



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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE
ANNUNCIATION
OF THE LORD

March 25th



The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God’s plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God’s decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God’s instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God’s grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God’s grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become.

She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

Reflection

Sometimes spiritual writers are accused of putting Mary on a pedestal and thereby, discouraging ordinary humans from imitating her. Perhaps such an observation is misguided. God did put Mary on a pedestal and has put all human beings on a pedestal. We have scarcely begun to realize the magnificence of divine grace, the wonder of God’s freely given love. The marvel of Mary—even in the midst of her very ordinary life—is God’s shout to us to wake up to the marvelous creatures that we all are by divine design.



Attention all youth!

We will resume our movie nights starting Tuesday April 12 at 6:30-8:00. Come join us in the parish hall, for the

Chosen Series, popcorn and a chance to socialize with other youth.

Lenten Schedule

- Rosary before Daily Mass
- Stations of the Cross after Daily Mass
- Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:30 pm
- Adoration on Fridays from 10 am to noon
- The church is open for private prayer Monday to Thursday from 8 am to noon and from 1 – 4 pm, Friday from 8 am – noon. Please enter through the front doors.



We are looking for new altar servers!

If you are in grade 2 and have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion and you would like to serve the church in this special ministry, we would love to have you! If you are interested in joining this ministry, please speak to Fr. Mounir after Mass or email the office.



MASS INTENTIONS

OF THE WEEK

Saturday, March 26th

4:30 p.m. † Frank Skerlj

Sunday, March 27th

9:00 a.m. † Horacio Arruda

11:00 a.m. † Sylvia Long

Tuesday, March 29th

8:30 a.m. Deceased members of St. Leo the Great Parish

Wednesday, March 30th

8:30 a.m. † Innocenzo & Vincenzina Mammone

† Attilio & Maria Tuzi

† Patrick Sullivan

† Andrew Higgins

7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 31st

8:30 a.m. † Rodney Dubrovskis

Friday, April 1st

8:30 a.m. † Intentions of Ed Fox

All Souls in Purgatory

† Martin Rego

Saturday, April 2nd

8:30 a.m. Pro populo

4:30 p.m. † Attilio Tuzi

Sunday, April 3rd

9:00 a.m. † Mary Fox

11:00 a.m. † Madge St. Denis



Fill Up & Find Out

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Breakfast is back at St. Leo's on **Sunday April 3** after the 9am and 11am masses. Fill up your family with tasty pancakes (and other goodies) and find out all inside information about our organization that is the Knights of Columbus. We are spilling all the beans, as you enjoy fresh baked beans. We are getting to the meat of the organization, as you devour golden brown sausages. We are providing all the juicy topics, as you wash down your meal with apple and orange juice. Hope to see you there. Also, for all current Knights, we will be having our General Meeting on Monday April 4 730. This will be our first get together, in person, since Covid hit. Looking forward to seeing everyone back at the Church Hall

Call for nominations

Distinguished Catholic Alumni Award

The Distinguished Catholic Alumni Award recognizes former students of the Durham Catholic District School Board who have achieved significant success in their chosen pathway. Through their pursuit of personal excellence, they have made a positive contribution to their communities and represent the image of the Catholic learner as outlined in the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations.

To be eligible for this award, the nominee must meet the following criteria:

- The nominee is a former student of the Durham Catholic District School Board
- The nominee has distinguished herself/himself through service or accomplishments or career
- The nominee reflects the characteristics of the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations:
- A Discerning Believer Formed in the Catholic Faith Community
 - An Effective Communicator
 - A Reflective and Creative Thinker
 - A Lifelong Learner
 - A Collaborative Contribution
 - A Caring Family Member
 - A Responsible Citizen

Recipients of the Distinguished Catholic Alumni Award will be recommended to the Senior Administrative Council of the Durham Catholic District School Board, chaired by the Director of Education, for consideration. Visit dcdsb.ca/distinguishedcatholicalumni to complete a nomination form by April 8, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.



This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

“Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it’s crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part.” – Cardinal Thomas Collins

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