

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.



Saturday, September 11th

4:30 p.m. † Vince Corvinelli

Sunday, September 12th

9:00 a.m. † William, Stella & Eleonor Latawiec

11:00 a.m. † Michael Cavallari

Tuesday, September 14th

8:30 a.m. Victims of abortion

Wednesday, September 15th

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 16th

8:30 a.m.

Friday, September 17th

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 18th

4:30 p.m. † Wanda Danielewski

Sunday, September 19th

9:00 a.m. † Fred Molica

11:00 a.m. † Anka & Sam Babic

From Last Sunday's reflection: Jesus in the gospel, placed his fingers into the ears of the deaf, and touched his tongue. **He said to his senses, "be opened" (Ephphatha).** Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly."

At baptism, the priest uses the same word which Jesus did, be opened (**Ephphatha**); he does that over the ears, eyes, nose, and the throat with the sign of the cross. In many of the ancient catholic baptismal rites; the baptized person is signed with 36 crosses using the Chrism oil/Myron after the water Baptism. All joints and all the senses all over the body are marked by the sign of the cross with this scented oil (usually Extra Virgin Olive Oil).

This is why in baptism, and in all the sacraments we consecrate our bodies to God. We wash in the blessed water in order to be cleansed from impurities and evil of the original sin. We use the holy oils to heal us, to consecrate us and make us ready vessels to the dwelling of God.

Nonetheless, we may lose this grace if we sin or go the way of the world. Jesus told us unless we become like little children we cannot enter the kingdom. All of us at various stages of our life, we need and must renew our dedication. We regularly

in need of recovering our purity and innocence from the fallen ways of the world. As adults we turn (to the Sacraments) and seek guidance and discernment from the Holy Spirit in all our doings.

Every believer needs discernment, in their vocation, & while using their gifts, and faculties! In fact, **without discernment, we cannot progress in our faith. Without sensitivity to the Holy Spirit we are not able to subject our gifts to God. If we are careless and if we are hasty in what we do, the enemy makes use of our gifts.**

Jesus taught us on various occasions this principle of following God: He repeatedly said, "What I see my Father doing, I do." Through discernment we can watch and pray to see how the Spirit is moving then we follow in the footsteps of the Holy Spirit.

In order to facilitate and subject our beings to God, it is good to adopt a prayer to the Holy Spirit in our life. This below is one example:

"Oh Holy Spirit of God, abide with me. Inspire all my thoughts; pervade my imaginations; suggest all my decisions; order all my doings. Be with me in my speech and in my silence, in my haste and in my leisure, in company and in solitude, in the freshness of the morning and in the weariness of the evening. Bless, enlighten and consecrate all of my senses, infuse them with you holy light for your glory, and for the love of my neighbors. Give me this grace so that I may humbly rejoice in your company always." Amen.

This Sunday the 24th Sunday Ordinary: "Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith." James 2:18 "Whoever wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Mark 8:34

New coming proposed initiatives in our parish:

- 1- **Prayer Group:** Divine Mercy Chaplet, passage from the diary of St. Faustina, passage from the New Testament, and short sharing around the table. Then an act of Consecration to God through Mary.
- 2- **Scripture Study series:** Watching a DVD, then discussion and a small prayer.

Both of these initiatives will have *optional* preparation time but not required.

3- Rosary Of our Lady Prayer group.

These three initiatives above will be offered both virtual and face to face simultaneously. If you are interested in being a coordinator, or you just want to attend please send the office a note or an email about your particular interest. The pastor will be involved and present to these initiatives. Time of the sessions will be in the evening time - TBD.

FR. MOUNIR EL-RASSI

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MOMS!

Join our Mother's Ministry! We meet once a month to explore topics in our faith and virtually pray the 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:

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visit www.catholicmomsgroup.com for more information.



**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021**

**Living the Gospel by supporting
residents of long-term care**

The Houses of Providence in Scarborough is a ShareLife-funded agency that provides long-term care for seniors.

"It's been hard during COVID-19," says Mary, one of its residents, "but we understand the precautions that staff are taking. Providence staff have been absolutely wonderful and are doing a good job. I thank them every time I see them for their hard work."

Did you know that you can contribute to ShareLife agencies like the Houses of Providence through Pre-Authorized Giving? Please consider making a monthly contribution to ShareLife using PAG.

October 3 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at sharelife.org.



Knights of Columbus 2021 Ontario Charities 50/50 Online Raffle

St. Leo's Knight of Columbus are participating in a provincial 50/50 online raffle in support of the many charitable works carried out by the council. Please take a moment to review the fact sheet and if you'd like to participate and purchase a ticket, all the information is found on the document found in the link below.

<https://stleothegreatkofc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Council-poster-RAFFLE-EN-8.5-X-11-Final-draws-Sept-30.pdf>

4th Annual Parish Ministry Conference October 26-30, 2021

In the session, Restoring Parish Vitality in a Post-pandemic World, we will discuss our "modern-day road to Emmaus" of self-isolation and separation from the sacraments and one another. We collectively wonder how long it will take for parish life to recover. Join a panel of selected pastors and laity as we tackle this important topic. Visit www.archtoronto.org/conference to register and learn more about this and other sessions.

Come to St. Joseph

Friday, Sept 17 – 7 p.m. to Sunday, Sept 19 – 1 p.m.
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

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