

# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Closed for Lunch from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Friday Office Closed.

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.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](http://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 *Father Pius Alejo* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If Father Pius Alejo 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. Charles 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. Charles, please call the parish office and leave a message with the parish secretary at 905-655-3286 x 101.

## MARY: A WOMAN FOR ALL SEASONS



In every age of the Church, Mary, the Mother of God, has fulfilled a significant and enduring role. During her earthly years, in the event of the wedding at Cana she is found uttering her last recorded words in the scriptures to Jesus' disciples, "Do whatever he tells you." This phrase should be etched on the hearts and minds of every

baptized person mandated to follow Jesus.

For some, Mary merely has a walk-on part in the Gospels and then fades into the memory of the scriptures like an incidental in the many scenes of Jesus' public life. Yet, to consider her so would be to ignore not only the words of her Son from the Cross but to utterly neglect to see her in the eternal plan of God throughout all of salvation history. She is the woman referred to in the very first book of the Bible, (Gen. 3:15) "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers." And she is the "Woman Clothed with the Sun" in the Bible's last book, (Rev. 12:1). Mary's words are in the record of scripture when she is visited by the magnificent yet dreadful power of an angel of the Lord, Gabriel, who asks her if she will give God a human nature. She wasn't told but asked. And this woman, created by God who created His own Mother, said "yes" to the mysterious plan of God and in doing so willed motherhood, "Let it be done to me according to your word". Yet, between the cradle and Cana Mary doesn't say much at all. She is present at Pentecost, the birth of the Church and the bestowal of the Spirit, but doesn't say anything. It is not so much what Mary says that radiates her own beauty and magnificence but rather what is said about her by Christ Himself. From the Cross He would utter what is known as the *Seven Last Words*. As he hung there is the throes of crucifixion His last words bear eternal significance. "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" and "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" and before he in exhaustion says, "It is finished", he had looked down at His Mother, Mary, and St. John, and said to John, "Behold, thy Mother!"

Christ was saying to all those around Him and to the Church in the future, that Mary is *our* Mother too.

Throughout the past two millennia the Blessed Mother has appeared to individuals, most often those considered lowly and simple, yet people who had professed and lived a holy faith in God. The words she uttered in these visitations to souls on the earth never spoke of attracting anything to herself but rather to her Son, Jesus. Our Blessed Mother didn't decide or choose to

come but was sent by Christ to speak a clear message to people of the word who had forgotten the Word.

**Guadalupe, Mexico** – four times Mary appeared in 1531 to Juan Diego on Tepeyac hill near Mexico City. She asked him to tell the bishop that she desired a shrine be built there.

**The Miraculous Medal, France** – In 1830, three times Mary appeared to St. Catherine Laboure when she asked Catherine to have a medal struck in the image of the Immaculate Conception.

**La Salette, France** – Mary appeared to two peasant children on September 19, 1846 and she appeared to them as a weeping mother for her children. Her message was a call for penance among the people of the world.

**Lourdes, France** – As many as eighteen times did Mary appear to Bernadette Soubirous, a young woman of Lourdes between February 11 and July 16, 1858 and she revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception. Many people were healed following Bernadette's compliance with Mary's request for her to dig into the ground and wash herself. From that spot water gushed and flows to this day and over 70 documented miracles have taken place there among many, many other claims of healing and conversion.

**Fatima, Portugal** – Six times Mary appeared to three children in Fatima between May 13 to October 13, 1917 and among the messages was that of the world at war will soon end (WWI) and another far greater war will result if people do not come back to God, which happened in the Second World War. The commission to pray the rosary led to the name for Mary as Our Lady of the Rosary. "Lourdes is to the Glorious mysteries", what Fatima is to the Sorrowful mysteries. Lourdes shouts of God's glorious love for us.

**Beauraing, Belgium** – Mary appeared thirty-three times to five children in a convent school garden between November 29, 1932 and January 3, 1933. The message was that all souls should come back to Christ.

