



St. Leo The Great

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OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday & Thursday 8 am to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday by appointment only.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (followed by 8:30 a.m. Mass)

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Youth Mass

Sunday 9:00 a.m. (with Children's Liturgy JK, SK, Grade 1 & 2) & 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please download the Baptism Information Kit and Registration Form from the parish website, www.stleothegreat.ca

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you contact your parish priest at least one year in advance of the planned date of your wedding and that you participate in a marriage preparation course. 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.

LOCAL HOSPITALS AND EMERGENCY PASTORAL VISITATION

If you or someone in your family is in the Oshawa, Whitby or Port Perry Hospitals and would like to have a priest (for serious reasons) visit the person who is sick for Anointing of the Sick, Last Rites, Confession or Communion, please note that there is a full-time Catholic Priest assigned to these three hospitals at various times of the week. Simply ask hospital staff to inquire as to whether *Hospital Chaplain* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If the Hospital Chaplain is not available and there is an emergency requiring a Catholic priest, please call St. Leo the Great Parish at 905-655-3286 and when prompted, press "8" and leave your message. Fr. Mounir will receive your message (if he is available) and return your call. If there is no emergency but you would like to speak to Fr. Mounir, please call the parish office and leave a message with the parish secretary at 905-655-3286 ext. 1001.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



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' (Joseph Ratzinger, *Jesus of Nazareth*, Bloomsbury 2007, p 18).

--Excerpted from the [Congregation for the Clergy](#)

Marriage Preparation Classes

St. John the Evangelist will provide a Marriage Preparation Course on six Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm beginning Thursday January 20th through to Thursday February 24, 2022 ONLINE VIA ZOOM. The course cost is \$200 per couple. Please contact Vicki at 905-668-3676.

2022 Envelopes

2022 envelopes are available in the vestibule. Please ensure you put your name and address on the first 3 envelopes beginning with January 1st, 2022. All those with pre-authorized giving are asked to pick up envelopes as not all collections are covered by your pre-authorized giving.

Please do not use envelopes from previous years.

We appreciate your financial support and thank you for your ongoing generosity!



Welcome Marlo!

Marlo our Saturday musician has been playing keyboards for over 40 years

- he has entertained throughout the years for many functions including Dj for weddings etc...

- he is a full time RN and has been entertaining patients often on his shifts at the hospital

- he is honoured to be accepted by the church and his friend George at the Saturday Choir

Thank you so much for this opportunity to do good work for our God and Father. Sincerely Marlo.



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, January 8th

8:30 a.m.

4:30 p.m. Pro populo

Sunday, January 9th

9:00 a.m. Deceased members of KofC

11:00 a.m. † Tony Vonk

Tuesday, January 11th

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Sonia Palencia

Wednesday, January 12th

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Sonia Palencia

Intentions of the Frank Family

† Basil Cultrera

† James Devlin

Thursday, January 13th

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Anna Maria Tuzi & Benedetto Tuzi

Friday, January 14th

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Sonia Palencia

Intentions of Angela Meagher

All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 15th

4:30 p.m. † Joyce & Nroman Gay

Sunday, January 16th

9:00 a.m. † Francesco Caruso

11:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Leo the Great

St. Leo Knights of Columbus wishes to have the following Deceased Council Members remembered, and to extend appreciation to their families at the 9:00 A.M. Mass on January 9, 2022

Lou Kennelly

Paul Gwen

Father Maloney

Edward Conboy

Brian MacKinnon

Tony Vonk

Harold Forbes

Joseph Bodja

Lou Regimbal

Paul Ponce de Leon

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