



St. Leo The Great

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

Ave Rosarium Cenacle Prayer Group

Every Wednesday at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

Contact: francavascol@gmail.com

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

Peter Darcy Grand Knight Contact: stleokoc@gmail.com

Saint Vincent de Paul

President: Maureen Kerr maureen.kerr100@gmail.com

905-655-3286 ext 3

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

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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 18th

4:30pm + Ed Fox

Sunday, April 19th

9:00am + Joe Hocevar

11:00am + Henryk Olejniczak

Tuesday, April 21st

8:30am RCIA Candidates & Families

Wednesday, April 22nd

7:00pm + Emma Vittoria Caruso

Thursday, April 23rd

8:30am + Susan & + Alex Quinn

Friday, April 24th

8:30am + Joseph Thomas

Saturday, April 25th

4:30pm + Louisa D'Souza

Sunday, April 26th

9:00am + Helen + Walter Bogus

John & Christine Tomcic

11:00am Pro Populo

Sanctuary Light - Kenise Kilbride

Blessed Virgin Vigil Light - Marjorie Asselin

To reserve the Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary & To schedule a visit with the Parish Priest, please contact the office.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays - Fridays 8am - 4:30pm
(Closed for Lunch 12:00 - 12:30)

CHURCH HOURS:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8am - 4:30pm
Wednesday, 8am - 7:30pm
Saturday, 9am - 5:30pm & Sunday, opens @ 8am

2ND COLLECTION

Please note there will be a 2nd Collection for ShareLife next weekend, Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26.

THANK YOU CWL MEMBERS

Thank you CWL for donating \$2000 for the purchase of our new kitchen dishwasher and raising \$1241 from the Lenten Friday Soup meals that was donated to the Parish Saint Vincent de Paul. CWL thanks all parishioners who contributed and participated!!!

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to offer a Mass Intention for a special occasion, birthday, anniversary, or for the soul of a departed loved one, please contact the office by phone or email. The suggested offering is \$20 per Mass, \$10 for Unannounced Mass (not printed, not announced).

COMMUNITY BOARD

At the back of the church, you will find a new Community Board where we can post professional services to support one another, subject to the Pastor's approval. Please submit your requests to the office so we can help promote your business.

WEEKLY PARISH UPDATES

Would you like to receive weekly parish updates directly to your inbox? Please send an email to officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com and we will provide weekly updates every Thursday.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

St. Leo is hosting a marriage preparation course for 3 evening sessions on April 30, May 1 and May 2 from 6:00pm - 8:30pm.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION: APRIL 19-25

THANK YOU! Thank you for your invaluable contributions and the profound impact you've made. We are deeply grateful for your 'Yes' to serve our parish community with a ready heart and willing spirit!

"Here am I. Send me!" ~ Isaiah 6:8

SPRING TRIP – FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

Join us for a delightful day of faith, friendship, and fun in downtown Toronto! Expect walking unless you will be using Uber.

Meeting Time & Place:

8:45 AM, Whitby GO Station (1350 Brock Street South)
— by the green entrance doors before ticketing

Travel Schedule:

Depart Whitby GO Station: 9:15 AM
Arrive at Union Station: 10:15 AM

Breakfast:

We'll begin the day by picking up breakfast at Danish Pastry House and enjoying it together at Berczy Park.

Mass:

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
12:10 PM – 1:10 PM
(We will either walk from Union Station or take the subway together.)

Lunch:

Following Mass, we'll enjoy lunch at the Eaton Centre. The afternoon will include photo stops at several iconic Toronto landmarks, including St. Lawrence Market, the Gooderham (Flatiron) Building, and the Fairmont Royal York Hotel.

Cost:

Pay-as-you-go — each participant covers their own transportation and meals.

If you're interested in joining us, please email officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com and someone will reach out with further details. **Kindly RSVP by April 28.**

We look forward to sharing this wonderful day together! Thank you Zarina for planning!!!

GREETINGS FROM CARDINAL LEO:

Praised be Jesus Christ. Happy and Holy Easter to you!

