



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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

From: Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

"Beginning on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, capacity limits at our churches, including physical distancing requirements, will be removed. Masks will continue to be worn in our churches until directed otherwise by medical and health officials (as throughout the pandemic some limited medical exemptions may apply)...

It is providential that we have reached this point where these restrictions can be removed at the beginning of Lent. This time of preparation for Easter is an ideal moment for parishes to undertake special efforts to welcome the faithful home once again.

The Eucharist remains the source and summit of our life in Christ. For Christians, participation in the Sunday Eucharist is the central experience of the week, and that is the foundation for the obligation of every Catholic to be personally present at Mass every Sunday. Of course, if there is a legitimate reason (such as being sick) this obligation does not apply... But as the restrictions are lifted, now is the time to encourage Catholics to return to physical presence at Sunday Mass, if not impeded for a legitimate reason, in keeping with our basic Sunday obligation as Catholics.

Thank you again for your patience and dedication to fostering a safe environment over the past two years. Please know of my ongoing support and profound gratitude for all that you continue to do."

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Thomas Card. Collins

Lent season is here. We all are called to enter deeper in union with God, through prayers, fasting, abstaining, and various devotions. I encourage you to take advantage of the Stations of the Cross after each weekday morning Mass at our parish. The Rosary before Mass and the Stations after Mass, will be offered for our parish family, and in a special way, for the conflict and war in Ukraine; we come together to pray for peace.

In addition, and in order to make further times for prayer, **our Parish will open its doors Monday to Thursday from 8am - 12 Noon and from 1 - 4pm; Friday 8am - 12 Noon. The main front door of the church will be open for private prayers and visitations to our Parish. These times are also the office hours (from the side door) for our parish, unless it is stated or posted otherwise.**

Once our parish is finished with preparation and celebrations of the Sacraments for our children, our Wednesday 7pm will be in start for all who are not able to attend the morning Mass on March 30, 2022. (this is the conclusion of our survey for Mass times and options that were offered to our parish community). During lent both morning and evening Mass will be in place until Easter. After Easter, only the evening Mass will stay and it will replace the morning Mass. Wednesday also will be an appropriate day to add prayers to our Lady of Perpetual help. Please share the news of the lifting of restrictions, such as no distancing and no limits on numbers in our parish with others (you may want to pass on the bulletin to neighbours or loved one's). This is a time, for all of us, to encourage others to come back to Church, especially those who were concerned and have stayed away over legitimate health reasons through this past pandemic.

Sincerely Yours

FR. MOUNIR EL-RASSI



MASS INTENTIONS

OF THE WEEK

Saturday, March 5th

8:30 a.m. † Rafael Bravo & James Mullaney
4:30 p.m. † Stephen Jakabfy

Sunday, March 6th

9:00 a.m. † Tomasina & Franceso Parente
11:00 a.m. Pro populo

Tuesday, March 8th

8:30 a.m. † Isabel Isakiewicz

Wednesday, March 9th

8:30 a.m. † Pedro & Zelia Pacheco
† Shannon Frank
Intentions of Olga Horazak

Thursday, March 10th

8:30 a.m. Victims of abortion

Friday, March 11th

8:30 a.m. † Amaka Okonji
Intentions of the Frank Family

Saturday, March 12th

4:30 p.m. † Madge St. Denis

Sunday, March 13th

9:00 a.m. † Patricia Tierney
11:00 a.m. † Sylvia Long

Stations of the Cross

led by lay ministers

Friday nights at 7:30 pm

thank you

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their donation to replat our two chalices.

Thank you to the CWL for their contribution towards gifts for our First Communion and Confirmation Children

Thank you for parents, teachers, catechists and all who participated in First Communion.

Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief

Ukraine has been plunged into war after the Russian military invaded the country last week, resulting in widespread violence and a looming humanitarian crisis. In response to the request of parishioners, the Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a humanitarian relief effort to help the Ukrainian people at this time.

Hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian civilians have already fled their homes and are trying to find shelter in neighbouring countries. The United Nations estimates that there could eventually be up to five million Ukrainian refugees, depending on how the war transpires.

Pope Francis has called on the faithful to make Ash Wednesday (March 2, 2022) a day of prayer and fasting for peace in Ukraine. On that day – and the days that follow – a donation to help Ukrainians who are suffering due to this war would be a most appreciated gift.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will channel donations to support the Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). CNEWA is a papal agency with a long history of humanitarian relief; it is currently working in Eastern Europe, providing Ukrainians with food, shelter, medicine and transportation to safe locations. ORAT is Canada's largest private Sponsorship Agreement Holder, which helps bring hundreds of newcomers to our country each year; it will use donations to bring Ukrainian refugees to Canada as soon as possible.

Your donation will help Ukrainians who are beset by violence in Eastern Europe and it will help some of them find a new home in Canada.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org

- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
Name of Parish – Ukrainian Relief – Humanitarian Relief

Please continue to pray for the Ukrainian people and all those who suffer under the human tragedy of war. Thank you for your continued assistance.


The Knights of Columbus General Meeting is on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7:30 pm on line the link will be sent to all Knights.




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