



# 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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### Saint Vincent de Paul

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### Catholic Women's League (CWL)

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### Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

Founder: Paul Ritchi  
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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**  
OF THE WEEK

**Saturday, January 11th**

4:30 p.m. Pro Populo

**Sunday, January 12th**

9:00 a.m. † Tomasina & † Francesco Parente

11:00 a.m. † Vince Corvinelli

**Tuesday, January 14th**

8:30 a.m. † Quentin D'Mello

**Wednesday, January 15th**

7:00 p.m. Pro Populo

**Thursday, January 16th**

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

**Friday, January 17th**

8:30 a.m. † Patricia Hogg

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**Saturday, January 18th**

4:30 p.m. † Susan & † Alex Quinn

**Sunday, January 19th**

9:00 a.m. † Francesco Caruso

11:00 a.m. † Luis B. Tolentino

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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

**Link to our archdiocesan church second website:**

**<https://stleothegreatbr.archtoronto.org>**

**Faith Formation: Discernment of Spirits**

The session that was originally planned for Saturday January 11, will now be on Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup>. Formation Discernment is the understanding to distinguish which thoughts and voices are from God and will lead to good and which are not. 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 Breakfast**

This Sunday, January 12, 2025. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their famous breakfast after the 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses.

**Christmas Decorations**

Monday, January 13, 2025. Removal of Christmas decorations. If you can help with the removal of decorations from 10:00 am please come to church to help us. Thank you.

**Knights of Columbus**

The knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who donated generously to the Corner Stone Men's Hostel.

**Catholic Women's League**

The C.W.L. would like to thank everyone who supported the Christmas raffle. The winner of the large basket was Sheila Munro who lives out of town. Her father played in the concert at St. Leo's and she bought her tickets that evening. The second prize basket was won by Sherry Caibaosai who lives down the street on Watford not far from the church. Congratulations to both ladies.

**Bishop Vincent Nguyen**

His Excellency Bishop Nguyen will be doing a Pastoral Visit to St Leo's on Jan 17, 18 & 19, 2025. He will be our presider and homilist at the three weekend Masses. Light refreshments to follow in the church hall after the 11am Mass on January 19. This is your opportunity to meet and greet his Excellency.

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

- Donation Envelopes
- Faith Formation
- Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- Christmas Decorations
- Knights of Columbus
- Catholic Women's League
- Bishop Vincent Nguyen
- St. Gregory the Great Parish, Oshawa
- Sacraments
- Catering
- The Baptism of the Lord

**Donation Envelopes**

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

## **St Gregory The Great Parish, Oshawa**

Archbishop Cardinal Frank Leo has chosen St. Gregory the Great to serve as a pilgrimage church in the Eastern Region for the Jubilee of the Year 2025. Accordingly, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will be there to celebrate at a **Jubilee Mass on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** You are cordially invited to join the Mass. For those who would like to go early to have their Confession heard, Confessions will be at 5:30 pm.

### **SACRAMENTS**

Registration & Info Session for First Holy Communion is on Friday, March 21 (5-6 pm).

Registration & Info session for Confirmation is on Friday, April 11 (5-6:30 pm). The following link will provide you with all the dates (registration, catechesis, confession and celebration) of both First Communion and Confirmation.

<https://stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/FCandC>

### **CATERING**

Franca Vasco, parishioner, would love to use her talents of cooking to do fundraising for our parish. For details and more information, please call Franca 905-621-9658.

## **The Baptism of the Lord, January 12, 2025**

The mystery of Christ's baptism in the Jordan by St John, the Precursor, proposes the contemplation of an already adult Jesus. This mystery is infinitely linked to the Solemnities of the Lord's birth and the Epiphany that we have just celebrated, as in some ways it takes up and represents their significance to us.

At Christmas we have contemplated the human birth of the Word incarnate by the Virgin Mary. In the 4th century, the Fathers of the Church deepened the understanding of the faith with regard to the Christmas mystery in the light of Jesus' Humanity. They spoke of the Incarnation of the Word already working like the 'Christification' of that humanity that he had assumed from His mother. Or put in simpler terms: Jesus is the Christ from the first instant of conception in Mary's spotless womb because He Himself, with His Divine Power, consecrated, anointed and 'Christified' that human nature with which He became incarnate.

In the mystery of the Epiphany, we then meditated on Christ's manifestation to all nations that was represented by the Magi, the wise men from the East, who came to adore the Child.

Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of 'Christification,' Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the 'Christification' of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. *'And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and with men'* (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ.

The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation (Gen 1:2). Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam's guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins. *'Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realised what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners'*  
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