Holy Mother Church celebrates with the greatest joy ever the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Striving to live our faith sincerely and as loyal, loving and engaged sons and daughters of God and of the Church, we are called and drawn into the experience of Easter Sunday which renews our hope and changes our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Paschal Mystery we celebrate invites us to consider the glory of the Resurrected Christ and in this mystery, we rejoice not only that Christ is truly alive and remains present in our lives today and in that of the Church, but also that our Heavenly Father has been faithful to his promise, he who from all eternity desired to gather his children into communion through his Son. At the beginning of Lent, I encouraged us to look beyond ourselves – to seek reconciliation with God and with one another, and to rediscover the essential place of community in God’s saving plan (CCC 759-760). We must never forget that the Paschal Mystery is not only the remembrance of Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection – those historical events that took place a long time ago and far away – this mystery is the very pattern of all Christian life and forms who we are.

Our Lord’s Death and Resurrection are not simply events of the past; they are the living form of the Church’s existence. As you may remember, before the Resurrection, the disciples were scattered, fearful, and locked away. After the Resurrection, they are transformed, those fleeing to Emmaus return to Jerusalem, and those locked away in fear eventually venture out to the ends of the earth to proclaim the Good News.

The Resurrection does not eliminate the journey of life with its trials and uncertainties; rather, it gives the journey its meaning, purpose, new hope and new dynamism. In the same way, the difficulties we experience – personally and communally – are not magically erased.

Tensions, conflicts, scarcity, injustice, and uncertainty remain real; yet in the light of Easter, they are transformed. They become moments of discernment and grace because the Risen Christ walks with us.

When we lose someone we love or suffer a major setback - a relationship that has ended - a job opportunity that did not pan out - an illness that has come up or persists, or the anxiety that afflicts so many of us, especially the young – the temptation, in these situations, is to retreat, to isolate, to want to be alone, to run away.

The Good News of the Resurrection is that Jesus came for us and is present to us and wants to help us precisely in those very dark and seemingly hopeless circumstances. When the Apostles were broken down thinking he was gone forever, Mary Magdalene announced to them the great news: He is alive. When the Disciples of Emmaus were discouraged, disillusioned and walked away from the community, Jesus came to them and filled them with new hope and opened for them incredible horizons.

Each of us has a story to tell, a sacred story to share. Each of our existential narratives are marked by light and shadows. But the author of our lives will never let us go through our hardships alone. The Power of the Resurrection is available to us today. The possibility of a new life is in our reach; the boundless energy of transforming grace is at our fingertips; the consolation and comfort of the Holy Spirit is but a prayer away; the second chances, and third and fourth which we really need, are part and parcel of God’s merciful plan.

There is nothing to fear; there is endless love, endless hope in this life, endless light into which we are called. The Resurrection of Christ points to the renewal of our daily lives as well as to that day, one day, the last day, when we will be called to enter the fulness of life in eternity. May that eternity begin here and now, in our families and communities, by a daily decision to live out the Catholic faith with greater commitment, outstanding generosity, abundant virtue and authentic holiness.

***Blessed Easter Season to you and your loved ones.
Christ is Risen – truly he is Risen!!!***

SAINT ANSELM FEAST DAY :APRIL 21

At the age of fifteen, Anselm felt the call to enter a monastery but, failing to obtain his father's consent, he was refused by the abbot. The illness he then suffered has been considered by some a psychosomatic effect of his disappointment, but upon his recovery he gave up his studies and for a time lived a carefree life, following the death of his mother.

Anselm's father repented his own earlier lifestyle but professed his new faith with a severity that the boy found likewise unbearable. When Gundulph entered a monastery, Anselm, at age 23, left home with a single attendant, crossed the Alps, and wandered through Burgundy and France for three years. His countryman Lanfranc of Pavia was then prior of the Benedictine abbey of Bec in Normandy. Attracted by Lanfranc's reputation, Anselm reached Normandy in 1059.

After spending some time in Avranches, he returned the next year. His father having died, he consulted with Lanfranc as to whether to return to his estates and employ their income in providing alms for the poor or to renounce them, becoming a hermit or a monk at Bec or Cluny.

Given what he saw as his own conflict of interest, Lanfranc sent Anselm to Maurilius, the archbishop of Rouen, who convinced him to enter Bec as a novice at the age of 27. (Credit: www.catholic.org)



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