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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 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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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

Saturday, October 29th

4:30 p.m. † Steven Closs

Sunday, October 30th

9:00 a.m. † Deceased members of Reyes & Nieto Family

11:00 a.m. † Alex Mitchell

Tuesday, November 1st

8:30 a.m. † Attilio & † Maria Bianco

Wednesday, November 2nd

7:00 p.m. † All the faithful departed souls
 † Baby Brock Ronald (Wardle)
 † Ronald Fava

Thursday, November 3rd

8:30 a.m. † Alexander and † Susan Marie

Friday, November 4th

8:30 a.m. † All souls in purgatory

Saturday, November 5th

8:30 a.m. Angela Maegher
 4:30 p.m. † Pierrino and † Carmela Piraino

Sunday, November 6th

9:00 a.m. Vince Corvinelli
 11:00 a.m. † Josie Sheilds

2023 Missals

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

Looking for Roofer and Door 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.

Knights of Columbus

Honoring Knights for their 25 years of service



On the last Pancake Sunday, Grand Knights recognized the members, Brother Walter Murczek, Brother Joseph Mulchay, Brother Allen Frank, Brother Martin Vesters, Brother Delphis Hicke and Brother Hannibal Farola, for their 25 years of continuous service to Knights of Columbus.



On this week @ St.Leo The Great



Divine Mercy Prayer Group meeting

November 2, Wednesday, 7.30.p.m



Federation of North American Explorers

November 3, Thursday, 6.45 p.m. to 8.00 p.m



Exposition and Adoration

November 4, Friday, after 8.30 a.m. mass till 12 noon



2023 Envelops

The parishioners are requested to collect offering envelops for the year 2023 from the volunteers after Saturday and Sunday mass of this weekend. The persons who do PAG can also pick up their special collection envelops.

Please have a note on following events as well:

- The Knight's general meeting is on *Monday, November 7, 2022, at 7.30 p.m.* in the church hall.
- The Knight's next Breakfast is on *Sunday, November 13, 2022 after the 9.00 a.m. & 11.00 a.m. masses.*
- The Knight's annual pasta dinner is on *Saturday, November 26* in the church hall, tickets on sale after each mass.

Solemnity of All Saints

Celebrated on November 1

The earliest certain observance of a feast in honor of all the saints is an early fourth-century commemoration of “all the martyrs.” In the early seventh century, after successive waves of invaders plundered the catacombs, Pope Boniface IV gathered up some 28 wagon-loads of bones and reinterred them beneath the Pantheon, a Roman temple dedicated to all the gods. The pope rededicated the shrine as a Christian church. According to Venerable Bede, the pope intended “that the memory of all the saints might in the future be honored in the place which had formerly been dedicated to the worship not of gods but of demons” (On the Calculation of Time).

But the rededication of the Pantheon, like the earlier commemoration of all the martyrs, occurred in May. Many Eastern Churches still honor all the saints in the spring, either during the Easter season or immediately after Pentecost.

How the Western Church came to celebrate this feast, now recognized as a solemnity, in November is a puzzle to historians. The Anglo-Saxon theologian Alcuin observed the feast on November 1 in 800, as did his friend Arno, Bishop of Salzburg. Rome finally adopted that date in the ninth century.

Reflection

This feast first honored martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their consciences, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop’s approval became the final step in placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonization occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last 500 years. Today’s feast honors the obscure as well as the famous—the saints each of us have known.



Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Celebrated on November 2

The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. “If we had no care for the dead,” Augustine noted, “we would not be in the habit of praying for them.” Yet pre-Christian rites for the deceased retained such a strong hold on the superstitious imagination that a liturgical commemoration was not observed until the early Middle Ages, when monastic communities began to mark an annual day of prayer for the departed members.

In the middle of the 11th century, Saint Odilo, abbot of Cluny, France, decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2, the day after the feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was finally adopted throughout the Roman Church.

The theological underpinning of the feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. The Council of Trent affirmed this purgatory state and insisted that the prayers of the living can speed the process of purification.

Superstition easily clung to the observance. Medieval popular belief held that the souls in purgatory could appear on this day in the form of witches, toads or will-o'-the-wisps. Graveside food offerings supposedly eased the rest of the dead.

Observances of a more religious nature have survived. These include public processions or private visits to cemeteries and decorating graves with flowers and lights. This feast is observed with great fervor in Mexico.

Reflection

Whether or not one should pray for the dead is one of the great arguments which divide Christians. Appalled by the abuse of indulgences in the Church of his day, Martin Luther rejected the concept of purgatory. Yet prayer for a loved one is, for the believer, a way of erasing any distance, even death. In prayer we stand in God’s presence in the company of someone we love, even if that person has gone before us into death.





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