

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

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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, 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

Tuesday, January 21st

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

Wednesday, January 22nd

7:00 p.m. † Ella Drennan

Living intentions of Giselle Lichauco

Thursday, January 23rd

8:30 a.m. † Michael Giardullo

Friday, January 24th

8:30 a.m. † Mary Doreen MacLellan

Saturday, January 25th

4:30 p.m. In thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage-
Bernie Galicia

Sunday, January 26th

9:00 a.m. Living intentions of Tierney Family

11:00 a.m. † Nativida Bubutan

Sanctuary Light, week of Jan 18th

† Robert De-Giorgio

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

Faith Formation: Discernment of Spirits

On January 25th and February 1st in the Hall we will continue with our Faith Formation Discernment. 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 or simply www.stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/Dis. Join in and learn.

Bishop Vincent Nguyen

January 18th & 19th. Bishop Vincent Nguyen will be our presider and homilist at the three weekend masses. We are very grateful to His Excellency for visiting with our parish, parish volunteers and ministries. His visit reminds us of the unity in Christ through his apostles and the bishops, their successors. Fr. Mounir hopes that this will invigorate each of us through our Baptismal call to have the generosity to participate in the mission of the local church at St. Leo's. Light refreshment to follow in the church hall after the 11am Mass. This is your opportunity to meet and greet his Excellency.

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.

Blessed Virgin Mary, January 18, 2025

Nearly 60 years ago, Vatican II recognized several titles of the Blessed Virgin Mary. But it focused on one in particular: "Mother." **Lumen gentium**, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, was released by Pope Paul VI on Nov. 21, 1964.

Here are eight things it says about Mary.

Truly the Mother of God:

Link to our archdiocesan church second website:

<https://stleothegreatbr.archtoronto.org>

On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin

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- Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saint Marianne Cope

Donation Envelopes

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

Lumen gentium describes Mary's intimate relationship with the three persons of the Holy Trinity. The Virgin Mary, who at the message of the angel received the Word of God in her heart and in her body and gave Life to the world, is acknowledged and honored as being truly the Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer. Lumen gentium reads. Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Mother of the Church:

The document emphasizes that while Mary surpasses all creatures in heaven and on earth, she is, at the same time, one with all those who are to be saved. The Catholic Church, taught by the Holy Spirit, honors her with filial affection and piety as a most beloved mother, the document reads.

Participant in the Economy of Salvation:

Mary plays an important role in humanity's salvation, Vatican II affirmed. With her the exalted Daughter of Sion, and after a long expectation of the promise, the times are fulfilled and the new Economy established, when the Son of God took a human nature from her, that He might in the mysteries of His flesh free man from sin.

The new Eve:

The document contrasted Mary's obedience to Eve's disobedience in the Garden of Eden. The Father of mercies willed that the incarnation should be preceded by the acceptance of her who was predestined to be the mother of His Son, so that just as a woman contributed to death, so also a woman should contribute to life.

Handmaid of the Lord:

Mary's "yes" to being the mother of God made her an active participant, embracing God's salvific will with a full heart and impeded by no sin, she devoted herself totally as a handmaid of the Lord to the person and work of her Son, under Him and with Him. By the grace of almighty God, serving the mystery of redemption, freely cooperating in the work of human salvation through faith and obedience.

Queen of the universe:

The document recognizes Mary as queen. Finally, the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all guilt of original sin, on the completion of her earthly sojourn, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen of the universe, that she

might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and the conqueror of sin and death.

Model of virtues:

Mary is, the model of virtues. Piously meditating on her and contemplating her in the light of the Word made man, the Church with reverence enters more intimately into the great mystery of the Incarnation and becomes more and more like her Spouse. For Mary, who since her entry into salvation history unites in herself and re-echoes the greatest teachings of the faith as she is proclaimed and venerated, calls the faithful to her Son and His sacrifice and to the love of the Father.

Sign of hope and solace:

Mary, will shine forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come, as a sign of sure hope and solace to the people of God during its sojourn on earth. She constantly intercedes for humanity. The entire body of the faithful pours forth instant supplications to the Mother of God and Mother of men that she, who aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers, may now, exalted as she is above all the angels and saints, intercede before her Son in the fellowship of all the saints until all families of people may be happily gathered together in peace and harmony into one people of God, for the glory of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity.

Edited from Catholic News Agency News Briefs:

Saint Marianne Cope, January 23, 2025

Though leprosy scared off most people in 19th-century Hawaii, that disease sparked great generosity in the woman who came to be known as Mother Marianne of Molokai. Her courage helped tremendously to improve the lives of its victims in Hawaii. Her generosity and courage were celebrated at her May 14, 2005, beatification in Rome. Mother Marianne died on August 9, 1918, was beatified in 2005, and canonized seven years later.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org>

Christmas Decorations

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