

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Five minutes devotions before daily Mass:

- Tuesday - Devotion to St. Leo the Great
- Wednesday - Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
- Friday - Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

You will find the prayer cards for these devotions at the back of the church for your use.

Wednesday 7:35pm Prayer Cenacle:

Spiritually satiate your appetite for prayer and meditation after the Wednesday evening Mass (7pm). It is the "Divine Mercy, Lectio Divina" Prayer Cenacle led by fr. Mounir. It starts with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a reading from the diary of St. Faustina, and free sharing of your thoughts around the table on the reading; this is followed by the reading of the coming Sunday gospel and a sharing on it amongst the group members. We close with a prayer of conseration (1 hour total time). There is no registration for this prayer group. Everyone is invited and is welcome to join the Prayer Cenacle. This meeting takes place at our parish hall right after the Wednesday evening Mass.

Candles play an important role in the Catholic Church and their origins go back centuries:

"The symbolism of light has long been used in religious practice, as well as the general usage of candles. In Judaism, a perpetual light was kept burning in the Temple and synagogues to show the presence of God. Candles were also used in Roman pagan culture for religious and military processions, showing the divine favour and presence of the gods.

Christians adapted the use of lit candles for Mass, liturgical processions, evening prayer ceremonies, funeral processions, and to show reverence to the Blessed Sacrament. It is also likely that candles or oil lamps were burned at the tombs of the saints, particularly martyrs.

In the Catholic church, light has always had a special significance because it represents Christ. We know that Jesus called himself the light of the world. Additionally, St. John's Gospel connects Christ with the imagery of light in John 1:4: "In him was life; and the life was the light of men."

With this in mind, we understand why, during the Sacrament of Baptism, the priest presents a candle, which was lit from the Paschal candle, and tells the newly baptized to receive the light of Christ. And at Easter, the Paschal candle is lit as a sign of the risen light of Christ. It cannot be put out, and shines into the world as a symbol of hope and love.

On Baptism from the Catechism of the Catholic Church we read: 1243 "The white garment symbolizes that the person baptized has "put on Christ," has risen with Christ. The *candle*, lit from the Easter candle, signifies that Christ has enlightened the neophyte. In him the baptized are "the light of the world." The newly baptized is now, in the only Son, a child of God entitled to say the prayer of the children of God: "Our Father."

In our churches today, we light candles before a statue or sacred image of our Lord or a saint. The light signifies our prayer, which is offered in faith, entering the light of God. It also shows reverence and our desire to remain present in prayer even as we continue on our day.

Burning votive candles are a common sight in most Catholic churches. These candles are seen as an offering that indicates we are seeking some favour from the Lord or the saint before which the votive is placed. Vigil lights are another type of candles burned, and these are typically accompanied by prayers of attention or waiting.

Often, a coin box or basket is located near these candles where the faithful can leave donations to pay for the candles. While this isn't expected of the poor, those who are able should consider leaving a small donation to offset the cost.

Lighting a candle for someone is a way to both extend your prayers and show solidarity with the person the prayer is being made on behalf of. The faithful also light candles as a sign of gratitude to God for answered prayers.

Many of these candles are traditionally made of beeswax, and there is a reason for this. Worker bees who gather nectar from flowers do not play a part in the reproduction of the species. Reproduction is left to the queen bee and drone bees. The virgin worker bees dedicate their lives to the creation of this wax and represent Our Lady, the virgin mother who gave birth to Christ. The pure beeswax also represents Christ's pure flesh.

In addition to the vigil and votive varieties, candles are used in many other ways...

Altar candles have been used in Masses since at least the 12th century. These candles remind us of the many persecuted Christians in the first centuries who secretly celebrated Mass at night or in the catacombs by candlelight." This article above is accredited to www.mercyhome.org

In our Parish at St. Leo the Great, we have votive candles available (3 day candle – donation \$5/per candle), and we have tapers made from purely beeswax (1 hour candle – donation \$1/per candle) to light / take home.



