

# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Office Hours

Monday- 9:00 am -12:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday- 9:00 am -7:00 pm

Friday- 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday- 9:00 am- 3:00 pm

### Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 8:30 am

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

First Saturday: 8:30 am

### Church Doors During the Day Open

Check our parish website or parish doors for the schedule.

### Benediction and Adoration of the Eucharist

Friday: 9:00 am to 10:00 am

### Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm - Youth mass

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm or by appointment

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please download the Baptism Information form from parish website and follow the instructions.

### Sacrament of Marriage

The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you contact your parish priest at least one year in advance. 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.

### Altar Servers' Ministry

Tony Pham: tuanphamca@yahoo.ca

### Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Larry Hallihan

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### Catholic Women's League (CWL)

President: Donna Shaddick

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### Catholic Moms Group

Leaders: Anna-Lisa, Lindsay & Shannon

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### Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

Founder: Paul Ritchi

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416-435-6593

### Prayer Group: Divine Mercy Lectio Divina

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the lounge.

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Please contact the parish office to register for 2022/2023. The program runs from September to April on a weekly basis.

### Local Hospitals & Emergency Pastoral Visits

There is a full-time Catholic priest assigned to these three hospitals at various times of the week: Oshawa, Whitby and Port Perry. Simply ask hospital staff to inquire as to whether Hospital Chaplain is present in the hospital or when he will be. If there is an emergency, please call St. Leo the Great Parish at 905-655-3286, ext.8

  
**MASS INTENTIONS**  
 OF THE WEEK

**A word of Gratitude...**

On behalf of our parish community, many thanks to each and everyone, who attended the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of our parish and made it a success. Especially, our gratitude to the KofC for covering the cost of the prayer cards and the wonderful breakfast, the CWL for their assistance in hosting and for Leslie David for the delicious and beautiful homemade cake. Congratulations to the success of the CWL for hosting the Vendor's fair, which in turn supported many local businesses.



**2023 Offertory Envelopes and missals**

Parishioners are requested not to use 2023 offertory envelopes in 2022. You can still make donations using a blank envelope with your name and address or use the pink envelopes available at the church entrance/welcome center.

The parishioners those who have not picked up their offertory envelopes for the year 2023, may do so after the Saturday and the Sunday masses. The people who do PAG can also pick up their special collection envelopes' box.

The 2023 Missals are also available for purchase for \$5.00. The missals are available at the Welcome Center in the Vestibule. Please help yourself.

**Volunteer Screening**

We would like to do the screening for the volunteers associated with the Children's Liturgy. Those volunteers are requested to contact the parish office for further details.

***Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>***

4:30 p.m. † Adele Giardullo

***Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>***

9:00 a.m. † Deceased members of KofC and their families

† Leonard Hallihan

11:00 a.m. Pro populo

***Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>***

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

† Attilio & † Maria Tuzi

***Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>***

7:00 p.m. † Mark Mason

† Fr. Joe T Culliton, CSB

***Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>***

8:30 a.m. † Deceased family members of Benedetto Tuzi

***Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>***

8:30 a.m. Anna Maria & Benedetto Tuzi  
Veronica & Christopher Duarte

† Madelaine Vonk

***Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>***

4:30 p.m. † Antero Reyes and † Rosalia Reyes

***Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>***

9:00 a.m. Pro populo

11:00 a.m. † Armenio Medeiros

† All souls in purgatory

**On this week @ St. Leo The Great...**

- St. Leo's Memorial Book
- Thank you note for our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- 2023 offertory envelopes/2023 Missals
- Volunteer screening
- SSVP's 2022 Christmas program
- KofC announcements
- Memories from the history of our parish

**St. Leo's Memorial Book**

The memorial book for the month of November is on display at the foot of the altar. The parishioners may add the names of their deceased members to the memorial book.



### 2022 Christmas Assistance Program

Please help our SSVP conference support our neighbours in need this Christmas by taking a specially marked envelope from the parish vestibule, and returning it to the Poor Box or to the collection baskets with your donation. We are asking for cash or cheque donations only, please no gift cards. The last days for the collection will be the weekend of November the 26<sup>th</sup>. If we are able to meet our Christmas goals, any additional funds will be directed to the conference, to support our neighbours in need the rest of the year. Thank you.

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### Knights of Columbus



The Knight's annual pasta dinner is on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> in the church hall. The tickets are available after this weekend's masses.

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### Early beginnings of St. Leo's Church

The formation of St. Leo Catholic Church began in the early 1980's. It is the first and only Catholic Church in Brooklin.

We started slowly. Fr. Oliver Moloney was our first parish priest. There was a small Catholic school in Brooklin West of Hwy 12 and that's where we had our first masses. We had no hall for fund raising so we rented the Brooklin Community Centre, which is on Cassels St.

A few years after the parish began, Fr. Moloney decided we should do a census in the village of Brooklin and surrounding area. He formed two teams of two members each. I was on one team and Angelina Steenstra was on the other team. I forgot the exact number of families, but I believe it was within the range of 40-50, small beginnings but it was a start.

Soon thereafter, the diocese of Toronto sent us a portable church. It held about 120 people. It came in 5 or 6 sections and had to be bolted together. It was near Hwy 12 and east of the school. It was our church for the next 15-20 years.

I distinctly remember there were a few years in the portable when our income was in the range of 40,000.00 dollars. I don't know how Father paid the bills, but he managed somehow.

In 1994, the parish formed a KofC Council #11528. Mr. Vince Corvinelli had a 3-bedroom bungalow on Columbus Rd. which he used as his office. He was a charter member of the KofC and he generously gave us the basement, which was finished, and we held our meetings there for the next few years at no charge.

In the late 1990s, the Diocese of Toronto sent out a team of officials to discuss building a permanent church. Neil McCarthy was one of the officials. We had grown as a parish and we needed more room, a bigger church. By this time, there was a new catholic school between Hwy 12 and closer to Thickson Rd on Watford Street. Jeananne Ralph was the first principal of the new school and still active in St. Leo today.

We had a generous offer of 10 acres on which to build a new church, but it was not near the school. Fr. Moloney insisted the new church was to be built near the school. This was a very wise decision as the school children are enjoying the benefits to this day.

Fr. Moloney retired, and was replaced by Fr. Phil Jones. It was under Fr. Phil that the church was built and completed.

We have been blessed with many hard-working priests and parishioners since St. Leo's beginning. Fr. Phil Jones was replaced by Fr. Charles Forget who actually grew up in the Whitby area. He added many of the essentials in the church, one is the huge crucifix on the wall in the back of the altar, over the tabernacle. He was our parish priest for 11 years and now we are enjoying our current priest Fr. Mounir.

We can boast of one of the most beautiful churches in this area, and we have organizations within the parish which are secondary to none. We support many charitable organizations within the Durham region.

We pray the blessings will continue and we may enjoy the privileges of this parish for many years to come. It has been a blessing and a great privilege to be a part of it.

Thank you, Lord.

*Mr. Frank, Allen  
(One amongst the founders of our parish)*

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