

# St. Leo The Great

#### **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Pastor:** Father Mounir El- Rassi **Parish Secretary:** Gianella Lazaro 905-655-3286 ext. 1

#### **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

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 12:00 pm

#### **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**

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#### Catholic Women's League (CWL)

President: Donna Shaddick dmshaddick@gmail.com

#### **Catholic Moms Group**

Leaders: Anna-Lisa, Lindsay & Shannon stleosmg@catholicmomsgroup.com

#### Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

Founder: Paul Ritchi paul.ritchi@gmail.com 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



Saturday, October 15th

4:30 p.m. Pro Populo **Sunday, October 16**<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. \$\Prancesco & \Promasina Parente\$
11:00 a.m. \$\Propto From the deceased members of the

Sullivan family

Tuesday, October 18th

8:30 a.m. No mass Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. No mass *Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>* 8:30 a.m. No mass *Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>* 

8:30 a.m. \$\Pinnocenzo & Pinnocenzina

Mammone

†Attilio & 
† Maria Tuzi

Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

4:30 p.m. Living Intentions of Veronica &

Christopher Duarte

Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 a.m. Pro populo

11:00 a.m. 🕆 Oliveen Trainor

\* No mass October 18, 19 & 20 as Fr. Mounir is away at a seminar. To re-schedule your mass intentions, please contact the parish office.



#### Federation of North-American Explorers

Our next weekly meeting will be held on *Thursday, October 20* in the parish hall from 6.45 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Please join us and feel free to bring along family, friends, school mates - boys ages 7 to 12 to have a look. *Contact: Paul Ritchi 416-435-6593* 

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you or if you know someone in our community who would like to learn about our faith and/or become Catholic, please have them contact the parish office.

#### Church Keys / FOBs

If you are in possession of a church FOB/ Key please contact the parish office with your name, email and/or phone number. We are in process of updating our records

## **2022 Parish Ministry Conference**

The 2022 Parish Ministry Conference, Moving into Deep Waters of Mission: Start with Jesus, will take place from October 20 to 22, 2022. All parishioners involved in the parish ministry are invited. It is being offered at an early bird price of \$25 per person until September 30. The postcards could be found in the Welcome Centre.

#### <u>Looking for Roofer and Door</u> maintenance person for our Church

We are looking for a roofer for minor 'fascia' repair and a door maintenance person, who can replace a "Sill" in the church. The interested persons can email or call the office and speak with Fr. Mounir at extension 8.

#### **Bulletin Advertisement**

Please contact the 'Liturgical Publications' to advertise in our parish bulletin. You are encouraged to put advertisements as it is through them, we cover the annual cost of printing our bulletins.

Contact: 1-800-268-2637

#### Pakistan Floods- Humanitarian Relief

Archdiocese of Toronto is seeking donations to support relief efforts for people affected by devastating floods in Pakistan. Those who are wishing to help may do so in the following ways.

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through Development Office: 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish - Pakistan Floods - Humanitarian Relief

#### St. Augustine's Seminary

The details of the events conducted by St. Augustine's seminary are as follows:

October 18: A Patristic talk by Fr. Robert Dodaro, 'The Heroic Ideal in Augustine' will be given via zoom.

**October 22:** Lecture by Dr. Julia Palmieri, 'Suffering and the Gift of Human Life' will be held in person at St. Augustine Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd. Scarborough, ON.

You can register online via their website: www.staugustines.on.ca/events

#### Use of Quiet/ Cry Room

A reminder that the 'Quiet/Cry room' can be utilized by the parents with little children who need it. It gives a space where children can be more free.

#### Saints Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brébeuf, and Companions' Story Feast Day: October 19



Isaac Jogues and his companions were the first martyrs of the North American continent officially recognized by the Church. As a young Jesuit, Isaac Jogues, a man of learning and culture, taught literature in France. He gave up that career to work among the Huron Indians in the New World, and in 1636, he and his companions, under the leadership of Jean de Brébeuf, arrived in Quebec. The Hurons were constantly warred upon by the Iroquois, and in a few years, Father Jogues was captured by the Iroquois and imprisoned for 13 months. His letters and journals tell how he and his companions were led from village to village, how they were beaten, tortured, and forced to watch as their Huron converts were mangled and killed.

An unexpected chance for escape came to Isaac Jogues through the Dutch, and he returned to France, bearing the marks of his sufferings. Several fingers had been cut, chewed, or burnt off. Pope Urban VIII gave him permission to offer Mass with his mutilated hands: "It would be shameful that a martyr of Christ not be allowed to drink the Blood of Christ."

Welcomed home as a hero, Father Jogues might have sat back, thanked God for his safe return, and died peacefully in his homeland. But his zeal led him back once more to the fulfillment of his dreams. In a few months he sailed for his missions among the Hurons. In 1646, he and Jean de Lalande, who had offered his services to the missioners, set out for Iroquois country in the belief that a recently signed peace treaty would be observed. They were captured by a Mohawk war party, and on October 18, Father

Jogues was tomahawked and beheaded. Jean de Lalande was killed the next day at Ossernenon, a village near Albany, New York.

The first of the Jesuit missionaries to be martyred was René Goupil who with Lalande, had offered his services as an oblate. He was tortured along with Isaac Jogues in 1642, and was tomahawked for having made the sign of the cross on the brow of some children.

Father Anthony Daniel, working among Hurons who were gradually becoming Christian, was killed by Iroquois on July 4, 1648. His body was thrown into his chapel, which was set on fire.

Jean de Brébeuf was a French Jesuit who came to Canada at the age of 32 and labored there for 24 years. He went back to France when the English captured Quebec in 1629 and expelled the Jesuits, but returned to his missions four years later. Although medicine men blamed the Jesuits for a smallpox epidemic among the Hurons, Jean remained with them.

He composed catechisms and a dictionary in Huron, and saw 7,000 converted before his death in 1649. Having been captured by the Iroquois at Sainte Marie, near Georgian Bay, Canada, Father Brébeuf died after four hours of extreme torture.

Gabriel Lalemant had taken a fourth vow—to sacrifice his life for the Native Americans. He was horribly tortured to death along with Father Brébeuf.

Father Charles Garnier was shot to death in 1649 as he baptized children and catechumens during an Iroquois attack.

Father Noel Chabanel also was killed in 1649, before he could answer his recall to France. He had found it exceedingly hard to adapt to mission life. He could not learn the language, and the food and life of the Indians revolted him, plus he suffered spiritual dryness during his whole stay in Canada. Yet he made a vow to remain in his mission until death.

These eight Jesuit martyrs of North America were canonized in 1930.

#### Reflection

Faith and heroism planted belief in Christ's cross deep in our land. The Church in North America sprang from the blood of martyrs, as has been true in so many places. The ministry and sacrifices of these saints challenges each of us, causing us to ask just how deep is our faith and how strong our desire to serve even in the face of death.

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