



# 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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### 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, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Paul Losier

**Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Vince Corvinelli

11:00 a.m. † Vincenzo Guzzo-Foliaro

**Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Christina McHugh

**Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. † Vincenzo Guzzo-Foliaro

**Thursday, November 28<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Rafael & † Eduardo Carrera  
For the departed souls of the Rosary  
Apostolates

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**Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. Pro Populo

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, First Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. † Zenobia Urbanowicz

11:00 a.m. † Mike Florence Inocencio

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**For: Sanctuary Light Request.**

Millie Hynes (Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>)

**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**

- Lunch Social
- Second collection Building Fund
- Knights of Columbus collection
- Donation envelopes
- CWL meeting
- Movie nights
- Faith Formation - Discernment of Spirits
- St. Michael's Choir concert
- Clarington Concert Band:
- Catering
- St Andrew

**Lunch Social**

November 24<sup>th</sup>, after the 11 am Mass today, we will have our lunch social at 12 noon. Your choice of a sandwich (\$5) or a plate (\$10).

**Second collection Building Fund**

Next week (Nov 30<sup>th</sup> / Dec 1<sup>st</sup>) the second collection is for the maintenance of our church building as well as for the mortgage fund.

**Knights of Columbus events**

Once again, this approaching Advent Season, St. Leo the Great Parish will be collecting items for the Cornerstone Men's Hostel in Oshawa, from next weekend onwards. 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.

**Donation envelopes**

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

**CWL meeting**

CWL will have their general meeting on Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Hall.

**Movie nights**

Movie nights are now every Thursday at 7 pm in the Hall. This will be a weekly event until Christmas. On November 28<sup>th</sup> the movie will be following the book of Ruth. The Book of Ruth tells the story of a Moabite woman, Ruth, who marries an Israelite named Mahlon and becomes part of Naomi's family. Through Boaz, Ruth becomes the great-grandmother of King David and an ancestor of Jesus Christ.

**Faith Formation**

***Discernment of Spirits***

Starts November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am in the Hall.  
Fee: \$5 per participant

After our study on the background and significance of all the parts of the Mass, we will now proceed with a study on Discernment of Spirits. 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. We will be starting with an introduction on Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am in the Church Hall. 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.

### **St. Michael's Choir concert**

Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at Massey Hall, St Michael's Choir School presents 'Gloria'. A magical blend of secular and sacred choral repertoire to usher in this Christmas season. A Toronto holiday tradition, this is the Choir School's 59<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas concert, packed with exceptional works including Vivaldi's Gloria, Carol of the Bells and the Star Carol, with close to 300 voices, five choirs consisting of students and alumni taking the stage, this year's is sure to be one of the best yet.

Tickets available on [www.masseyhall.com](http://www.masseyhall.com), Promo code STARLIGHT.

### **Clarington Concert Band:**

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

The Clarington Concert Band will have their Christmas Concert in our own Church at December 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.

### **St Andrew**

Feastday: November 30

St. Andrew, also known as Andrew the Apostle, was a Christian Apostle and the older brother to St. Peter.

According to the New Testament, Andrew was born in the village of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee during the early first century. Much like his younger brother, Simon Peter, Andrew was also a fisherman. Andrew's very name means strong and he was known for having good social skills.

In the Gospel of Matthew, it is said Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee and saw Andrew and Simon Peter fishing. It is then he asked the two to become disciples and "fishers of men."

In the Gospel of Luke, Andrew is not initially named. It describes Jesus using a boat, believed to be solely Simon's, to preach to the multitudes and catch a large amount of fish on a night that originally was dry. Later, in Luke 5:7, it mentions Simon was not the only fisherman on the boat, but it is not until Luke 6:14 that there is talk of Andrew being Simon Peter's brother.

However, the Gospel of John tells a separate story, stating Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John the Baptist stated, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" It is then that Andrew and another made the decision to follow Jesus.

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels, but it is believed Andrew was one of the closer disciples to Jesus. It was he who told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes, according to John 6:8. When Philip wanted to speak to Jesus about Greeks seeking him, he spoke to Andrew first.

Per Christian tradition, Andrew went on to preach the Good News around the shores of the Black Sea and throughout what is now Greece and Turkey. He was crucified on a cross form known as "crux decussata," which is an X-shaped cross or a "saltire." Today this is commonly referred to as "St. Andrew's Cross."




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