



St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday: closed

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday: closed

Sunday: closed

Lunch break: 12 noon- 1:00 pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 8:30 am

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

First Saturday: 8:30 am

Church Doors During the Day Open

Check our parish website or parish doors for the schedule.

Benediction and Adoration of the Eucharist

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Please download the Baptism Information form from parish website and follow the instructions.

Sacrament of Marriage

The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you 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 Server practice and social every last Saturday of the month from 5:30 - 6:30pm.

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

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Prayer Group: Divine Mercy Lectio Divina

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the lounge.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Please contact the parish office to register for 2023/2024. The program runs from September to April on a weekly basis.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, April 20th

4:30 p.m. † Deidre Al Derrati

Sunday, April 21st

9:00 a.m. pro populo

11:00 a.m. Ed & Sylvia Long

Tuesday, April 23rd

8:30 a.m. † Susan and † Alex Quinn

Wednesday, April 24th

7:00 p.m. pro populo

Thursday, April 25th

8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Parish

Friday, April 26th

8:30 a.m. Peace in the world

Saturday, April 27th

4:30 p.m. † Catalana Cruz, † Elena Talag &
† Felicia De Leon

Sunday, April 28th

9:00 a.m. † Fortunato Molica & † Luciano Molica

11:00 a.m. pro populo

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.

in their Catholic faith. Combined with the first group 87 young people received or will be receiving their First Communion. We have a very vibrant group of volunteers, that helped us make this into a big success. Thank you.

Confirmation Registration/Preparation

All students register and start their session on Monday April 22, for the whole week, and the celebration takes place on the Sunday following with an option of 1pm Mass or 4pm Mass. Times and dates are available on our website. Please check the details as found there.

Financial report for 2023

Copies of the report are available on the welcome center in the vestibule. Take a copy and get informed if you wish.

Spring Fashion Show

The CWL will be selling tickets to the Spring Fashion Show weekend, which will be in the Hall on Saturday May 4th from 9:00 to 3:00.

Food and toiletries drive

In light of Pope Francis's recommendation for truth and reconciliation, our group called Movement for Active Indigenous Allyship and Advocacy (MAIAA, formerly the YES Group) in collaboration with Native Child and Family Services of Toronto (NCFST) is hosting another Spring food and toiletry drive supporting the indigenous community in the GTA. I invite you to visit our website to learn more about the work we have been doing: maiaa.org. We have also been helping to address food insecurity issues in Nunavut.

The Knights of Columbus of our Parish will be collecting the standard toiletries, plus canned and dry groceries. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Mother's Day Basket

The CWL will be selling raffle tickets for the Mother's Day Basket. Mother's Day is always the second Sunday in May, this year it will be 25th May. You can take a chance on the raffle, but don't take a chance on honoring your mother – remember the fifth commandment.

On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin

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Link to our archdiocesan church second website:
<https://stleothegreatbr.archtoronto.org>

1st Communion Sacrament Celebration

This Sunday at 2 pm the second group of the 1st Communion celebrants will celebrate their First Communion. Join us in congratulating them on this milestone

St. Gregory of Narek

St. Gregory of Narek, a revered saint in the Oriental Orthodox Church, has recently come into our Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Join archbishop Francis Leo and Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan (Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Canada) who will co-preside at a jointly prepared, Armenian Vespers to celebrate this remarkable event on Saturday 27, 2024 at 6 p.m., hosted at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church on 920 Progress Ave., Scarborough, Ontario. A wide representation of church leaders in the Greater Toronto Area is expected at this event.

This milestone commemoration is part of the 'receptive ecumenism' series that is taking place during a year-long "Festival of Prayer" sponsored by the Archdiocese in 2024 in the GTA. It witnesses to the 'Beauty of Holiness' that is ours in Jesus Christ as well as marking the 60th anniversary of the Decree on Ecumenism that continues to invigorate our commitment to seek the unity willed by our Lord for the Church for the life of the whole world.

Catechism articles on prayer

The Catechism states the Church's teachings on the prayer, e.g.

2590 "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God" (St. John Damascene, *De fide orth.* 3, 24:PG 94, 1089C).

2591 God tirelessly calls each person to this mysterious encounter with Himself. Prayer unfolds throughout the whole history of salvation as a reciprocal call between God and man.

2592 The prayer of Abraham and Jacob is presented as a battle of faith marked by trust in God's faithfulness and by certitude in the victory promised to perseverance.

2593 The prayer of Moses responds to the living God's initiative for the salvation of his people. It foreshadows the prayer of intercession of the unique mediator, Christ Jesus.

2594 The prayer of the People of God flourished in the shadow of the dwelling place of God's presence on earth, the ark of the covenant and the Temple, under

the guidance of their shepherds, especially King David, and of the prophets.

2595 The prophets summoned the people to conversion of heart and, while zealously seeking the face of God, like Elijah, they interceded for the people.

2596 The Psalms constitute the masterwork of prayer in the Old Testament. They present two inseparable qualities: the personal, and the communal. They extend to all dimensions of history, recalling God's promises already fulfilled and looking for the coming of the Messiah.

2597 Prayed and fulfilled in Christ, the Psalms are an essential and permanent element of the prayer of the Church. They are suitable for men of every condition and time

Manresa, retreat centre

For those who want to have a temporary reprieve of the hustle and bustle of our busy lives. Beside weekend retreats, they offer space for those who like to spend some time on an individual retreat, with or without spiritual direction; they also host groups who come to make a day retreat. Many Ecumenical Christian groups use Manresa for their own specific community needs.

Manresa is situated on a beautiful twenty-one-acre property with access to several walking trails on conservation lands. It is a spiritual refuge conveniently located in the Greater Toronto Area., have a look on what Maresa may provide you:

They are mostly known for our extensive list of weekend retreats, where retreatants come to deepen their understanding of their Christian faith and/or seek spiritual healing. Each retreat has its own theme and is presented by one of our experienced retreat masters. At each weekend retreat there is also an opportunity to have a sacred conversation with one of our spiritual directors, plus an opportunity, if desired, for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We also offer focused retreats for members of the Al-anon and Alcohol Anonymous communities.

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