turning 4 years of age by December 31, 2020 in order to enrol. Online registration begins **January 13-17, 2020**. Visit [dcdsb.ca](http://dcdsb.ca) to register. For questions, email [admissions@dcdsb.ca](mailto:admissions@dcdsb.ca).

### 2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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