



# 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

Grand Knight: Larry Hallihan  
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### Catholic Women's League (CWL)

President: Donna Shaddick  
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### Catholic Moms Group

Leaders: Lindsay & Shannon  
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### Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

Founder: Paul Ritchi  
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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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
OF THE WEEK

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

11:00 a.m. pro populo

**Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Innocenzo & Vincentzina (Mammone)  
† Attilo & Maria (Tuzi)

**Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 p.m. Living intentions for Daniels Stefano,  
Daved Eddy & Anita

**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Rosalba Mammone

**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Intentions of our Sacrament's Catechists

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**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. pro populo

4:30 p.m. † May Stewart

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

11:00 a.m. † Patricia Shaughnessy

**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.*

### **Confirmation Sacrament Celebration**

This Sunday at 1 pm and 4 pm the Confirmandi will celebrate their Confirmation mass. Join us in congratulating them on this milestone in their Catholic faith. This year 67 candidates joined our study sessions. We have a very vibrant group of volunteers, that helped us make this into a big success. Thank you.

### **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.

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> May. You can take a chance on the raffle, but don't take a chance on honoring your mother – remember the fifth commandment.

### **Ministry Fair and Daughters of St Paul Religious Exhibit Weekend May 11-12**

**Religious Display:** The Daughters of St. Paul are coming to our parish on May 11-12. The sisters will have articles offered for sale from books, to sacramentals (Rosaries, Crosses, etc.) in our parish Hall. They will display their goods after all three Masses for our parish.

**Ministry Fair:** On this weekend we are also running a Ministry Fair where the various ministries in our parish would have a table and a representative at

### ***On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin***

- Confirmation Sacrament Celebration
- Financial report for 2023
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- Mother's Day Basket
- Ministry Fair and Daughters of St Paul Religious Exhibit Weekend May 11-12
- Horizons of Hope
- Pope's Pastoral Works Special Collection May 4-5
- Building fund Collection May 4-5
- Marriage Preparation Course
- Saint Louis de Montfort

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

hand. This is an opportunity for our parishioners to know more about the various ministries and volunteer in a ministry of their choosing.

### **Horizons of Hope**

“What is it: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care, which was designed to help people make informed decisions regarding end-of-life issues, and the broader issues of suffering and our response as family, friends and Catholic Christians. Palliative care options and education are not just for the elderly who are faced with making a difficult and personal decision. As a community of faith, everyone is involved, and we need to support one another. Children, adults, those with a “life-limiting” diagnosis, and the friends and families who have contact with these persons all need to know the Gospel of Life and the Church’s teachings for themselves or those whom they love. Recent legislative attempts to broaden the definition of who “qualifies” for MAID makes it clear that we need to reach out to the suffering, to be compassionate communities rooted in God’s mercy and love, to bring Our Lord’s message of hope to our people and the world.”

“The archdiocese are offering a two-part webinar series that will orient participants to Horizons of Hope. They will be led by Dr. Moira McQueen and Sr. Mary Rowell, CSJ on April 25 and May 2, from 7:00 p.m – 9:00 p.m.

Hoping for at least one parishioner/volunteer to attend both sessions (April 25 and May 2). This needs to be someone or a team who can assist in implementing the Horizons of Hope program in the Parish. They may register at [bit.ly/HOHW-RegisterAprMay2024](https://bit.ly/HOHW-RegisterAprMay2024). Perhaps it would be better to collaborate with a neighbouring parish, or even cluster several parishes. Horizons of Hope perhaps may be included as part of other parish initiatives and outreach programs. The webinars will be offered again on October 3 and 10, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. if you wish to send participants at that time.”

This letter is addressed to all parishes to do their best effort to implement Horizons of Hope in their parishes. This is from Most Reverend Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto.

Please let us know if you registered or have an interest in this program by email.

### **Pope’s Pastoral Works Special Collection May 4-5**

Please use the specific white envelopes for this collection, they will be available in the pews. Drop the envelopes in the collection baskets.

### **Building fund Collection May 4-5**

There will be a second collection after communion. The blue envelopes are available in the pews for your use.

### **Marriage Preparation Course**

Those who are approaching marriage, a marriage preparation course is necessary before the wedding date. The course runs from May 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> in our Parish Hall. Please contact the office for further information and registration. Please share this information with those approaching marriage. We also welcome civilly married couples interested in normalizing their wedding vows in the Catholic Church.

### **Saint Louis de Montfort**

Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort TOSD (31 January 1673 – 28 April 1716) was a French Catholic priest known for his preaching and his influence on Mariology. He was made a missionary apostolic by Pope Clement XI. Montfort wrote a number of books which went on to become classic Catholic titles and influenced several popes.

According to Montfort, "Mary is the safest, easiest, shortest, and most perfect way of approaching Jesus".

Montfort's process of "total consecration" has seven elements and effects: knowledge of one's unworthiness, sharing in Mary's faith, the gift of pure love, unlimited confidence in God and Mary, communication of the Spirit of Mary, transformation into the likeness of Jesus, and bringing more glory to Christ. His practice of consecration to Mary has both internal and external components. The internal components focus on surrendering oneself as a slave to Mary and to Jesus through her, and performing all actions "with Mary, in Mary, through Mary and for Mary". The suggested exterior practices include enrolment in Marian societies, or joining Marian religious orders, making Marian privileges known and appreciated, and giving alms in honor of Mary. (Source:Wikipedia.org)




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