

St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

130 Watford Street, Brooklin, ON L1M 1H2 905.655.3286
www.stleothegreat.ca e-mail: officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com

Pastor: Father Mounir El- Rassi

Parish Secretary: Gianella Lazaro 905-655-3286 ext. 1



*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, December 23rd

4:30 p.m. Intentions for Anita Delmedico
 † Higgins & † Barker
 Deceased Family Members`

Sunday, December 24th

9:00 a.m. Pro populo
 11:00 a.m. † Fawzi Eissa
 4:30 p.m. Pro populo
 8:00 p.m. Pro populo

Monday, December 25th

9:00 a.m. Pro populo

11:00 a.m. Pro populo

Tuesday, December 26th

No Mass Closed

Wednesday, December 20th

7:00 p.m. † Fawzi Eissa
 † Loretta Tahaan
 † Patricia Shaughnessy

Thursday, December 28th

8:30 a.m. † Innocenzo & † Vincenzina (Mammone)
 † Attilio & † Maria (Tuzi)

Friday, December 22nd

8:30 a.m. † Fred Aloise

Saturday, December 30th

4:30 p.m. † Loretta Tahaan
 † Fawzi Eissa
 † Eddy Aslanfard

Int. Maria Aloise Family & † Fred Aloise

Sunday, December 31st

9:00 a.m. Pro populo
 11:00 a.m. † Mariane & † John Johnson

Sanctuary Light: Two week starting Dec 23rd – Jan 5th

For the Deceased Fawzi Eissa

For: Sanctuary Light Request.

For: Vigil Light for Mary.

For: Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary.

For a visit by the parish priest. Father is available on Monday, Friday and Saturday afternoon and evening.

Make your request at the office.

On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin

- This is our 4th Sunday of Advent
- Saint Teresa of Ávila: The Our Father

Link to our archdiocesan church second website:
<https://stleothegreatbr.archtoronto.org>

Reminder: Church and Office are closed the 1st week of January from Tuesday to Friday. Open again on Saturday for 8:30am Mass, and Evening 4:30pm Mass.

Dinner And Dance Song Requests

There is no more tickets available for our New Year party. If you wish to have a song played for you or your children, please make your request on a piece of paper and drop it at the mailbox outside the office or email it to us at the office. Thank you.

This is our 4th Sunday of Advent

December 24th

This year (2023) Advent is very short with Sunday being the only day in the fourth week. In the General Roman Calendar, today is the last day of Advent, Christmas Eve, and (beginning with the vigil Mass) is the first day of Christmas time. The liturgical texts express wholehearted confidence in the imminent coming of the Redeemer. There is much joyous expectation. Most families have their own observances, customs that should be preserved from generation to generation. Today is the last day of our Christmas Novena.

For those following the Jesse Tree, you can either continue through Christmas Eve following Catholic Culture's Jesse Tree, or use symbols based on the "O" Antiphons (see [Jesse Tree Instructions](#) and [O Antiphons](#)).

Christmas Eve at Church

The entire liturgy of Christmas Eve is consecrated to the anticipation of the certain and sure arrival of the Savior: "Today you shall know that the Lord shall come and tomorrow you shall see His glory" (Invitatory of Matins for the Vigil of the Nativity). Throughout Advent we have seen how the preparation for Jesus' coming became more and more precise. Isaiah, John the Baptist, and the Virgin Mother appeared throughout the season announcing and foretelling the coming of the King.



We learn today that Christ according to His human nature is born at Bethlehem of the House of David of the Virgin Mary, and that according to His divine nature He is conceived of the Spirit of holiness, the Son of God and the Second Person of the Trinity. The certitude of His coming is made clear in two images. The first is that of the closed gate of paradise. Since our first parents were cast forth from the earthly paradise the gate has been closed and a cherubim stands guard with flaming sword. The Redeemer alone is able to open this door and enter in. On Christmas Eve we stand before the gate of paradise, and it is for this reason that Psalm 23 is the theme of the vigil:

Lift up your gates, O princes,

Open wide, eternal gates,

That the King of Glory may enter in. . . .

Taken from: <https://www.catholicculture.org/>

Saint Teresa of Ávila: The Our Father

“As we repeat the Our Father so many times ...

let us delight in it.” -- Saint Teresa of Ávila

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

(Holy Communion)

For the love of God let us realize the meaning of our good Master’s petition.

We know that until the accidents of bread have been consumed by our natural heat, the good Jesus is with us. If, while He went about in the world, the sick were healed by merely touching His clothes, how can we doubt that He will work miracles when he is within us, if we have faith? Or how can we doubt that he will give us what we ask of Him since He is in our house? His Majesty is not wont to offer us too little payment for His lodging if we treat Him well.

FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE ...

Notice that Our Lord does not say: “as we shall forgive.” The good Jesus might have said: “Forgive us, Lord, because we are doing a great deal of penance, or because we are praying often, and fasting.” But He has never said any of these other things He might have said. He simply says: “Because we forgive.”

It is such a serious and important matter that God should pardon us our sins, which have merited eternal fire, that we must pardon all ...

AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

Let us always beseech God that temptation may not be strong enough for us to offend Him.

