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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday, Saturday & Sunday: closed

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 - 12:00 pm; 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 8:30 am

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

First Saturday: 8:30 am

Benediction and Adoration

Friday: 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am - with Children's Liturgy

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday: 9:15 am - 9:45 am

Saturday: 9:00 am - 9:30 am

Sacrament of Baptism

Go to our website Forms

Sacrament of Marriage

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

Altar Servers / children serve the mass they attend. Arrive 15 minutes before your mass if possible, Please register children for this ministry at the Welcome Centre.

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Larry Hallihan lgba2008@yahoo.com

Saint Vincent de Paul

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905-655-3286 ext 3

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

President: Shannon Rogers smarogers@gmail.com

Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

Founder: Paul Ritchi Paul.ritchi@gmail.com 416-435-6593

To become a Catholic

Please contact the parish office

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, April 12th

4:30p.m. + Quentin D'Mello

Sunday, April 13th

9:00 a.m. Living members of the Frank Family

11:00 a.m. + Gerald Abergel

Tuesday, April 15th

8:30 a.m. + Innocenzo & + Vincenzina Mammone

+ Attilio & + Maria Tuzi

Wednesday, April 16th

7:00 p.m. + Alex & + Joan Sproule

Thursday, April 17th

7:00 p.m. The Supper of the Lord Mass

Friday, April 18th

3:00 p.m. Good Friday Communion Service

Saturday, April 19th

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 20th

9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass

11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass

For: Sanctuary Light Request.

For: Vigil Light for Mary.

For: Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary.

For a visit by the parish priest.

Make your request at the office

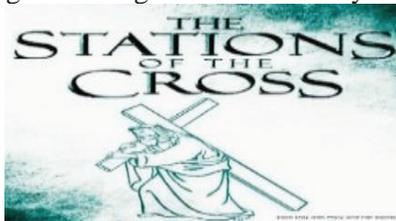
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin

- CWL Lenten Soup
- The Cross of Christ
- KofC - Breakfast Sunday
- CWL - Social Justice Cttee
- Last Supper Collection
- Needs of the Church in the Holy Land
- SSVP Bundle Up Sunday
- Carlo Acutis
- Children's Liturgy
- Faith Formation
- Volunteers Needed
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- Parish Weekly Updates
- Employment Opportunities
- Catering
- Passion (Palm) Sunday
- Holy Thursday
- Good Friday

CWL Lenten Soup & Stations of the Cross

Thank you to the wonderful parishioners who participated in our Lenten Soup. Together we raised \$1,450 for St. Vincent de Paul. Our Stations of the cross ministry continues to grow and we are truly grateful to grow in faith with you.



The Cross of Christ **April 12, 2025.**

St. Lawrence Martyr Parish Lenten Fundraiser Musical Gala titled **THE CROSS OF CHRIST**, is on April 12 at 7:30pm. This link provides you with information on the oratorio in a short video

<https://slmedia.org/w/86h2hGLG/ntaax0ip/s3-e9-behold-the-cross-of-christ>. Please call Julia at (416)

759 9359 to confirm your attendance.

Knights of Columbus **April 13, 2025.**

KofC Breakfast Sunday after the 9am and 11am Masses. All are welcome!

CWL Social Justice **Committee April 13, 2025**

The second focus group for men & women aged 33 & up will be held April 13th in the church lounge after 11 am Mass & Knights of Columbus breakfast. If you have any questions, please contact the Committee Co-Chairs: Kenise Kilbride (kilbride@torontomu.ca) & Nila Chandran (Nithila.chandran9@gmail.com)

Last Supper Collection **Needs of the Parish, April 17, 2025**

There will be a collection at the **Supper of the Lord Mass** for the needs of our parish.

Needs of the Church in the Holy Land April 18, 2025.

There will be a collection at our **Good Friday Service** for the needs of the church in the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity.

SSVP Bundle Up Sunday **April 26 to 27, 2025**

The Society of St Vincent de Paul will be hosting their 'Bundle Up Weekend' and we ask that you drop off your gently used clothes, drapes and small household goods in the **truck parked outside**. We are unable

to accept baby furniture, books, large appliances or mattresses.

Carlo Acutis – the boy from Milan, April 27, 2025

On Divine Mercy Sunday, the Church will celebrate one of its *most anticipated events* of this Jubilee Year of Hope: the canonization of the *first millennial saint*.

Children's Liturgy

Children aged 4 and older are encouraged to attend the Children's Liturgy. Parents should not attend as the room gets too busy, loud and hot. It is uncomfortable and hard to teach in. If a child is under 4, the child can attend with an older sibling or one parent only. No strollers please.

