



# 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

### 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

President: Maureen Kerr Maureen.kerr@gmail.com

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 26th

4:30 p.m. + Antonio Tamburro

### Sunday, April 27th

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo

11:00 a.m. Bishop Vincent Nguyen

1:00 p.m. Confirmation Candidates

4:00 p.m. Confirmation Candidates

### Tuesday, April 29th

8:30 a.m. + Innocenzo & + Vincenzina Mammone  
+ Attilio & + Maria Tuzi

### Wednesday, April 30th

7:00 p.m. + Mark Mason

### Thursday, May 1st

8:30 am + Conversion of Sinners

### Friday, May 2nd

8:30 am + Annette Rancier

+ Erika Welsch

### Saturday, May 3rd

8:30 am + Margaret Wesley

4:30 p.m. + Edward Fox

### Sunday, May 4th

9:00 a.m. + Fortunato & + Luciana Molica Lazarro

11:00 a.m. + Deceased members of the Castellias & Eddy Families

**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*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

### ***On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin***

- Divine Mercy Celebration
- Carlo Acutis
- Confirmation Celebration
- SSVP Bundle Up Sunday
- Faith Formation
- CWL High Tea
- Building & Maintenance fund
- ShareLife
- Knights of Columbus
- Missionary families of Christ
- Paschal Candle
- Donating Securities
- Volunteers Needed
- Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers
- Parish Weekly Updates
- Employment Opportunities
- Catering
- Death of Pope Francis
- Divine Mercy Sunday

### **Divine Mercy Celebration Saturday, April 26, 2025**

Celebration of the Divine Mercy will take place at 5:45pm. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with music and song and a procession with Holy Image of the Divine Mercy and Blessings.

### **Carlo Acutis – the boy from Milan, Sunday, 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*.

### **Confirmation Celebration Sunday, April 27, 2025**

His Excellency, Bishop Vincent Nguyen is our celebrant at both Confirmation Masses for our

candidates at 1pm & 4pm. Thank you to Bishop Vincent and Congratulations to all the candidates who will receive their Confirmation this Sunday. May you grow in grace and truth.



### **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.

### **Faith Formation:**

We will continue with our Faith Formation journey in May.

### **CWL High Tea Saturday, May 3, 2025**

The St. Leo's CWL invites you to join them for a lovely afternoon high tea social to help celebrate Mother's Day on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 1pm to 4pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$ 25.00 and will be for sale on April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **Building Maintenance Fund May 3 & 4, 2025**

There will be a second collection at all Weekend Masses. Thank you for your generosity.

### **SHARELIFE May 3 & 4, 2025.**

There will be a second collection at all three weekend Masses for ShareLife. There are many stories of how ShareLife agencies are making an impact on the lives of

those who turn to them for support. The 2025 suggested parish campaign goal for St. Leo the Great Parish, Brooklin is \$ 22,500.

### **Knights of Columbus May 3 & 4, 2025**

St. Leo Knights of Columbus will distribute Roses for Life in support of Rose of Durham Charity and young Mothers at all Masses on Mother's Day and preceding Saturday. Please support them.

### **Missionary Families of Christ May 10; 17; 24 & 31, 2025**

All are invited to a Christian Life Seminar from 1pm – 4pm at St. Leo's Church Hall hosted by the Missionary Families of Christ

### **Paschal Candle**

The Paschal Candle has a long history and carries significant meaning and symbolism in Easter services. The candle is blessed and lit during the Easter Vigil, symbolizing the light of Christ's resurrection overcoming the darkness of the tomb. Thank you to the **Rogers family** for donating this year's Paschal Candle.

### **Donating Securities to the Archdiocese of Toronto**

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and an increased support of various archdiocesan charities

such as your Parish, ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary and many others.

For further information, contact the Development Office at 416-934-3400 ext. 561 or send an email to [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org).

### **Volunteers Needed**

St. Leo is looking for volunteers to help with Faith Formation on Thursdays at 7:00pm & Saturdays at 10:00am. Please contact the office.

[officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com](mailto:officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com)

### **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.

[officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com](mailto:officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com)

### **Parish Weekly Updates**

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

### **Passing of Pope Francis**

"Our Catholic family worldwide is in mourning following the death of our spiritual father, Pope

Francis. Since 2013, our shepherd has guided the flock lovingly and served as a global ambassador of peace, hope and love. The Holy Father's humility, compassion and care for others, most especially the poor and marginalized, has served as a powerful witness and a reminder of our daily call to reflect the face of Jesus to all those whom we encounter.

I invite the faithful throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and all those who mourn his loss, to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. May we honour his legacy and lovingly embrace his invitation to be missionaries of mercy, sharing the light of Christ in abundance as we affirm the dignity of every human life and foster a culture of care and love.

Our good and faithful servant has been called home to the Lord. May he rest in peace."

### **Statement from Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto**

### **Divine Mercy Sunday April 27, 2025**

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:

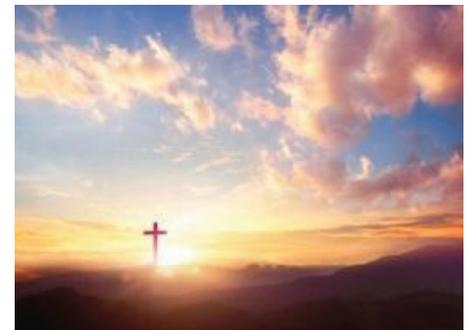
My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender

mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast. Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter<sup>[1]</sup>. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/celebrate/greatgrace/dms>

**"Blessed are those who have not seen and have yet believed" John 20:29**





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