



St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

CORPUS CHRISTI

After several years of dedicated service, Magda Nowak has decided to step down from her post as Office manager for our Parish. She and her family will be remaining with us as parishioners. Magda, we extend our heartfelt thanks for all you have done to support our parish.

Please join me in welcoming our new Office Manager, Gianella Lazaro. She has been a parishioner here at St. Leo the Great all her life. She's excited to have the opportunity to be more involved in the church now. We look forward to getting to know our new staff member and she is excited to be working with our groups and parishioners. Stop by and say hello.

Dear Friends,

As many of you might have already heard this past Sunday, I have resigned (not retired ;-)) from my position as an Office Administrator at St. Leo the Great and my last day will be June 21st. This decision has not been an easy one, believe me.

It has been an indisputable privilege to work for the Church at the parish level and the exposure parish office life brings as it is the frontline and face of the parish to all those who have reason to come to it. I have consoled those who came filled with grief over a family or life situation and was able to offer them a hug and a listening ear. Parishioners shared with me their joys and stories amidst my office work and daily tasks, and I loved this Catholic, human interaction with people in all manner of situations. The ability to go into the church and say a prayer throughout the day has only served to enhance my relationship with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament in the intimacy and quiet of this holy place. And I have loved serving parishioners and working with volunteers, musicians, those in parish ministry, groups: KofC, CWL, CMG, SVDP, our local schools, funeral homes and the many people who on a daily basis present themselves at the parish office window for many and varied things. I loved it.

I adored being 'mama' Magda, as they called me, to our NET teams. I am still in touch with many of them. I will forever be grateful to Father Charles Forget for trusting me to run the office and minister to you, our parishioners.

I would like to thank you from the depth of my heart for all your prayers, help, support, and words of encouragement through all those years.

I wouldn't be able to do all that office administrator is responsible for without the help of volunteers – Rosemary White who came regularly to the office to help with sacraments and sacramental record keeping and anything I needed help with, Cathy Duncan who was here through the lockdown counting your generous donations and organizing reopening of the church and being involved in so many other ministries, Geraldine Sullivan who taught me bookkeeping and covered for me whenever I was away, GERALYN & Frank Thornhill who were always willing to step in whenever I needed help and Kevin Coughlin who always assisted with any construction/building related projects. And all other volunteers that helped me in the office.

I will carry with me all the memories to wherever God will lead me. I will be taking the summer off to recuperate and spend more time with my family and will look for new work opportunities in the fall.

Please extend your welcome to Gianella, our new Office Administrator. She is a wonderful and very joyful young woman and is looking forward to meeting you and serving our parish community.

May God continue to bless you like He blessed me with your presence in my life. If I've done any wrong, please forgive me, if I was able to help you, then Glory be to God for using me as his instrument.

Thank you and God bless.

Magda

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday from 9 am to noon.

Church open for private prayer

Monday – Thursday from 8 am to noon and 1 to 4 pm

Friday from 8 am to noon

Thank You

On behalf of the many groups and services at St. Leo the Great, we wish to thank each and every one of the many volunteers and the parishioners who supported and attended the Welcome Home BBQ.

Together we served over three hundred members and raised \$1,265.00 for St. Vincent de Paul, Feed the Need Durham and the FNE of St. Leo the Great Parish.



MASS INTENTIONS

OF THE WEEK

Saturday, June 18th

4:30 p.m. † Rodrigo Nieto & Jose Reyes

Sunday, June 19th

9:00 a.m. † Lloyd Buggie

11:00 a.m. † Francesco & Tomasina Parente

Tuesday, June 21st

9:00 a.m. St. John Paul II School Mass
† Andrew Higgins

Wednesday, June 22nd

7:00 p.m. † Joe Camarata

† Micheal Murray

† Thomas Passafiume

Thursday, June 23rd

8:30 a.m. To end abortion

Friday, June 24th

8:30 a.m. † Sergio Gouveia

† Thomas Passafiume

Saturday, June 25th

4:30 p.m. † Patrick Sullivan

Sunday, June 26th

9:00 a.m. † Franc Skerlj

11:00 a.m. † Patrick Sullivan

Please note that the morning Mass on Tuesday, June 21 has been **moved to 9 am** and St. John Paul II School will be joining us.

YOUTH NIGHTS

We will be wrapping up our movie nights for the summer break with a games and pizza night on Tuesday, June 21 at 6:30-8:00. All youth are welcome to join us. Enter through Carson St.

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Please visit the FNE website at www.fneexplorers.com or contact the General Commissioner and Founder Paul Ritchi at paul.ritchi@gmail.com or call 416-435-6593 for more information.

The Story Behind the Feast of Corpus Christi

by Gretchen Filz

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, historically known by its Latin name, Corpus Christi, celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It is traditionally celebrated on the Thursday following the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. The feast dates to the Middle Ages and originated with a visionary nun and a Eucharistic miracle.

THE STORY

In 1263 a German priest, Fr. Peter of Prague, made a pilgrimage to Rome. He stopped in Bolsena, Italy, to celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Christina. At the time he was having doubts about Jesus being truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. He was affected by the growing debate among certain theologians who, for the first time in the history of the Church, began introducing doubts about the Body and Blood of Christ being actually present in the consecrated bread and wine. In response to his doubt, when he recited the prayer of consecration as he celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, blood started seeping from the consecrated host and onto the altar and corporal.

Fr. Peter reported this miracle to Pope Urban IV, who at the time was nearby in Orvieto. The pope sent delegates to investigate and ordered that host and blood-stained corporal be brought to Orvieto. The relics were then placed in the Cathedral of Orvieto, where they remain today (see photo below).

This Eucharistic Miracle confirmed the visions given to St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon in Belgium (1193-1258). St. Juliana was a nun and mystic who had a series of visions in which she was instructed by Our Lord to work to establish a liturgical feast for the Holy Eucharist, to which she had a great devotion.

After many years of trying, she finally convinced the bishop, the future Pope Urban IV, to create this special feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, where none had existed before. Soon after her death, Pope Urban instituted Corpus Christi for the Universal Church and celebrated it for the first time in Orvieto in 1264, a year after the Eucharistic Miracle in Bolsena.

Inspired by the miracle, Pope Urban commissioned a Dominican friar, St. Thomas Aquinas, to compose the Mass and Office for the feast of Corpus Christi. Aquinas' hymns in honor of the Holy Eucharist, Pange Lingua, Tantum Ergo, Panis Angelicus, and O Salutaris Hostia are the beloved hymns the Church sings on the feast of Corpus Christi as well as throughout the year during Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.




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