



# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Pastor:** Father Mounir El- Rassi

**Parish Secretary:** Sandy Yatabe 905-655-3286 ext. 1

### 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](mailto:lgba2008@yahoo.ca)

### Saint Vincent de Paul

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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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
OF THE WEEK

### **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Bryan & † Patricia Shaughnessy  
† Kate Pogson  
† Andy Fedak

### **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. † Vince Corvinelli  
11:00 a.m. † Maria & † Attilio Bianco

### **Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. † Guadalupe Vazquez  
† Francisco Vazquez  
† Guadalupe Galvez  
† Lorna George  
† Ricardo F.De-Dios Jr  
Living intention of Analise Aranha

### **Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Innocenzo † Angela † Giuseppe †  
Maria Mammone

### **Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † James McCrossan  
† Mark & † James Mason  
Living intentions of Teresa Martin

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### **Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

4:30 p.m. Pro Populo

### **Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. † Kenneth & † Glenn Closs  
11:00 a.m. † Lorenzo & † Antoinetta Volpe

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**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

- Knights of Columbus Outreach
- Christmas Confessions
- CWL Christmas Raffle
- Ministry Appreciation Dinner - Dec 28
- Catering
- Advent Retreat - St. Augustine's Seminary
- Advent Reflection
- Saint Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor

### **Clarington Concert Band:**

#### ***Christmas Concert***

This Saturday December 14, 2024 - The Clarington Concert Band will perform the Christmas Concert at 7pm, in the Church.

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

### **Donation Envelopes**

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

### **Faith Formation: Discernment of Spirits**

Starts November 23<sup>rd</sup> 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/Faith-formation/Discernment](http://stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/Faith-formation/Discernment) or simply [www.stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/Dis](http://www.stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/Dis). Join in and learn.

### **Knights of Columbus Outreach**

Once again, during the Advent Season, St. Leo the Great Parish will be collecting items for the Cornerstone Men's Hostel in Oshawa. Please drop off items in the marked bins located in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

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

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

- Clarington Concert Band
- Donation envelopes
- Faith Formation

### **Christmas Confessions**

Thursday, Dec 19, 2024 – Confessions 5:30-6:30pm

Friday, Dec 20, 2024 – Confessions 9-10am

Saturday, Dec 21, 2024 – Confessions 9-10am

### **CWL Christmas Raffle**

CWL will be selling tickets for the Christmas baskets after all the masses until Dec. 22nd in the foyer. Draw to take place after the 11:00 mass Dec. 22nd.

### **Ministry Appreciation Dinner – Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm**

Please sign the volunteer sheets in the vestibule if you are able to attend. Ask an usher for help.

### **CATERING**

Franca Vasco, parishioner & great cook would love to use her talents of cooking and baking to do fundraising for our parish. Cookie platters will be available for Christmas. Please place your orders before December 14, 2024. For details and more information, please call Franca 905-621-9658.

### **Advent Retreat - "Here I am, Lord Living the Unconditional Yes of Mary and Joseph"**

Saturday, December 14, 2024 09:00 AM - Saturday, December 14, 2024 04:00 PM

St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough

The Institute of Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary presents this retreat as part of its Spirit & Life Series for the 2024-2025 Academic Year.

In this Advent day of retreat, we will follow Mary and Joseph through their moments of saying "yes" to Our Lord's will for them. As we follow the moments of the Annunciation, the birth of Jesus, Joseph's dreams and the flight into Egypt, we realize how many times the Lord seemed to ask of them what was unexpected and uncertain, even uncomfortable and life changing. As we enter the Advent season, this retreat will allow us to strengthen our own many "yeses" to God, with the model and help of Mary and Joseph.

RETREAT LEADER: Rev. Edwin Gonsalves

FORMAT: In-Person Only

COST: \$45 - Includes warm pastries, coffee and tea on arrival, as well as lunch. Mass, Confession and Adoration will also be offered.

REGISTER: Capacity is limited, and attendance is by registration only. To register, visit our

website: [staugustines.on.ca/events](http://staugustines.on.ca/events)

CONTACT: If you have any questions, please contact our Event Coordinator, Chère MacLean at [chere.maclean@utoronto.ca](mailto:chere.maclean@utoronto.ca)

### **Third Sunday of Advent – Dec 15, 2024**

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Rejoice Sunday. We light the candle of joy today.

The readings invite us to "rejoice in the Lord always" and to wait for the coming of the Redeemer with joyful hearts.

In the Gospel, St. John the Baptist shows the way to experience the joy of the Lord by sharing with others whatever we have and by doing justice to others.

As we look at the world today, we see selfishness, injustice, immorality, etc., which bring restlessness, war between nations, turmoil and sorrows into the world. But then, the readings of today assure us that the presence of the Lord in our lives can bring joy, happiness and peace. God wants to be born again and again in our midst. He wants to be present with us always and give us joy. It is the initiative of each individual to let God be with us and bring transformation to our lives and the world by turning selfishness into generosity, hatred into forgiveness, immorality into morality, injustice into justice and turmoil into peace.

Edited from <https://www.cscsisters.org/2024-advent-reflections>

### **Saint Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor**

Saint Peter Canisius is the patron saint of Germany, the Catholic press, and writers of catechisms.

Canisius was a Jesuit and Doctor of the Church who lived during the Protestant Reformation. He was a popular preacher and diplomat who taught at universities and established colleges and seminaries. He also wrote a catechism that explained the Catholic faith in Latin and German. Canisius's work was important in clarifying the Catholic faith in the face of new Protestant doctrines. He was a leader in the Counter Reformation and made the Society of Jesus a leading force in the region.

Canisius was born in Nijmegen, Netherlands in 1521 and died there on December 21, 1597. Pope Pius XI canonized him and declared him a Doctor of the Church in 1925.

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