Faith Formation:

We will continue with our Faith Formation journey in May.

Volunteers Needed

St. Leo's is looking for volunteers who have light experience in web administration for our parish website. We are also looking for volunteers to help with RCIA on Tuesdays at 6:30pm and Faith Formation on Thursdays at 7:00pm & Saturdays at 10:00am. These individuals should have light knowledge of working with a laptop. Please contact the office.

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Thanksgiving for Prayers **Answered**

You are invited to share with the Community "answered prayers or miracles in your life". Sharing should be 2-4 lines. Please email the office.

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Parish Weekly Updates

If you would like to receive our weekly parish updates via email, please email the office at: officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com

Employment Opportunities

Please check the Bulletin Board for the latest employment opportunities.

CATERING

Franca Vasco, parishioner, would love to use her talents of cooking to do fundraising for our parish. For details and more information, please call Franca (905)-621-9658.

Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 13, 2025

They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks across its back, and he sat on it. (Mark 11:7)

His coming is a revelation, a radical, total revelation of God's holiness. "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory...". Precisely this Week which humanly speaking is filled to the brim with suffering, humiliation, despoliation, in a word, with the kenosis of God this Week contains the revelation of God's holiness, the culmination of world history. "Holy, Holy, Holy.... Hosanna in the highest"....

To embrace the Cross on this day, to pass it from hand to hand, is a very eloquent gesture. It is like saying: Lord, we do not want to stay with you only at the time of the "Hosannas", but with your help we want to accompany you on the way of the Cross as did Mary, your mother and ours, and the Apostle John. Yes, O Lord, because "You have the words of eternal life" (Jn 6:68), and we have believed that precisely your Cross is the word of life, of eternal life!

According to the account of a fifth-century Spanish pilgrim to the Holy

Land, Passion Sunday Mass was celebrated in Jerusalem at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. After this the people were invited to meet again in the afternoon at the Mount of Olives, in the Church of Eleona (the grotto of the Our Father). They then proceeded to the Church of the Ascension for a service consisting of hymns and antiphons, readings and prayers, where at five o'clock in the afternoon the Gospel of the palms was read and the procession set out for the city. The people responded to the antiphons with the acclamation, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord," as we say even today.

Prayer

Lord, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. The death of your Son gives us hope and strengthens our faith. May his resurrection give us perseverance and lead us to salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/reflections/lent/passion-palm-sunday>

Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025

Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when he established the sacrament of Holy Communion prior to his arrest and crucifixion. It also commemorates His institution of the priesthood. The holy day falls on the Thursday before Easter and is part of Holy Week. Jesus celebrated the dinner as a Passover feast. Christ would fulfill His role as the Christian victim of the Passover for all to be saved by His final sacrifice.

The Last Supper was the final meal Jesus shared with his Disciples in Jerusalem. During the meal, Jesus predicts his betrayal.

<https://www.catholic.org/lent/thurs>

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

Why is it called Good Friday?

Good Friday is the day Jesus was tortured, mocked, crucified, and died.

It was a day of incredible suffering and hatred, so why do we call it *Good Friday*?

We call it *Good Friday* because the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus saved us from our sins. And even though it was an incredibly tragic day, it was one of the greatest days in history.

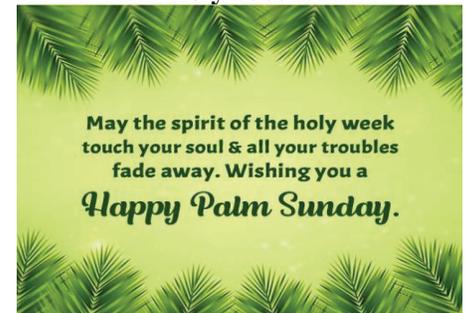
As it says in Isaiah, "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed."

There is no path to happiness in this life unless you can make sense of suffering, and Christianity is the only religion or philosophy that understands the transformative value of suffering. While the whole world is doing everything it can to avoid and drown out their pain and suffering, we are reminded each Sunday at Mass that our pain and suffering have tremendous value when united to the pain and suffering of Jesus on the Cross.

Separated from Jesus, our pain and suffering become meaningless, and that is why life is so depressing for so many in a world that has rejected God and the idea that suffering has value. Willing sacrifice out of love is a path most people have never tried. And it is a path that is essential if we are going to find our way back to thriving in this world.

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com>

Have a blessed Palm Sunday and Holy Week!





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