



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.

Altar Servers' Ministry

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Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Larry Hallihan

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Catholic Women's League (CWL)

President: Donna Shaddick

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Catholic Moms Group

Leaders: Anna-Lisa, Lindsay & Shannon

stleosmg@catholicmomsgroup.com

Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

Founder: Paul Ritchi

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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, January 14th

4:30 p.m. Pro populo

Sunday, January 15th

9:00 a.m. † Fortunato Molica

11:00 a.m. † Mark Hobson

Tuesday, January 17th

8:30 a.m. To end abortion

Wednesday, January 18th

7:00 p.m. † Shirley & † Peter Pecevnik

† Anthony & † Ada Wadden

† Susan & † Alex Quinn

Thursday, January 19th

8:30 a.m. † Innocenzo & † Vincenzina

Mammone

† Attilio & † Maria Tuzi

Friday, January 20th

8:30 a.m. St. Michael's Hospital,
Nursing Class of '65, Prayer Team
members

Judy & Murray McJadden

† Rufino Camarata

Saturday, January 21st

4:30 p.m. † Martin Rego

Sunday, January 22nd

9:00 a.m. † Francesco Caruso

11:00 a.m. † Deceased members of the Utrosa &
Horvat family

1st Holy Communion Sacrament 2023

Two dates for this Celebration to choose from:

1st Group (A): Sunday April 23, at 2 p.m.

2nd Group (B): Sunday April 30, at 2 p.m.

The Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

Two Masses offered on the same day for our celebrations to choose from.

1st Group (A) : Sunday May 7, at 1:00 p.m.

2nd Group (B) : Sunday May 7, at 4:00 p.m.

The registration forms for both Sacraments and the details will be uploaded to the church website stleothegreat.ca (under Sacraments), by Tuesday January 17th.

Please do not call the office or email or drop your completed form. Bring your registration form to the first session of the set date of your sacrament. You may send an email in exceptional situation for your child or youngster regarding their sacrament to the parish office at this email: office@stleothegreat.ca Also, we are looking for volunteers who can assist in sacramental preparations. If you are interested, please contact the church office.



Knights of Columbus

All are invited for the Knight's next Breakfast Sunday on January 15th, after each mass.



Catholic Women's League

- CWL Executive Meeting: Sunday, January 15, 2023, after 11 a.m. mass in the lounge
- CWL General Meeting - 3rd Sunday of the month – January 22, 2023, after 11 a.m. mass in the lounge

**Federation of North American Explorers –
The Opportunity and the Request**

FNE and Camp Endobanah (a not-for-profit camp rented to not-for-profit groups) <https://www.campendobanah.org/> is led and operated by volunteers. 100% of donations directly benefit children from all walks of life with no administrative fees or charges paid to staff or others (all positions are volunteer positions). Both the Federation of North

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

- 1st Holy Communion Sacrament 2023
- The Sacrament of Confirmation 2023
- Knights of Columbus Announcement
- CWL Announcement
- FNE– The Opportunity and the Request
- Salvation-New Life in Christ
- St. Augustine's Seminary
- Saint Sebastian
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American Explorers and Camp Endobanah are registered charities and issue income tax receipts for donations on request. Come and invest in the future of our society, church, community and families by donating.

How to donate:

- Donation check or bank draft payable to FNE Explorers for FNE program support
- Tax receipts will be issued by both or either party.

Please contact Paul Ritchi at 416-435-6593 or by email at paul.ritch@gmail.com for more information.

Salvation-New Life in Christ

A 10 part video study program by Scripture scholar and theologian Michael Patrick Barber, providing a thorough, deeply catholic, and deeply biblical meaning of ‘*Salvation*’ is arranged from Thursday, January 19, 2023 7 p.m. - Thursday, March 23, 2023 9 a.m. at St. Gertrude’s Parish hall, Oshawa.

For details visit <https://stgertrudesos.archtoronto.org/> or call 905-925-9871

St. Augustine’s Seminary

A special event for young adults ages 18-35, in collaboration with the Office of Catholic Youth Spiritus ministries, ‘The Cross at Work’ will be hosted at St. Augustine’s Seminary on January 21st from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. This is an in-person event presented by Fr. Michael Corpus and includes Mass in the Seminary chapel and lunch. For registration and info: www.staugustines.on.ca/events.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2023

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe St., Toronto, ON, M5J 1W9) on Sunday, January 22, 2023 4:00p.m. This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Toronto’s Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

Saint Sebastian

Feast Day: January 20

Almost nothing is historically certain about Sebastian except that he was a Roman martyr, was venerated in Milan even in the time of Saint Ambrose and was buried on the Appian Way, probably near the present Basilica of St. Sebastian. Devotion to him spread rapidly, and he is mentioned in several martyrologies as early as 350.

The legend of Saint Sebastian is important in art, and there is a vast iconography. Scholars now agree that a pious fable has Sebastian entering the Roman army because only there could he assist the martyrs without arousing suspicion. Finally he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. His body was pierced with arrows, and he was left for dead. But he was found still alive by those who came to bury him. He recovered, but refused to flee.

One day he took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He accosted the emperor, denouncing him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. He was buried on the Appian Way, close to the catacombs that bear his name.



Reflection

The fact that many of the early saints made such a tremendous impression on the Church—awakening widespread devotion and great praise from the greatest writers of the Church—is proof of the heroism of their lives. As has been said, legends may not be literally true. Yet they may express the very substance of the faith and courage evident in the lives of these heroes and heroines of Christ.

Saint Sebastian is the Patron Saint of: Athletes

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Isaiah 41:10


“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.”




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