



# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 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 6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Mass: 7:00 p.m.

Rosary prayed 20 minutes before weekday masses.

### **SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday 5:00 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 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 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 (Welcome Cards) 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 Victor Amole* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If Father Victor 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.

## GRADE 8 CONFIRMATIONS



### IMPORTANT NOTICE

#### LAST CALL FOR GRADE 8

#### CONFIRMATION REGISTRATIONS

The age for Confirmation in the Archdiocese of Toronto and all its 225 parishes has been moved to Grade 7, beginning this year.

At. St. Leo the Great Parish **Grade 8** candidates will prepare for and celebrate

the Sacrament of Confirmation in the months from September to November 2015. **Grade 7** candidates will prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the months from January to April of 2016.

For parents who didn't receive a flyer through one of our three Catholic schools or for those with children in public schools, please go to our parish website [stleothegreat.ca](http://stleothegreat.ca), click on *Sacraments*, and click the *Confirmation* button. There you will find full information about our two grade-level programs for this school year including all Registration and Confirmation Sponsor forms that can be downloaded and filled out at home.

As the Confirmation process will take place from September to November for those in Grade 8, the parish offered two Parent Information meetings for parents and their child candidates: the first one was this past Thursday and the final meeting is this **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20 at 12:30 PM.** (Parish Hall). Parents need only choose one of the two meetings.

Online you will find a list of items you are to bring to the meeting including your child candidate.

Questions? Call the parish office at 905-655-3286 ext. 101.

## PRAY FOR THOSE OF FAILING HEALTH

As our parish is predominantly populated with young families and children funerals are more rare here than in most parishes. However, lately we have seen several of our longtime parishioners seriously ill and in hospital.

Last weekend we had a funeral for **Kathleen Mercer** who had died on Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup> following a long battle with cancer. Kathleen, and her husband Joe, were well known in the parish and she was always involved with the parish bazaar and frequently attended weekday Mass as well as being regular Sunday Mass goers. Her well attended funeral Mass was held on Saturday September 12 where she, along with all those who have died believing that this world's end and purpose is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ, was commended to life with Him forever.

This past Tuesday evening **Mr. Eugene (Owen) McCanny** died at the age of 92. Parishioners would remember Owen as a tall, elderly man who walked to Mass using a cane and in seeing him walk a little dog each day – the dog following behind Owen's steady and determined pace as they traversed the sidewalks around Watford Street. If anyone was ready for heaven it was Owen. Owen, a tall and sturdy man, was hard of hearing and had never really 'heard' of some of the changes in the liturgy with the New Roman Missal these past four years. Whilst the

congregation of Sunday or weekday Mass-goers were responding with "and with your Spirit", Owen was still heard saying "and also with you". We will all miss Owen and his abiding presence among us. He was a man of prayer and to the end would say his night and morning prayers on his knees. He was also a regular at the weekly Holy Hour, praying his Rosary and communing with the Lord as he knelt in his presence. We pray he will now hear clearly the Lord's voice calling him to life with him forever.

Several other parishioners have been seriously ill for some time now. **Minda Figuracion**, who has been actively involved in various ministries in the parish and who, along with her husband Ernie, have had a deep devotion to St. Faustina and the Divine Mercies, has been battling cancer over the last few years and has now been hospitalized. She is a woman of great faith and is always still cheerful when you talk about the Lord with her. Minda has been an active member of the Ministry to the Sick and Homebound, taking Communion to several parish homes and the residence at the Court at Brooklin from the 9 am. Mass. She has also served on the Baptism Team for a number of years.

**Eleanor Tomas** has been sick and is now hospitalized as well. Eleanor and her husband, Dr. John Tomas, have been well known in the parish and have usually occupied the left rear pew each Saturday evening at the 5 pm. Mass, joined by Eleanor's mother, Mrs. Stella Latawiec. Eleanor convened the annual Parish Bazaar for several years and was so active in working toward the raising of funds for this parish. Eleanor has joked often with visitors to the hospital from the parish about her funeral lunch reception which is to have "nice, thick sandwiches" and not those thin ones you see some people make. She has a wonderful sense of humour and a great faith.

**Ken Wesley**, husband of Margaret Wesley, has also suffered for many years from breathing and many other health challenges. His wife, Margaret, has been a steadfast caregiver to her husband and has still managed to stay actively involved in parish life and the various activities of the Catholic Women's League. When so many could and would complain about their lot in life she doesn't – she just puts one foot in front of the other and lives, giving so much along the way. She and so many others like her find warm friendship among those who busy themselves for the good of others.

Along with these are so many others who have been sick for many years and have suffered declining health. There are too many to mention here but they are all an integral part of the faith community of St. Leo the Great. They need our prayers.