From any sin, however small, committed with full knowledge, may God deliver us, especially since we are sinning against so great a Sovereign and realizing that He is watching us! Take this advice, which comes, not from me, but from your Master – Strive to walk with love and fear, and I guarantee your safety. Love will make you quicken your steps. Fear will make you look where you are setting your feet so that you may not fall.

It will be a great thing at the hour of death, when we are going we know not whither, to realize that we shall be judged by One Whom we have loved above all things. Remember the greatness of the gain which comes from this love, and of our loss if we do not possess it, for in that case we shall be delivered into the hands of the tempter ... What will become of the poor soul when it falls into these hands after emerging from all the pains and trials of death? How it will be torn as it goes down to hell! A pampered person (and most of those who go to hell are that) can hardly bear to spend a single night in a bad inn. What, then, will be the feeling of that wretched soul when it is condemned to such an inn as this and has to spend eternity there? What, then, Eternal Father, can we do but flee to Thee and beg Thee not to allow these enemies of ours to lead us into temptation?

DELIVER US FROM EVIL

If we try to banish bodily ills and trials, is it not right that we should ask to be delivered from sin?

O my God and Lord, deliver me from all evil and be pleased to lead me to that place where all good things are to be found.

God’s will is for us to desire truth, whereas we desire falsehood; His will is for us to desire the eternal, whereas we prefer that which passes away; His will is for us to desire great and sublime things, whereas we desire the base things of earth; He would have us desire only what is certain, whereas here on earth we love what is doubtful.

What a mockery it all is, unless we beseech God to deliver us from all these perils forever and to keep us from evil!

AMEN

By the word “Amen”, as it comes at the end of every prayer, I understand that the Lord is begging that we may be delivered from all evil for ever.

Taken from: <https://thecarmelitelibrary.blogspot.com/>



ONTARIO DUCT CLEANING
Do it for your home do it for
the health of your family.
For a FREE No Obligation
phone estimate, call:
905-433-5000

St. Leo the Great CWL
Donna Shaddick
President
905-620-0724
All Are Welcome




Call for free plumbing estimate
Devon Knight: 289-356-3914
@knightspipes



Brooklin Precision Tune
114 Winchester Rd E
905-655-6171

Remember...
Let our advertisers
know you saw
their ad here.

**Baldwin
Animal
Hospital**

Daniel Baturensky, DVM
4160 Baldwin St. S. Unit 13, Whitby
P 905-655-CATS 905-655-BARK



420 King St. W Oshawa
905-240-5439
www.KidzCouture.ca
Boys and Girls Formal Wear Boutique - Infants to Teens
Baptisms, Communion, Confirmations,
Weddings, Graduations and more

**THE PERFECT SPOT
TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!**



**TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL
1-800-268-2637**

**THE PERFECT SPOT
TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!**

**TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL
1-800-268-2637**



62 Winchester Rd. E.
Brooklin Tax
& Bookkeeping Services Inc.
Accounting • Bookkeeping • Personal & Corporate Taxes
Alan Hogan 905.655.8556



Shopping Locally Saves Gas!

FRESH CO

**5959 Baldwin St S
Hwy 12 & 7
www.freshco.com**

**BROOKLIN
OPTOMETRIC
CENTRE**
brooklineyecare.ca
DR. PUI-YEE HO

**5959 Anderson St
905-655-6200**



**St. Leo's
Knights of Columbus**
Get involved. Inquire now!
Larry Hallihan 905 620 0351
lgba2008@yahoo.ca
www.StLeoTheGreatKofc.ca



The Court at Brooklin
5909 Anderson St.
905-655-7718
CourtAtBrooklin.ca



GIANCARLO MORALES
Sales Representative
416-882-8048
gc@moralespropertygroup.com
*BUY, SELL, INVEST OR LEASE,
WE ARE HERE TO HELP!*

UNION **M** **MORALES**
CAPITAL REALTY. BROKERAGE PROPERTY GROUP
www.moralespropertygroup.com



Gus Brown
 **HYUNDAI** NEW THINKING. NEW POSSIBILITIES.

*We Service All Makes and Models
Appointments not required*
**445 Winchester Rd E
905-721-6599**
www.gusbrownhyundai.com

**Desjardins
Insurance**
Stephanie Gordon - Agent
72 Baldwin St Suite 203 905-655-3111
stephaniegordon.ca



Brooklin



905-655-1739

Funeral Director – Michael Lodge
W.C. Town Funeral Chapel
110 Dundas St. E., Whitby **905-668-3410**



**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
FUNERAL SERVICES**
In keeping with your Catholic faith
www.catholic-cemeteries.com
**Resurrection Cemetery
905-668-8912**

Serving our Community with Compassion



**BARNES MEMORIAL
FUNERAL HOME**
Family owned and operated since 1863
905.655.3662
5295 Thickson Rd. N., Whitby (one minute North of Taunton on Thickson)



Melissa Barnes
Funeral Director
Richard Barnes
Managing Director

Deidre Anne Newman
B.Sc., LL.B.
Barrister & Solicitor
Family, Criminal, Wills
2A-119 Consumers Drive
Whitby, Ontario L1N 1C4
T: 905-665-6360
dnewman@danewmanlaw.com



Chris Leahy
**DURHAM
SECURITY**
905-556-1801

Turn your home into a
Smart Home!
**\$50 donated to St. Leo's
for every new contract.**
chris@durhamsecurity.ca