

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 - 6:30 pm.

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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Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

Founder: Paul Ritchi

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Prayer Group: Divine Mercy Lectio Divina

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm - 6:30 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, September 14th

4:30 p.m. † Frank Ferkul
† Quentin D'Mello

Sunday, September 15th

9:00 a.m. Robert De Giorgio
11:00 a.m. pro populo

Tuesday, September 17th

8:30 a.m. † Innocenzo & † Vincenzina (Mammone)
and † Attilio & † Maria (Tuzi)

Wednesday, September 18th

7:00 p.m. Mass

Thursday, September 19th

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, September 20th

8:30 a.m. † Maria Frendo - Cumbo

Saturday, September 21st

4:30 p.m. Pro populo

Sunday, September 22nd

9:00 a.m. † Vince Corvinelli
11:00 a.m. † Maria, † Toni & † Tullio (Caprio)

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

Link to our archdiocesan church second website:

<https://stleothegreatbr.archtoronto.org>

On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin

- 2nd collection: Canadian Missions
- First Communion schoolyear 2024-2025
- Movie nights
- Spiritual formation on the Mass
- International Food Tasting Sunday 22 Sept
- RCIA
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- Marriage preparation course
- Lectio Divina Prayer Group
- FNE Timber Wolves for girls
- Retreat for Men and Women
- St. Matthew

2nd Collection: Canadian Missions

This week there will be a second collection after communion, for the Canadian Missions.

First Communion schoolyear 2024-2025

First Communion will be earlier this year; in the month of October and November. On October 17 and 18, we will have registration sessions in the church hall. See the website for more information.

Movie nights

Movie nights will be starting on September 19th at 7 pm in the Hall. This will be a weekly event until Christmas. The first movie will be on "Love and Mercy: Faustina", the movie is 2 hours long, but there will be a summary of the first portion of the movie. We plan to be finished by 8:30 pm.

Spiritual formation on the Mass

We will start our Spiritual formation with a new series on the Mass on Saturday September 21st at 9:30 am in the Hall. There will be 4 sessions: September 21st, 28th, and October 5th and 12th. Each session will be 1 hour, comprising of a video presentation of around 25 minutes followed by 35 minutes of discussion. Father strongly recommends this spiritual formation to anyone wanting to have a deeper understanding of the Mass. This time we would like you to register for all sessions, and the cost of registration is \$10. The sign-up sheet, you will find in the vestibule.

International Food Tasting Sunday 22 Sept

Our successful food tasting festival is back again, September 22nd after mass from 12 to 1:30 pm ! Please let us know if you are interested in a table to showcase your countries' cuisine. Make small samples suitable for just tasting and keep the price to max \$2 per portion. Our office volunteers will sell tokens for \$2 each. We are looking forward to having 10 or more different cuisines so our congregation can sample a wide range of foods and celebrate our cultural diversity. We suggest you decorate your table with cultural icons like flags etc. The table is free, but we want you to reserve a table with the office. The proceeds will go to the Church's maintenance. At your request we can reimburse the cost of the food, provided you give us the receipts.

RCIA

Rites of Christian Initiation into the Catholic Faith. We have scheduled new sessions for every Tuesday 6:30 to 8:30 pm. starting September 24th. If you or someone you know is interested in our faith, please inform the office by phone or email

Blessing of animals

On St Francis' Feast Day, Oct 4th at 7 pm, there will be a blessing for pets in front of the Church.

Marriage preparation course

Our marriage preparation course will take place May 1st to May 3rd. Please register at the office via email.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group

The timing of the Lectio Divina Prayer Group has been changed. It is now every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

FNE Timber Wolves for girls

If you want your daughter to join, the meetings start from Wednesday Sept 11th from 7 to 9 pm. For more information visit www.fneexplorers.com, or email paul.ritchi@gmail.com

Retreat for Men and Women

Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men and Women.
"Summertime and the Praying is Easy."
Friday, September 20, 2024 7:00 pm to Sunday,
September 22, 2024 01:30 pm. Manresa Jesuit
Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering. For more
information please visit www.manresa-canada.ca

St. Matthew

Feastday: September 21

Patron: Bankers

Little is known about St. Matthew, except that he was the son of Alpheus, and he was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ.

According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ.

From Matthew we know of the many doings of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all people who come to God through Him. The Gospel account of Matthew tells the same story as that found in the other three Gospels, so scholars are certain of its authenticity. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament.

Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. It was an important message at a time when almost everyone was expecting the return of a militant messiah brandishing a sword.

It is thought he departed for other lands to escape persecution sometime after 42 AD. According to various legends he fled to Parthia and Persia, or Ethiopia. Nothing is recorded of Matthew's passing. We do not know how he died, if his death was natural or if he was martyred.

Early Church Fathers such as Irenaeus (Against Heresies 3.1.1) and Clement of Alexandria say that Matthew preached the gospel to the Jewish community in Judea, before going to other countries. Ancient writers are not in agreement as to which other countries these are, but almost all sources mention Ethiopia. The Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church each hold the tradition that Matthew died as a martyr and the Babylonian Talmud appears to report his execution in Sanhedrin 43a.

According to Church tradition, while preaching in Ethiopia, Matthew converted, and then consecrated to God, Ephigenia of Ethiopia, the virgin daughter of King Egippus. When King Hirtacus succeeded Egippus, he asked the apostle if he could persuade Ephigenia to marry him. Matthew invited King Hirtacus to liturgy the following Sunday, where he rebuked him for lusting after the girl, as she was a nun and therefore was the bride of Christ. The enraged King thus ordered his bodyguard to kill Matthew who stood at the altar, making him a martyr.

Source:

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