

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

9:00 am to 10:00 am Friday:

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am - with Children's Liturgy

Sacrament of Reconciliation

9:15 am - 9:45 am Friday: 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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President: Maureen Kerr maureen.kerr100@gmail.com 905-655-3286 ext 3

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

President: Donna Shaddick dmshaddick@gmail.com

Catholic Moms Group

Leaders: Lindsay & Shannon stleosmg@catholicmomsgroup.com

Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

Founder: Paul Ritchi paul.ritchi@gmail.com 416-435-6593

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

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, May 4th

Sunday, May 5th

11:00 a.m. Patricia Shaughnessy

Tuesday, May 7th

8:30 a.m. No Mass *Wednesday, May 8th* 7:00 p.m. No Mass *Thursday, May 9th*

8:30 a.m. No Mass

Friday, May 10th

8:30 a.m. Intentions of our Catechists, First

Communion and Confirmation students.

Saturday, May 11th

4:30 p.m. pro populo

Sunday, May 12th

9:00 a.m.

† Tomasina & † Francesco Caruso
11:00 a.m.
† Sadie and † Lawrence Hallihan

For: Sanctuary Light Request.

For: Vigil Light for Mary. This week for Graces

received as requested by the Elek and

Barrett families

For: Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary.

For a visit by the parish priest.

Make your request at the office.

On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin

- Archdiocese Retreat for Father
- Orthodox Easter
- Jewish Yom HaShoah
- Confirmation Sacrament Celebration
- Food and toiletries drive
- Mother's Day Basket
- Ministry Fair and Daughters of St Paul Religious Exhibit Weekend May 11-12
- Pope's Pastoral Works Special Collection May 4-5
- Building fund Collection May 4-5
- R.C.I.A. fast track
- Knights of Columbus General Meeting
- Year of Prayer Video Series
- Ascension of the Lord
- St. John of Avila

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

Archdiocese Retreat

Father is absent Tuesday May 7, Wednesday 8 and Thursday May 9, due to a mandatory retreat. Regrettably for not finding a replacement priest there will be no masses for these 3days. The church as well as the office will be open as usual all week. Masses will resume on Friday.

Orthodox Easter

This Sunday our Orthodox brothers and sisters celebrate Easter.

Jewish Yom HaShoah

This Sunday is also the day that Israel commemorates the victims of the Holocaust (the Shoah). Yom HaShoah translates to the Catastrophe

Confirmation Sacrament Celebration

Last Sunday 67 Confirmandi celebrated their Confirmation mass. We will have a mass celebrated for the intentions of our Catechists, First Communion and Confirmation students on May 10th.

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 12th 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 hand. This is an opportunity for our parishioners to know more about the various ministries and volunteer in a ministry of their choosing.

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. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine, and natural disasters.

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.

R.C.I.A. fast track

We are contemplating a R.C.I.A. fast track course for eligible candidates wishing to be received in the Church. Check if you are eligible by contacting Father directly 905-655-3286 ext 8 if you are interested or if you know of someone who may be interested. Or please leave a voicemail.

Knights of Columbus General Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will host their General Meeting in the Hall on May 6th at 7:30 p.m.

Year of Prayer Video Series

In advance of the Jubilee Year taking place in 2025, the archdiocese has created a video series which will highlight the importance of prayer in our lives. The series will focus on the seven petitions of the Lord's Prayer as found in the fourth part of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The first video, an introduction to the Year of Prayer by Archbishop Leo, is available for viewing now on the archdiocesan website

(www.archtoronto.org) as well as on the archdiocesan YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/@archtoronto.

Ascension of the Lord

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates the fortieth day after the Resurrection when Jesus ascended body and soul into Heaven and took His seat at the right hand of His Father. Traditionally, the location of the Ascension is believed to be less than a mile east of the Old City of JerusalemThe event of the Ascension is found in the Gospels and Acts (Mark 16:19–20; Luke 24:50–53; Acts 1:6–12).

The Ascension marks the completion of Jesus' earthly mission. He first united His divine nature with human nature through the Incarnation at the moment of the Annunciation. Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches that from that moment on, Jesus, the Son of God, experienced three types of knowledge. First, being God, He had beatific knowledge, that is, a direct knowledge of His essence, the Father's essence, and the Holy Spirit's essence. Second, He had the perfection of infused knowledge, that is, a bestowal of all truths given to the angels in Heaven, especially those truths necessary for the completion of His divine mission. Third, He began to acquire learned knowledge, or experiential knowledge. This was the form of knowledge attained through His human nature from the senses and His human reason.

The Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter (May 9, 2024) or on the Seventh Sunday of Easter (May 12, 2024)

St. John of Avila

He was born on January 6, 1499, at Almodovar del Campo, Spain. After studying law at the University of Salamanca. John drew great crowds with his fiery denunciations of evil and his many sermons. A brief imprisonment by the Inquisition in Seville made him even more popular. His missionary efforts were centered on Andalusia, and his letters and other writings have become Spanish classics. John was canonized in 1970.



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