St. Leo's Knights of Columbus golf tournament. Saturday June 4th at Oshawa Airport golf club

\$65 each, includes golf, one free beverage, a pizza lunch and prizes after

First tee time 8.10am and every ten minutes after that. Carts are extra, \$18 each. If you want a cart call the course at least a week prior to the date and book one.

To register call Gerry Hanley #905 409 0733 or email gerryhanley18@gmail.com or Larry Hallihan at 416 795 4501



Saturday, May 21st

4:30 p.m. Intentions of Anna Maria & Benedetto Tuzi
& Veronica & Christopher Duarte

Sunday, May 22nd

9:00 a.m. Pro populo
11:00 a.m. † Luigi Giardullo

Tuesday, May 24th

8:30 a.m. † Patrick Sullivan
† Tsang Hun Kwan

Wednesday, May 25th

7:00 p.m. † Isabella Jardim
† Adele Esterina Giardullo
† Ivan Krizmanic
Intentions of Sonja Joknjic
Intentions of Nadia Kanakis

Thursday, May 26th

8:30 a.m. Deceased family members of Anna Maria
Mammone

Friday, May 27th

8:30 a.m. † Patrick Aranha

Saturday, May 28th

4:30 p.m. † Felisa De Leon

Sunday, May 29th

9:00 a.m. † Waclaw & Stanislaw Helleniak
11:00 a.m. † Stan Baturensky

Parish Financial Statement

2021 Parish Financial statement is available in the vestibule. If you have any questions for our Finance Council, please send an email to office@stleothegreat.ca

Spring Fashion Show

St. Leo's CWL will be holding a **Spring Fashion Show** (lunch included) on Saturday, May 28 from noon - 3:00 featuring clothing from Humphrey's Boutique in Brooklin and some of your favorite vendors. Some of our members will be modelling so we hope to see you there. Tickets are \$20 each and will be available after the masses or you can contact Donna Shaddick at dmsaddick@gmail.com

**Coming soon to St. Leo the Great Parish
– an exciting Youth Movement**

The Federation of North American Explorers (FNE Explorers) offers a unique, potentially positive life-changing experience for the young and the not so young who choose to join the FNE family. There are many challenges and distractions that we face as families and as individuals to stay

true to the teachings of Jesus through our church within secular society. FNE can help our youth uniquely and excitingly.



We help support parental efforts to raise responsible, loving, caring, happy Christ-centered children. We help support the whole child's development from a spiritual, social, educational, environmental, and physical perspective. The program actively delivers results by embracing five primary goals:

First – FNE undertakes concrete program activities by learning practical skills used in everyday life, such as cooking, using tools, using your hands to build things, and some basic engineering techniques.

Second – FNE develops a sense of character by learning what it means to make and keep a promise, be honourable through your FNE promise and law, and be reliable and trustworthy.

Third – FNE provides service to help others, even those we perhaps do not like, to see Jesus in them. We visit seniors to sing for them, help a younger member master a particular skill, or rake leaves for senior citizens in the fall.

Fourth – FNE promotes personal health, getting outside, running, playing, camping, swimming, cycling, physically enduring a challenging hike, and getting away from our electronic leashes and trappings.

Fifth – FNE is truly a Catholic faith movement, with God – Jesus in the centre of our very being. Our youth live and grow in their faith; we strive to help them become an ordinary saint in their lifetime. We embrace the sacraments; we offer opportunities for retreats and even international pilgrimages from time to time.

We have single-gender programs in four typical age groupings; Otters ages 6 and 7, Timberwolves ages 8 to 12, and Explorers ages 12.5 to 16. At St. Leo the Great, we will initially start with Timberwolves for boys ages 8 to 12. More information will follow after the Masses on June 4 and 5. To learn more now, please visit the FNE website at www.fneexplorers.com or email the General Commissioner and Founder Paul Ritchi at paul.ritchi@gmail.com




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