**Banneux, France** – Mary appeared eight times between January 15 and March 2, 1933 and is venerated to this day as Our Lady of the Poor, the Sick and the Indifferent.

These seven apparitions have been approved by the Church but in addition to the many other apparitions which may or may not have yet been approved by the Church.

In our time, the most well known and current apparitions of Our Lady is to the children now adults who have seen the Blessed Mother since 1981 and for these past 38 years has continued to appear sometimes monthly or on special occasions or still every day to one of the seers. In the last year the Vatican stated that Catholics were free to go to Medjugorje as a place of prayer, renewal, healing and conversion.

Mary's message, while appealing to the times and world situations, has always called the people of the earth back to Jesus Christ. It is Mary's continued work of God, even and especially in our time, to point to her Son, calling us back to following Him and His truth, through confession, penance and

a restored existence and life.

Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ the Saviour, pray for us and move our hearts to run to your Son now and forever.

(Fr. Charles)



**Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Alice Launay

**Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. † Deceased members of Rosary Apostolate

**Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Philip Launay

**Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Frank Christey

**Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Stefan Sabala

**Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Fred Molica

11:00 a.m. † Fr. Bill Addley



**Edge Nights (Grades 6 – 8) on Thursdays, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. No pre-registration is required.

**Highschool Youth Nights - IMPACT on Tuesdays, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** No pre-registration is required.



**Want to Join our Choir???**

The Sunday 11:00 am mass choir is looking for new members to join this already wonderful group. All ages and vocal abilities are welcome. The only requirement is that you need to like singing. The choir sings at the 11:00 mass on Sundays and we rehearse on Thursday nights from 7:30 -9:00 pm. If you have been thinking about joining the choir, then now is the time to give it a try. Also, if you know someone who may be interested in joining, please encourage them to try it out too. For more information about joining this talented and fun group, please see Ted, the director, after the 11:00 mass or come out to the church on Thursday night at 7:30pm. He can also be also reached by phone at 647-302-6996. Thank you.

**Calling all Laity**

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**VOCATION SEEDS**

Can I risk sharing the goodness God has given me? Can I care for the needs of my brothers and sisters? Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997

Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

**Annual General Meeting**

**National Association of Catholic Nurses-Canada**

**Monday, Nov. 11 – 5:30 to 9 p.m.**

**Newman Centre**

**89 St. George St., Toronto**

Join the National Association of Catholic Nurses – Canada for the Annual General Meeting following Mass at 5:30 p.m. Terry McDermott, RN, Parish Nurse, will discuss "Bearing witness to the dignity of human life in nursing practice." NACN-Canada board members will then present reports on association activities and engage members in planning for 2020. Our association supports health professionals to align their practice with the Catholic faith.

CONTACT: National Association of Catholic Nurses - Canada  
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**Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit**

Sunday, November 3 to Saturday, November 9 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

St. Dominic's Parish 625 Atwater Avenue, Mississauga

Please join us as we host the Vatican approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit. The exhibit, which was designed and created by Venerable Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place. Phone: 905-278-7762 <https://stdominicschurch.blogspot.com>



**CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MOMS!** Join our Mother's Ministry as we continue the Momnipotent program which validates the dignity and importance of motherhood by recognizing uniquely feminine strengths, and how to use those strengths to find peace, purpose, balance, and joy in being the woman God created us to be. Our next meeting is on **Wed November 13 at 8pm.** Contact [annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com) or visit [www.catholicmomsgroup.com](http://www.catholicmomsgroup.com) for more information.

**New members are always welcome!**



**St. Leo Knights of Columbus** will serve Breakfast in the Church hall on November 10th. following the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. Masses. Everyone is invited to enjoy a **full Breakfast** of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice. Adults - \$6.00, Children ages 4 - 10 - \$4.00, and Children under 4 - free. Please join us. **Funds raised from this Breakfast will be donated to the March for Life Bus trip to Ottawa in 2020.**

**Advent Evening of Reflection with the Sisters of Life**

Tuesday, November 26, 2019, 7:00 pm

St. John the Evangelist Church

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