



St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday- 9:00 am -12:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday- 9:00 am -7:00 pm

Friday- 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday- 9:00 am- 3:00 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 - Youth mass

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm or by appointment

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.

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Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

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Prayer Group: Divine Mercy Lectio Divina

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the lounge.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Please contact the parish office to register for 2022/2023. 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, December 10th	
4:30 p.m.	✠ Attilio & ✠ Maria Bianco
Sunday, December 11th	
9:00 a.m.	✠ Andrew Higgins
11:00 a.m.	Pro populo
Tuesday, December 13th	
8:30 a.m.	All souls in purgatory
Wednesday, December 14th	
7:00 p.m.	✠ Gordon and ✠ Cecile Mitchell ✠ Major General Lionel Bourgeois Elizabeth, Jonathan & Emery Martha
Thursday, December 15th	
8:30 a.m.	✠ Innocenzo & ✠ Vincenzina Mammone ✠ Attilio & ✠ Maria Tuzi
Friday, December 16th	
8:30 a.m.	✠ Davis Lett ✠ Deb McIntosh ✠ Cléo Asselin ✠ Joe Camarata ✠ Deceased members of Aloise Family
Saturday, December 17th	
4:30 p.m.	✠ Antonio Tamburro
Sunday, December 18th	
9:00 a.m.	Pro populo
11:00 a.m.	✠ Lorna George

On this week @ St. Leo The Great...

- Parish Movie Night
- Running in Haste during the Advent season
- KofC announcements
- Catholic Moms group announcement
- CWL Announcement
- Lost and found
- DeStefano Funeral Home
- Looking for a couch set
- Volunteer opportunity in parish
- Gaudete Sunday
- Christmas Candy Canes

Parish Movie Night

We are showing a Christmas Movie, 'Mary of Nazareth' on Wednesday December 14, 7.30 p.m. A reflection, and discussion to follow. Parishioners are invited to enjoy the movie and participate in the discussion.

Running in Haste during the Advent season

Advent season is the time to prepare ourselves to celebrate Christmas and grow in faith while we wait for the second glorious coming of Christ. The advent retreat 'Running in Haste during the Advent Season' helps you in this preparation. The retreat is scheduled on Saturday December 17 from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. The speaker is Rev. Edwin Gonsalves, Rector of St. Augustine's Seminary. All are invited to attend the same and grow closer to God. There will be confession following the retreat. Three priests will be available in the church to hear confessions.



Knights of Columbus

Once again, this 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.

Knight's next Breakfast is on Sunday Dec.11,2022 after the 9 a.m. and the 11 a.m. mass. All money raised from this breakfast will go to Saint Vincent de Paul.



Catholic Moms Group

MOMS YOU ARE INVITED to join St. Leo The Great Mother's Group the evening of Wednesday December 14th at 7:30pm following mass for an evening of Adoration in the Church followed by an Advent Social in the Lounge at 8pm.

Bring you little ones with you for the Mom & Tots meeting on Friday December 16th at 9am in the lounge. This is a great opportunity to go deeper in your faith life and connect with other incredible Catholic moms!

For more information email us at stleosmg@catholicmomsgroup.com.



No time to bake?

The C.W.L. will have Christmas Cookies for sale after the masses on Sat. Dec.10 and 11. Small plates \$5 and Large \$10.

Lost and Found

A child size, gold chain was found in the church recently. It is kept safely in the parish office. The owner could come to the office and claim it.

DeStefano Funeral Home

DeStefano funeral home wishes to invite you to their 'Christmas Candlelight Service', on Tuesday December 6th, 2022 at 7 p.m. at DeStefano Funeral Home Chapel. Please R.V.S.P to (905) 440-3595 or info@destefanofuneralhomes.ca

Looking for a couch set

We are looking for a couch set, second-hand/new, in good shape, for our lounge room. It is a good time to replace the old set.

Volunteer opportunity in parish

We are looking for volunteers who can maintain candles in the church. The work includes replacing cartridges of candles and tidying up candle stands. The working time is flexible, and it will be one hour/week or less. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Gaudete Sunday

What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent? For much of the Church's history, this Sunday had a special name: "*Gaudete*" Sunday. The traditions surrounding this Sunday go back as far as the fourth or fifth century, as does the season of Advent itself. Advent, our preparation for Christmas, was originally a forty-day penitential season like Lent. In fact, since it used to begin on November 12 (just after the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours), it was called "St. Martin's Lent." "*Gaudete* Sunday" was the Advent counterpart to "*Laetare* Sunday," which marks the midpoint in Lent. On *Gaudete* Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But

beginning with *Gaudete* Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on *Gaudete* Sunday and *Laetare* Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored.

The word "*Gaudete*" is Latin for "Rejoice." In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

Christmas Candy Canes

The first recorded 'candy stick' comes from 1837 at an exhibition in Massachusetts in the USA. They started as straight white sugar sticks and a few years later the red stripes were added. The first time they are documented as being called 'candy canes' comes in 1866; and their first connection to Christmas comes from 1874.

Around 1920, Bob McCormack, from Georgia, USA, started making canes for his friends and family. They became more and more popular, and he started his own business called Bob's Candies. Bob McCormack's brother-in-law, Gregory Harding Keller, who was a Catholic priest, invented the 'Keller Machine' that made turning straight candy sticks into curved candy canes automatically! In 2005, Bob's Candies was bought by Farley and Sathers but they still make candy canes!

A story, that's rather nice but probably isn't true, says that German a choirmaster, in 1670, was worried about the children sitting quietly all through the long Christmas nativity service. So, he gave them something to eat to keep them quiet! As he wanted to remind them of Christmas, he made them into a 'J' shape like a shepherd's crook, to remind them of the shepherds that visited the baby Jesus at the first Christmas.


Sometimes other Christian meanings are giving to the parts of the canes. The 'J' can also mean Jesus. The white of the cane can represent the purity of Jesus Christ and the red stripes are for the blood he shed when he died on the cross. The peppermint flavor can represent the hyssop plant that was used for purifying in the Bible. However, all these meanings were added to Candy Canes after they had become popular.


*Article taken from the website www.dphx.org and www.whychristmas.com




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