

# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Office Hours (Summer Schedule)

Monday, Saturday & Sunday: closed

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 - 4:00 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: francavasco1@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

Grand Knight: Larry Hallihan lgba2008@yahoo.com

### Saint Vincent de Paul

President: Maureen Kerr maureen.kerr100@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, August 9th

4:30 p.m. + Rocco Caprio

### Sunday, August 10th

9:00 a.m. + Sienna Millete Toader

11:00 a.m. + Luigi Ciardullo

### Tuesday, August 12th

8:30 a.m. No Mass

### Wednesday, August 13th

7:00 p.m. Mass for the Departed Souls at Resurrection Cemetery

### Thursday, August 14th

8:30 a.m. + Quentin D'Mello

+ Michelle + Angela + Elio + Maria & + Rosalba Pompilio

### Friday, August 15th

8:30 a.m. + Maria Frendo-Cumbo

+ Larry Hallihan

### Saturday, August 16th

4:30 p.m. + Antonio Tamburro

### Sunday, August 17th

9:00 a.m. + Mr & Mrs Sonny Dezan

11:00 a.m. + Ivan Krizmanic

### Tuesday, August 19th

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

+ Attilio & + Maria Tuzi

### Wednesday, August 20th

7:00 p.m. + Maggie D'Souza & + John Turnbull Senior.

### Thursday, August 21st

8:30 a.m. Living intentions for Anna Maria &

Benedetto Tuzi & Veronica & Christopher Duarte

### Friday, August 22nd

8:30 a.m. + John Michael White + Larry Hallihan

**Pray for our deceased parishioners:** Frances Tomsic, Larry Hallihan

### 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*

### **Special Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup>**

#### **Collection**

*Canadian Missions  
August 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

#### **Renovation Project**

We are in the process of exchanging the HVAC, Flat roof and Support Foundation to a new system at a cost of \$ 267,550.02. A formal request for approval has been sent to the Archdiocese. We will keep you posted as to when work will commence.

### **Resurrection Cemetery**

#### **Mass for the Faithful**

#### **Departed**

**August 13, 2025**

Catholic Cemeteries & funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 7:00pm. This year's Annual Mass will be celebrated at Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby. In the event of rain, Mass will be held in Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery. ***This Mass will replace our evening Mass at St. Leo's.***

### **Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to**

#### **Martyrs' Shrine**

**Sunday, August 24, 2025**

(16163 Highway 12 West,  
Midland, Ontario)

During this Jubilee Year, please consider joining Cardinal Leo and the bishops, priests and deacons of the Archdiocese for a pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine, a designated Archdiocesan Jubilee Site (for pilgrimage and plenary indulgence).

### **Season of Creation 2025**

The annual event of the Season of Creation begins on September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology.

This year's theme is "Peace with Creation" and the symbol is "Garden

of Peace", inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18.

An introductory video and resources to observe this season at home, church and school may be found at the following links:

Celebration Guide: <https://bit.ly/SoC-CelebrationGuide>

Video: <https://bit.ly/SoC-Video>

### **Have a look at our new 'Tip Tap' Pay for Offertory Located in the vestibule**

The Archdiocese of Toronto has partnered with Tip Tap Pay so that you can help support your parish with a simple tap. Simply tap the 'tiptap' device to give to your parish. That's it!. You can also receive a tax receipt for your 'tiptap' gift as well. After your first tap, scan the parish **QR Code right away** with your smart phone and register your payment card. After your card had been registered, you will receive an end-of-year tax receipt for all of your 'tiptap' gifts. Thank you for your kind heart and supporting our church!



### **Help Needed in the office**

#### **Tuesday to Friday**

**Sept 23 - Oct 3, 2025**

St. Leo's is looking for a motivated individual to help in the office while the parish secretary is on vacation. Responsibilities include answering the phone & directing calls.

Providing general administrative support. If you are interested, please contact the office at 905 655 3286 or email:

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

### **Pilgrimage to Italy, Jubilee & Canonization of Blessed Carlo & Blessed Pier Giorgio September 3-13, 2025**

An opportunity that comes once in a lifetime. Cost per person \$ 3850 including tax. If interested, pick up our pilgrimage itinerary & registration form from the vestibule. All information can also be found on our website: [stleothegreat.ca](http://stleothegreat.ca)

***Please fill in the registration form and drop it off at the office along with your deposit via cash or cheque as soon as possible.***



### **Transfiguration of the Lord**

**Feast day: August 6**

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Matthew 17:1-5

After this significant exchange, Jesus began revealing to His disciples His impending fate—His journey to Jerusalem to suffer and die. Peter resisted this revelation, to which Jesus responded sternly, correcting Peter's human thinking with divine wisdom (Matthew 16:22-23).

This is the context of the Feast of the Transfiguration we celebrate today. First, Jesus proclaimed the triumph of His Church over evil. Second, He informed them that this victory would be achieved through His own suffering and death.

Understanding their struggle, Jesus took His three closest companions, Peter, James, and John, up a high mountain. There He was transfigured before them, radiating pure white light, conversing with Moses and Elijah, and being affirmed in His identity by the Father.

