

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 lgba2008@yahoo.ca

Saint Vincent de Paul

President: Maureen Kerr maureen.kerr100@gmail.com 905-655-3286 ext 3

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

President: Donna Shaddick dmshaddick@gmail.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 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

Saturday, November 30th

4:30 p.m. Pro Populo

Sunday, December 1st, First Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. ♥ Mike Florence Inocencio

Tuesday, December 3rd

8:30 a.m. \$\P\$ Joseph Anthony Jones

Wednesday, December 4th

Holy Souls in Purgatory 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 5th

8:30 a.m ₱ Remedios Jaya

♣ Lolito Jaya

♣ Consesa Jaya

₱ Dioscoro Jaya

♣ Hipolito Jaya

Friday, December 6th

8:30 a.m. † Rafael & † Eduardo Carrera

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 7th

8:30 a.m. † Rosalia & † Antero Reyes

₱ Pedrito Patawaran

4:30 p.m. ↑ Antonio Tambura

Sunday, December 8th, Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Pro populo

11:00 a.m. # Michele [Mikele] Cavallari

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

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Donation envelopes

2025 envelope boxes are available at the back of the church, to your right. Ask for help if needed.

Volunteers required to decorate the church for Christmas

On December 18th, 19th and 20th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. we request volunteers to help us with decorating the church for Christmas. Please let the office know if and when you are available.

Catering

Franca Vasco, from an Italian heritage, and our parishioner. She is a great cook and would love to use her talents of cooking and baking to do fundraising for our parish St. Leo the Great. For details and more information, please call Franca 905-621-9658.

Clarington Concert Band:

Christmas Concert

The Clarington Concert Band will have their Christmas Concert in our own Church on December 14th at 7 pm. We had a lot of positive feedback from last year's Christmas Concert by the Clarington Concert Band and decided to host the event again.

A collection will take place to support the Band and our Parish.

Movie nights

Movie nights are now every Thursday at 7 pm in the Hall. This will be a weekly event until Christmas. Thursday December 5th at 7 pm in the Church Hall. We all wonder "What if". Here is a charming story about one man, Ben (Kevin Sorbo) who gets to find the answer to those questions even though he never asked. God sends an angel named Mike (John Ratzenberger) to help Ben see what would have been in store for him if he stayed with his original life's plan.

Faith Formation

Discernment of Spirits

Starts November 23rd at 10 am in the Hall.

Discernment is the understanding to distinguish which thoughts and voices are from God and will lead to good and which are not. We will be following Fr. Timothy Gallagher's presentations on Formed of the 14 rules that St. Ignatius of Loyola has written down and Fr. Timothy will be explaining them in detail. There will be 8 sessions of podcasts of around 1 hour followed by discussions. The overview of all the lessons with a short description of each lesson are available on the Church's website under stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/Faithformation/Discernment or simply www.stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/Dis.

Join in and learn.

Knights of Columbus outreach

Once again, this approaching 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 marked bins located in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

CWL Christmas celebration

On December 17th at 6 p.m. at the Kedron Dells Golf Club the CWL will host a dinner. All ladies of the Parish are invited. The cost of the dinner is \$65. Please reserve and pay before December 4th E-transfer to Mcintyremanda@gmail.com or Barbara Regimbal (905 -449-3927)

Advent 2024

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple color associated with Advent is also the color of penance. The faithful should fast during the first two weeks in particular and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The color of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This color symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration. It is formerly called "Gaudete" Sunday; gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

Finally, Sundays during Advent, just as during Lent, should not be given to fasting, but instead to celebration because we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord every Sunday. It is important to remember, however, there are no particular rules for how the laity should observe Advent.

Edited from https://www.catholic.org/

Saint Nicolas

Feastday: 5/6 December in the Gregorian calendar

Saint Nicholas of Myra (traditionally 15 March 270 – 6 December 343), also known as Nicholas of Bari, was an early Christian bishop of Greek descent from the maritime city of Patara in Anatolia (in modern-day Antalya Province, Turkey) during the time of the Roman Empire. Because of the many miracles attributed to his intercession, he is also known as Nicholas the Wonderworker. Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, children, brewers, pawnbrokers, toymakers, unmarried people, and students in various cities and countries around Europe. His reputation evolved among the pious, as was common for early Christian saints, and his legendary habit of secret gift-giving gave rise to the folklore of Santa Claus ("Saint Nick") through Sinterklaas.

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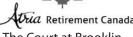
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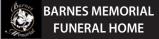
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