

St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Closed for Lunch from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Friday Office Closed.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.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 *Father Pius Alejo* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If Father Pius Alejo 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. Charles 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. Charles, please call the parish office and leave a message with the parish secretary at 905-655-3286 x 101.

Last Sunday Gospel (I reflected on the pain of the dark history of the residential schools and my proposed response):

July 9, 2021 (Statement from our Archdiocese)

Dear friends of the Archdiocese of Toronto,

Over the past several weeks, there has been a painful national conversation on the tragic history of residential schools in Canada. The role of the Catholic Church in the residential school system has been a central part of that discussion. We acknowledge the terrible suffering that took place and condemn the system, established by the federal government and operated by faith communities, which separated children, often forcibly, from their parents and attempted to strip away their language, culture and identity. The Catholic Church must continue to atone for our involvement in this dark history. It is undeniable that some Catholic teachers (priests, religious men and women and lay staff) entrusted to care for children at residential schools assaulted the dignity of the students through mistreatment, neglect and abuse.

A recent poll suggested that only 10% of Canadians have a thorough understanding of the history of residential schools. We also know that many Catholics have asked for additional information, unsure of this history and wondering how to respond when asked about it. In addition to resources like the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report](#), we have prepared a webpage at: www.archtoronto.org/residentialschools with numerous resources, links and information. We encourage you to access our latest document, "[Background for Catholics – Residential Schools](#)", which provides answers to eight frequently asked questions on recent topics of discussion.

We'd also like to make you aware of the following recent developments:

- On June 29, 2021, it was announced that a delegation of Indigenous Elders/Knowledge Keepers, residential school survivors and youth from across the country will meet with Pope Francis from December 17-20 at the Vatican. There will be

four days of meetings – focused on encounters with First Nations, Métis and Inuit participants – as well as a final audience with all delegates coming together on December 20, 2021. Pope Francis is deeply committed to hearing directly from Indigenous Peoples, expressing his heartfelt closeness, addressing the impact of colonization and the role of the Church in the residential school system, in the hopes of responding to the suffering of Indigenous Peoples and the ongoing effects of intergenerational trauma.

- We have received numerous inquiries regarding financial support related to residential schools. A more detailed response on the settlement process, what has been paid and where we have fallen short, can be found in the latest "[Background for Catholics – Residential Schools](#)" document. Currently, dioceses across the country, including the Archdiocese of Toronto, are in discussions to determine how to best engage in a renewed financial effort to meet the goal of the \$25 million "best efforts" campaign. In addition, the archdiocese is developing a series of pastoral initiatives, with Indigenous participation, to engage parishioners and the broader community in a continued journey of prayer, listening and dialogue as part of ongoing reconciliation efforts. We look forward to sharing more information with you on these plans in the days ahead.

Together We Pray: "For the children who died in residential schools throughout Canada and for all those who continue on a journey through the darkness, that there may be healing founded on truth and that the Spirit will inspire our ongoing commitment to reconciliation.

God, through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, continue to offer us correction so that your grace might change and transform us in our weakness and repentance.

Give us humility to listen when others reveal how we have failed and courage to love others as ourselves, mindful of your love for the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Amen."

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.

Thomas Collins

Archbishop of Toronto

Today's 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

From the gospel: *"take nothing for your journey except a staff...any place that will not welcome you ... shake off the dust of your feet as a testimony for them."*

Jesus telling his disciples, never to worry about results or reward in their labour. They should not be discouraged when rejected. It is not the apostle that is rejected but it is God's message.

The Lord commanded the apostles to rely totally on him for everything.

In our life as Christians, we do good not because we judge that someone deserves it or not, but because we want to love as God loves. We forgive because He calls us to forgive, and we care because God cares for all people. We do such things as loving, caring, encouraging, complementing, and giving generously because God calls us to love. We do all these things for the highest good which is honoring God and the salvation of souls. Our daily activities and life either participate in spreading the light of God or his opposite - darkness. Each one of us has to choose. God rewards all who act as a good steward of his goodness. A disciple should never miss an opportunity to love or serve, especially when we receive a nudge/prompt (in our hearts or from someone) to care, because in these we imitate Jesus who is continuously serving us and stands as our advocate with the Father. Amen.

Announcements:

1- Confirmation and 1st Communion Celebrations are being booked for those who have registered and prepared for the sacrament (online). We have set up separate Celebrations for these sacraments. There will be music ministry as part of our celebration. For confirmations please attend the night before your sacrament date for a recap, and confessions.

2- There is no capacity limit for places of worship. However, physical distancing of 2 metres (6 ft.) is still required between parishioners attending Mass who are not from the same household. Due to the physical distancing requirement, most churches will not realize any significant increase in capacity. This is in keeping with worship safe space environment.

3- Church office is now open Tuesday and Thursday: 8 – 12, and 1 – 4pm. Use the intercom at the side door in order to enter the office. It is preferable if you have an appointment.

4- Baptisms are now booked for 1pm every 2nd Sunday. Please check with the office as to when our next celebration is.

FR. MOUNIR EL-RASSI

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, July 17th

4:30 p.m. † Thomas Hyman

Sunday, July 18th

9:00 a.m. † Fred Molica

11:00 a.m. † Vincent Corvinelli

Tuesday, July 20th

8:30 a.m. † Marie & Frank O'Donnell

Wednesday, July 21st

8:30 a.m. † Mary Claire Knapp

Thursday, July 22nd

8:30 a.m. available

Friday, July 23rd

8:30 a.m. † Innovenzo Mammone

Saturday, July 24th

4:30 p.m. † Steven Closs

Sunday, July 25th

9:00 a.m. † Tom Tangie

11:00 a.m. † Frank O'Neil



We are currently looking for a **Baptismal Coordinator**. If you would like to serve the parish in this capacity, please talk to Father Mounir after Mass or call the parish office.

We would like to extend our enormous gratitude to Mrs. Brenda Beriault who served as a Baptismal Coordinator for many, many years.

MASS INTENTIONS

We have many weekday Masses open for intention bookings. Please call, email or visit the Parish Office if you would like to book a Mass intention or if you would like to dedicate the sanctuary lamp for a special intention.




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