This event was likely meant to reinforce His disciples' faith after a week of pondering Jesus' foretold suffering and death, along with His exhortation that they must follow Him. The Transfiguration affirmed Jesus' divinity and His relationship with the revered figures of Moses and Elijah.

Furthermore, the Father in Heaven confirmed Jesus as His divine Son with whom He was well pleased.

After the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, these three Apostles shared their experience of the Transfiguration, fortifying others in the faith. This story is still shared today to strengthen us as we bear our own crosses.

The Feast of the Transfiguration is strategically placed forty days before the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. Thus, the Transfiguration should be seen as a preparation for both the Cross of Christ and our participation in that triumph. According to the Gospel, we are called to take up our crosses and follow Jesus for the glory of the Father, the fulfillment of His will, and the good of the Church, which will always prevail against the gates of hell.

As you celebrate the Transfiguration today, look at this event as a foretaste of the reward awaiting you, and a source of encouragement to endure all sufferings for the final victory of Christ. The Christian life, as stated by Jesus Himself, is about suffering and dying out of love and with unwavering hope. By uniting our trials with Christ's Cross, we share in His glorious victory for all eternity.

<https://www.mycatholiclife.com/>

## **Jubilee 2025: What it is and How to Participate**

### **What is a Jubilee Year?**

A Holy Year of the forgiveness of sin, conversion and joyful celebration. The word "jubilee" comes from the Hebrew word *yobel*, which refers to the ram's horn used to announce a jubilee in the Old Testament.

### **Old Testament origins**

God told Moses that every fiftieth year was to be set aside for the return of absent members to their households, the restoration of land to its owners, the release of Hebrew slaves and the forgiveness of debts.

*This fiftieth year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when every one of you shall return to his own property, everyone to his own family estate.* (Lev. 25:10)

Like the sabbath, which took place on the seventh day of each week, the jubilee was

a time for the Israelites to re-establish a proper relationship with God and with one another.

### **Tradition continues in Christianity**

Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Christian jubilee in A.D. 1300, granting the full remission of sin for those who confessed their sins and made a pilgrimage to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The Church first celebrated jubilee years every 100 years. This was eventually shortened to every 50 years and then every 25 years.

### **Recent Jubilee years**

1950: During this Holy Year of 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven.

1975: This Holy Year of reconciliation was proclaimed by Pope Paul VI.

1983: Pope John Paul II proclaimed a special jubilee year in 1983 to celebrate the 1,950th anniversary of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

2000: Pope John Paul II proclaimed the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000.

2015: Pope Francis declared an extraordinary jubilee for the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second Vatican Council. The jubilee was dedicated to mercy.

### **Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope**

Jubilee 2025 was proclaimed by Pope Francis in the Papal Bull *Spes Non Confundit* ("Hope does not disappoint").

"The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation." (Pope Francis, *Spes Non Confundit* 25)

The jubilee will begin in Rome on the vigil of the Lord's Nativity on Dec. 24, 2024 with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, and in local dioceses on Holy Family Sunday on Dec. 29. It will conclude in local dioceses the following Holy Family Sunday on Dec. 28, 2025, and in Rome on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Jan. 6, 2026, with the closing of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica.

### **Hallmarks of the Jubilee**

**Jubilee Indulgence:** Special graces for the forgiveness of the temporal punishment due for sins are

made available during the Jubilee Year. The faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence – remission of all temporal punishment (time in Purgatory) for sin—by meeting the normal conditions (confession, Holy Communion, prayer for the pope's intentions, and no attachment to sin) and by participating in one of the following activities:

**Pilgrimages:** The four major basilicas in Rome are the main pilgrimage destinations, but pilgrims may also go to the Holy Land, their diocesan cathedral or other officially designated locations.

**Pious visits to sacred places:** At these locations, the faithful are to engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, among other spiritual practices.

**Works of mercy and penance:** The faithful are to perform the spiritual or corporal works of mercy or carry out works of penance, such as abstaining from meat on Fridays.

**Holy Doors:** The pope opens the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica at the beginning of each jubilee year. Passing through the holy doors symbolizes the pilgrim's journey of conversion.

**Papal Basilicas:** The pope will open the Holy Doors of the four main churches (called "major basilicas") in Rome: St. Peter's Basilica, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls.

### **How to participate in Jubilee 2025**

*Make a pilgrimage to Rome. Some dioceses, parishes and other organizations will be coordinating pilgrimages, but you may also go on your own. Participate in a local celebration of the jubilee. Some dioceses, parishes and other organizations will coordinate local celebrations for those unable to travel to Rome. Obtain Jubilee Indulgence through one of the other means (works of mercy and penance, making a pilgrimage to your cathedral, etc.). Serve as a jubilee volunteer. Applications are available online. Pray for the pope, the Church and all who take part in the jubilee.*

<https://catholiclife.dioc.org/>

## **The Assumption of Mary**

**August 15, 2025**

Magnify the Lord with praise and thanksgiving for what he has done for you. *Our souls proclaim the greatness of the Lord. Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.*





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