We will devote a space in our upcoming parish bulletins naming those who desire our prayers on their behalf. Personally, I have always been pleasantly surprised when someone has told me that they pray for me every day. We have no idea what amount of good and grace they are for us and it is a tremendous sign of our privilege to belong to a community of believers who care for and pray for one another. (Fr. Charles)

**"The sick are to realise that they are sons of God by the very fact that the scourge of discipline chastises them.**

**For unless it were his plan to give them an inheritance after their chastisements, he would not trouble to school them in afflictions."** (Pope St. Gregory I)

**Mass Intentions – September 14**

Tues. 22 - 8:30 am – Greg Crombie+  
Wed. 23- 7:00 pm – Kathleen Mercer+ Req. by Hilde Schmid  
Thurs. 24 - 8:30 am – Kathleen Mercer+ Req. by Lisa, Mike & Seraphina Condren  
Fri. 25 - 8:30 am – Mass in Thanksgiving  
Sat. 26 - 5:00 pm – Special Intentions for Teresa  
Sun. 27- 9:00 am – Kathleen Mercer+ Req. by Peter & Linda Vachon & Florence Cornwell  
11:00 am – Cosmo Schillaci+ Req. by Schillaci Family

**Baby bottles from Rose of Durham** will be available this weekend after the 9 & 11 am as well as tickets for our upcoming Big Band Dance on November 21.

In response to the global refugee crisis, Cardinal Thomas Collins has launched **“Project Hope,”** a special emergency appeal. This 100-day campaign aims to raise \$3 million in order to settle 100 refugee families in the Archdiocese of Toronto as soon as possible. The effort will also require 100 volunteer committees to assist with settlement services. To make a donation to support the appeal, visit: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) or call (416) 934-3411. You can also donate through our parish with a cheque made payable to ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH – PROJECT HOPE – REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP. We continue to pray for all those suffering, mindful of our call to welcome the stranger in our midst. Those interested in assisting with volunteer committees should contact the Office for Refugees at (647) 780-0827.

**Choir Members Wanted** - The 11 am Sunday Mass Choir rehearses on THURSDAY evenings, starting at 7:30 pm in the church. We usually finish by 8:45 pm. Rehearsals are for learning the music so no particular music skill is needed other than an ability to carry a tune.

New members, high school age and older, are welcome to join us. We are looking for both men and women. If you like singing and can commit to most rehearsals and Sundays, then check us out. You will not be “bound for life to the choir!” Come to a rehearsal or 2 and then decide if you want to make the commitment after that. Positions Open: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, Tune-in-bucket Carriers, Shower Singers, In-the-Rain Singers. No others need apply! You can speak to the director, Bill Targett, or just show up at rehearsal.

**New Music for Mass** - Over the next several weeks, we will begin to introduce new music settings of the “ordinary”, those parts of the Mass that are constant. Starting with the “Holy, Holy”, we will move on to the Memorial Acclamation and then the Great Amen. We hope you will find the melody interesting and easy to learn. The “Glory to God” will be introduced a few weeks later. The “Lamb of God” will complete the change-over. These parts of the Mass really belong to all of us so, please, join us in singing!

**St. Leo Knights of Columbus Breakfast**, October 4<sup>th</sup> following the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. Everyone is invited to enjoy a full breakfast of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice in the parish hall. Adults - \$5.00, Children, 4-12 - \$3.00 and Children under 4 – free.

**CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION – COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

Are you a college or university student looking for an opportunity to meet other Catholics in the Oshawa region and grow in your faith? If so, perhaps you'd be interested in coming out to a newly formed chaplaincy group which will meet at \*St. Joseph the Worker Parish\* (1100 Mary Street North, Oshawa) throughout the school year\* after the 11 am Sunday Mass beginning on Sun. Sept. 27th\*. There will be food and drinks, as well as an opportunity for catechesis and prayer in our adoration chapel. No prior registration or admission fee is required. For more information, please contact Fr. Eric Mah via phone (905-432-2300) or email ([officejw@gmail.com](mailto:officejw@gmail.com)). For additional information on future events, please check out the Catholic Student Association on Facebook.

**Come & See Weekends - Toronto, Oct. 2-4, 2015**

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**Following in the Footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat** – Sat., October 3, 2015 – 9 am to 6 pm. Will be held at Brother Andre Catholic School, 60 Seggar Ave., Auditorium 109, Ajax, ON L1T 4Y4. To register and/ or purchase tickets email [sphtwh@gmail.com](mailto:sphtwh@gmail.com) or call 416-319-3922.

This year **Life Chain Sunday is October 4, 2015 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm** at the intersection of Dundas St. E., and Thickson Rd. Please join us to witness for the millions of unborn lost through abortion in Canada and to silently and prayerfully intercede to the Lord to end abortion and heal our nation. (We meet at the southeast corner at 1:45 pm).

**St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Annual Spaghetti Dinner** – Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015 in the parish hall after the 5 pm Mass. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for youths 4-12 and children under 4 are free. Please enter parish hall from Carson St.

**Angels and Demons Event**


On October 31<sup>st</sup> join Exorcist Fr. Gary Thomas (the priest who inspired the movie “The Rite” and Catholic specialist in Demonology and the Occult, Wilson Orihuela at Canada Christian College in Toronto. Learn about angels, demons, the occult/new age, how to spiritually protect yourself against the snare of the Devil and the saving power of God & His mercy. All info. and tickets: [www.ServiamMinistries.com/events/angels/](http://www.ServiamMinistries.com/events/angels/), [info@ServiamMinistries.com](mailto:info@ServiamMinistries.com) or 1-888-522-2070 or email [emrleblanc@gmail.com](mailto:emrleblanc@gmail.com).




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