



St. Leo The Great

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Office Hours

Monday: closed
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday: closed
Sunday: closed
Lunch break: 12 noon- 1:00 pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 8:30 am
Wednesday: 7:00 pm
First Saturday: 8:30 am

Church Doors During the Day Open

Check our parish website or parish doors for the schedule.

Benediction and Adoration of the Eucharist

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: 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Please download the Baptism Information form from parish website and follow the instructions.

Sacrament of Marriage

The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you 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 Server practice and social every last Saturday of the month from 5:30 - 6:30pm.
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
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Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

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Prayer Group: Divine Mercy Lectio Divina

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the lounge.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Please contact the parish office to register for 2023/2024. The program runs from September to April on a weekly basis.

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, April 6th

8:30 a.m. mass

4:30 p.m. † Antonio Tambura

Sunday, April 7th

9:00 a.m. † Vince Corvinelli

11:00 a.m. † Tom MacDonald

Tuesday, April 9th

8:30 a.m. † Attilio Tuzi

Wednesday, April 10th

6:45 p.m. Consecration to Mary

7:00 p.m. † Alex and † Susan Quinn

Thursday, April 11th

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, April 12th

8:30 a.m. † Palmerino Arci

Saturday, April 13th

4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 14th

9:00 a.m. Vincenzo Guzzo-Foliaro

11:00 a.m. pro populo

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.

On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin

- Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- Altar server training
- 1st Communion registration / preparation
- Confirmation Registration / Preparation
- Our Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Easter message from Archbishop Leo
- Divine Mercy Sunday – Solemnity
- Saint Gemma Galgani

Link to our archdiocesan church second website:

<https://stleothegreatbr.archtoronto.org>

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

This Sunday after the 9 and 11 am masses, the Knights of Columbus host their breakfast.

Altar server training

Altar Server training and social this Saturday April 13th and every other last Saturday of the month after mass, in the church from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM.

1st Communion Sacrament/Preparation

First session starts on Monday April 08, 2024. The session starts with registration for that week at 6:30pm, and the catechesis continues until 8pm. The second session for the 2nd group starts a week later Monday April 15. Both sessions last a whole week, and the celebration is done on Sunday. Times and dates are available on our website. Please check the details as found there. We are looking for volunteers to assist in registration and helping the candidates follow the catechesis.

Confirmation Registration/Preparation

All students register and start their session on Monday April 22, for the whole week, and the celebration takes place on the Sunday following with an option of 1pm Mass or 4pm Mass. Times and dates are available on our website. Please check the details as found there.

Our Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary

This will take place on Wednesday April 10, before the evening Mass at 6:45pm. Consecration sheets will be provided and available at the entrance of the Church.

Easter message from Archbishop Leo

Archbishop Francis Leo recorded a beautiful and encouraging message for Easter. As the youtube link is rather long, we have a link to the message on our website. Please visit:

<https://stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/EM>

Divine Mercy Sunday—Solemnity

In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Maria Faustina Kowolska and added the Feast of Divine Mercy to the Church's official calendar.

Saint Faustina, who died in 1938, was a member of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland. She came from a simple and poor family of farmers, had only three years of rudimentary education, and performed the humblest of tasks in her convent. But she also was a mystic who was

privileged to have many private revelations from our Lord. In obedience to her superior and spiritual director, she recorded these private revelations in six notebooks. Those notebooks are known today under the title: *Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*. The messages contained within her diary present profound communications from God for our day and age. Though the messages are many, there are several new ways that God is calling us to a new form of devotion.

A first way is through meditation on the image of Divine Mercy.

A second way is through our participation in the Solemnity of Divine Mercy:

A third way is through the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

A fourth way is by honoring Jesus' passion at the 3 o'clock hour:

A fifth way is through an apostolic movement to spread the message of Divine Mercy.

During her lifetime, Sister Faustina believed Jesus was calling her to found a new congregation, but that never materialized. Jesus, nonetheless, spoke to her in ways that revealed His desire that this "new congregation" be established. Since a formal religious congregation was never founded in her lifetime, we must look to the founding of subsequent congregations and apostolic movements that seek to spread the messages of Divine Mercy. God is calling each of us not only to receive His mercy but to spread that mercy to others in personal and organized ways.

Though Saint Faustina died in 1938, we should see the messages in her Diary as messages God especially desires we learn and live today. God moves slowly and methodically. He first revealed these messages, then allowed them to be studied by the Church for decades, then led Pope John Paul to canonize her and establish the universal Feast of Mercy on the last day of the octave of Easter in the year 2000. For these reasons, we should see this as one of the newest and most relevant devotions in our lifetimes.

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, ponder the profound significance of this new form of devotion

for the Church and world today. We need God's abundant Divine Mercy to flow from the gates of Heaven upon us more than ever. Only in Heaven will we understand the full depths of God's Mercy.

For now, we must trust all that He has revealed through his humble servant Saint Faustina and respond to the requests He has given to us through her. Commit yourself to the various ways God has called us to call upon His Mercy and do so with as much vigor and devotion you can offer Him. The following is the 3 o'clock prayer Jesus gave to Saint Faustina:

Prayer: You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us (#1319). Jesus, I trust in You.

Saint Gemma Galgani

Feastday April 11

Born: 12 March 1878, Died: Holy Saturday, 11 April 1903

Eldest daughter of a poor pharmacist; her mother died when Gemma was seven, her father when the girl was eighteen, and she took over the care of her seven brothers and sisters. Her health was always poor, and between that and her home life she never finished school. Cured in her 20's of spinal meningitis by prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, and Saint Marguerite Marie Alacoque. Rejected by the religious orders to which she applied as they were concerned about her health, would not believe her cure, and were suspicious of the claims of a miracle.

She became a Passionist tertiary. Stigmatist, receiving the wounds on her hands and feet each Thursday evening through Friday afternoon starting in June 1899 and continuing into 1901. Visionary; she saw her guardian angel daily, and had visits from Jesus, Mary, Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, and the devil who tempted her to spit on the cross and break a rosary. Venerable Germanus Ruoppolo was her spiritual director and wrote her biography.



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