



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

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)

President: Shannon Rogers smarogers@gmail.com

Catering Services

Franca Vasco 905-621-9658

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, January 31st

4:30 p.m. + Edward Fox

Sunday, February 1st

9:00 am + Deceased members of John & Minerva & Living intentions of John, Minerva & Family

11:00 a.m. + Carlos Felipa

Tuesday, February 3rd

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

Wednesday, February 4th

7:00 p.m. + Arsenio Sarmiento

Thursday, February 5th

8:30 a.m. To end abortions

Friday, February 6th

8:30 a.m. + Aniceto Inocencio & + Loreto Aquino

Saturday, February 7th -1st Saturday

8:30 a.m. + Gabrielle Cannistraci

4:30 p.m. All Married Couples

Sunday, February 8th

9:00 a.m. All Married Couples

11:00 a.m. + Attilio & Maria Bianco

Pray for our deceased parishioners:

For: Sanctuary Light - Maria Mastropietro

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

2nd Collection
January 31st & February
1st, 2026
Building and Maintenance
Fund

Knights of Columbus
Breakfast Sunday
February 8, 2026

Knights of Columbus breakfast in the hall this coming weekend after the 9am and 11 am mass on February 8, 2026

Knights of Columbus Annual
Valentines Dance

Date: Feb 21, 2026 @ 6:45 in the Church Hall

Refreshments @ 7:00 PM,

Dinner @ 7:30 PM

Apps/Dinner(Greek Tycoon)/DJ

Dance/Tea-Coffee/Dessert

Spot Prizes & 50/50 Draw

Price \$40/person

Tickets available before / after mass in the vestibule,

We hope to see you there at this popular event.

Message for World Day for
Consecrated Life
2 February 2026

Please visit the below link for His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Archbishop of Toronto's complete message.

www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/message-for-world-day-for-consecrated-life

Sunday Social Event

We appreciate the volunteers and parishioners who supported our lunch social last weekend despite the harsh weather. *We are looking for new volunteers to join the Social Committee.*

2026 Offertory Envelopes

Reminder to kindly pickup your 2026 Offertory Envelopes that are on a table in the vestibule. If you need any help finding your box of envelopes, please ask an Usher. For PAG Parishioners requiring special envelopes, please put your name & telephone number down on the sheet.

Community Board & Posts:

We are introducing a new bulletin board primarily to serve as a centralized, visual display for sharing information, announcements, schedules, and notices within our parish boundaries. It can include services, jobs, rentals, or sales.

Parking Advisory: Carson Avenue

We would like to gently remind all parishioners to avoid parking on Carson Avenue during the heavy snow season. This precaution is for everyone's safety, as snow accumulation can make street parking hazardous and impede traffic flow. Please remember that we have ample parking available in our west parking lot. We encourage you to use these designated spaces to help ensure safe and convenient access for all.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Come & See – Discernment Weekend Retreat – February 27 – March 1, 2026, at St. Augustine's Seminary

Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, February 27 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 1 (2 p.m.). This Retreat offers a way for

men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary.

Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeseesee

For more information, please email vocations@archtoronto.org

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY
NO GREATER LOVE

Lift Jesus Higher Rally registration is now OPEN!

For more than thirty years, the Lift Jesus Higher Rally has brought together Catholics of all ages from the Greater Toronto Area and beyond for a day of fellowship, inspiration, and drawing closer to the Lord. We often hear from attendees that the rally is the highlight of their year! The 2026 rally will be held Saturday, March 14, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. A youth rally will be held at the same time in the John Basset Theatre.

<https://ljhr.ca/>

Worldwide Marriage
Encounter Experience - March
7-8, 2026

Fall in Love Again!

Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage or priesthood?

Join us on March 7-8 at Queen of Apostles for a weekend that could change your life.

Discover the Secrets to a Lasting, Supportive, and

Transformational Marriage!

This weekend is for couples, whether you are newlyweds or have been married for decades.

It's also perfect for priests looking to deepen their relationship with their community.

Contact us NOW: Christian & Elizabeth Arroba, 416-554-4439 or 416-554-7062

christian.elizabeth.arroba@wwme.org

Life-Giving Wounds: A
Healing Retreat for Adult
Children of Divorced or
Separated Parents

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from Friday, May 15 at 6 p.m. to Sunday, May 17 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$325 per person (\$225 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. Limited subsidies are available if cost is a concern. Please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me. For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit: bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2026.

Sunday's Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

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The Call to Beatitude **Gospel Reflection**

The Beatitudes call us to the heights of morality and holiness. Those who live according to these divine precepts are blessed beyond measure. The promises to those who live this high calling are great: They become children of God and inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. Furthermore, they receive comfort, satisfaction, mercy, purity, and peace. Though the rewards are great, so are the requirements: spiritual poverty, holy sorrow, meekness, longing for righteousness, a merciful heart, purity, peacemaking, and patient endurance during persecution.

Lord of perfection, You lived the Beatitudes to the fullest during Your life on earth and continue to manifest those perfections from Heaven. Please open my heart to Your grace and fill me with Your Holy Spirit, so that I may answer the call to the new and glorious moral state to which I am called. Empower me to live fully immersed in and guided by Your Sacrificial Love. Help me to inspire others to embrace this path of holiness, so that we may journey together toward the eternal joy of Your Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You!

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Presentation of the Lord **February 2, 2026**

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an ancient celebration in the Church. It is also called Candlemas because, on this day, candles are blessed in many parishes. These candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World. The feast is celebrated on February 2, forty days

after Christmas. It recalls the day when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Him to God.

This event is rooted in Jewish tradition. According to the Law of Moses, every firstborn son belonged to God. Jewish parents were to bring their son to the Temple and offer a small sacrifice in thanksgiving. By bringing Jesus to the Temple, Mary and Joseph followed God's law faithfully. This act shows their humility and obedience to God.

The Church has celebrated the Presentation of the Lord for many centuries. In the early Church, people gathered in the evening for a candlelit procession, honoring Christ as the Light. February 2, exactly 40 days after Christmas, was chosen because of this tradition in Jewish law. It also marks the end of the Christmas season for some Catholic communities.

The feast celebrates three main ideas.

First, Jesus is recognized as the Light of the World, a light for all people. Second, it shows that Jesus came to fulfill the law, not to destroy it. He and His family obeyed the customs of their people. Third, it honors the deep faith of Mary and Joseph, who followed God's will at every step.

In the Gospel of Luke, we read about two holy people, Simeon and Anna, who meet Jesus at the Temple. Both Simeon and Anna see that Jesus is special. They have waited their whole lives for this moment. Simeon praises God and calls Jesus a "light for revelation to the Gentiles." This points to Jesus' mission to save not only Israel but also all nations.

On Candlemas, the Church invites us to remember that Jesus brings light to our lives. Like Simeon and Anna, we are called to recognize Jesus in our world. We also look to Mary and Joseph as examples of faith and obedience.

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