



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 ADVENT

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, November 27th

4:30 p.m. † Antero "Ted" & Rosalia Reyes

Sunday, November 28th

9:00 a.m. † Teresa & Frank Novielli

11:00 a.m. † Luis Tolentino

Tuesday, November 30th

8:30 a.m. † Innocenzo & Vincenzina Mammone & Attilio & Maria Tuzi

Wednesday, December 1st

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Olia, Matthew & Daniel

Thursday, December 2nd

8:30 a.m. All souls in purgatory

Friday, December 3rd

8:30 a.m. † Martin Rego

Saturday, December 4th

4:30 p.m. † Stephen Jakabfy

Sunday, December 5th

9:00 a.m. † Fred Molica

11:00 a.m. Intentions of Benedetto Tuzi



This year, St. Leo's St. Vincent de Paul conference will be handing out specially marked envelopes for their **Christmas Assistance program**. Please pick up an envelope **starting the weekend of November 20th, and return by December 5th**. Envelopes can be dropped off in the main collection box or in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box. If you prefer to donate via e-transfer, please send your contribution to svdpbrooklin@outlook.com and make the password StleoSSVP (please also include your name, address, and that the money is for our Christmas assistance program in the notes section). Donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt. Thank you for helping give our neighbours in need a good Christmas.

Virtual Rosary Prayer Group:

Wednesday 4:30 pm (30 minutes)

Meeting Link: <https://meet.google.com/efc-tvjz-ctv>

Leader: Marianne Amodeo

Divine Mercy Lectio Divina Prayer Group:

Thursday 4:30 pm (1 hr)

Meeting Link: <https://meet.google.com/efc-tvjz-ctv>

Leader: Marianne Amodeo

Saints Series with Chris Woodward (M.A., M.Div)

Fridays 7:30 pm (1 hr)

Meeting link: <https://meet.google.com/jyi-pkge-ghu>

Join Chris for a virtual seminar on the life and times of a particular Catholic saint, exploring the history and spirituality of these heroic men and women.

December 4- Advent Retreat

A journey with Mary

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre,

905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca



Cornerstone

Once again this Advent Season, St. Leo the Great Parish will be collecting item for the **Cornerstone Men's Hostel in Oshawa**. Items necessary to the men who live on the streets include: new-only socks, underwear, toothbrushes and deodorant, shaving cream, foot powder, lip balm and Kleenex tissues. We cannot accept used clothing. Please drop off these items in the bins located in the vestibule of the church beginning Dec 4. Thank you for your continued support.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MOMS!

Join our Mother's Ministry! We meet once a month to explore topics in our faith and virtually pray Rosary weekly via Zoom. Meet other like minded Catholic women, pray together and for each other and learn how to grow your own faith and your families'.

Join our email list by contacting Anna-Lisa or Shannon: annalisa@catholicmoms.com shannon@catholicmoms.com

Saint Andrew's Story

Andrew was Saint Peter's brother, and was called with him. "As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-20).

John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day" (John 1:38-39a).

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew.

Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross.

What is Advent and why is it very important to us as Catholics?

Happy New Year! No, it is not January 1! The liturgical year does not match New Year's Day, the beginning of the calendar year, nor July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year for many organizations. The Church year is distinctive. It always begins on the first Sunday of Advent, and with it comes a shift in the cycle of readings. The feast of Christ the King signaled the end of Ordinary Time.

Advent is the four-week liturgical season that precedes Christmas. The term "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus* which means "coming," and it focuses not only on the past coming of Jesus on the first Christmas; but also on the present coming of Jesus in the gospels, the sacraments, other people, prayer, love, truth, and

personal experience; and the future coming of Jesus at the Second or Final Coming at the end of the world, the Parousia or the Last Judgment.

Advent is not Lent or a miniature version of Lent. In fact, the two seasons are extremely different. Advent stresses hope and joy, Lent stresses penance and sorrow; Advent emphasizes what we need to add to our lives (e.g., grace, light, joy), while Lent emphasizes what we need to remove (i.e., sin); Advent lasts for four Sundays and 28 days, Lent lasts for six Sundays and forty days; Advent is a liturgical season, Lent is an ascetical season (i.e., fasting, almsgiving, prayer, acts of charity); Advent stresses preparation with festivity, Lent stresses preparation with sackcloth and ashes; Advent features the prophet Isaiah, Lent features the prophet Jeremiah. The main saint of Advent is John the Baptist. He is "the prophet of the Most High" (Lk 1:76), the immediate forerunner of Jesus, and the link between the Old Testament prophets and Jesus himself. His story is recounted on the Second and Third Sundays of Advent. The Baptist was the voice crying out in the desert, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths" (Is 40:3; Mt 3:3), which is what we are called to do during this holy season. He also directed peoples' attention from himself to Jesus and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God" (Jn 1:29,36), and made one of the momentous statements in the gospels as he declared, "He [Jesus] must increase; I must decrease" (Jn 3:30). If we hope to have a spiritually profitable Advent, we, like the Baptist, must diminish, while Jesus increases in power and brilliance in our lives.

Employment Opportunity at St. John the Evangelist Whitby


We are seeking a full-time custodian at St. John's for general cleaning and maintenance for the church, parish centre, parish office and grounds. You must be physically fit and able to lift 50 pounds. Please submit your resume by email to stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org. No telephone calls please. Only those selected applicants considered for the position will be notified for an interview.




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