



St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday: closed

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am- 3:00 pm

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 - Youth mass

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 servers/Children serve the mass they attend. Arrive at 15 minutes before your mass if possible. Please register the children for this ministry at the welcome desk.

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Larry Hallihan

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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



MASS INTENTIONS
OF THE WEEK

Saturday, January 13th

4:30 p.m. † Peter Azavedo
Mary-Lou Elliott

Sunday, January 14th

9:00 a.m. † Tomasina & † Francesco (Parente)
11:00 a.m. † Frank Utrosa

Tuesday, January 16th

8:30 a.m. † Alex & † Susan Quinn

Wednesday, January 17th

7:00 p.m. † Romeo & † Marjorie Asselin

Thursday, January 18th

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

Friday, January 19th

8:30 a.m. Presentation Sister

Saturday, January 20th

4:30 p.m. † Gabriel Silveira & Thanksgiving
for Blessings Received

Sunday, January 21st

9:00 a.m. † Francesco Caruso
11:00 a.m. † Augen Abraham

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

- Office Volunteer (Screening).
- ST. Leo's - Dinner/Dance
- Knights of Columbus.
- Beyond Polarities: Ignatian and Jesuit Sources for a Wounded World
- St. Anthony the Abbot

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

Office Volunteer (Screening)

This is a volunteer position to screen other volunteers in any risk area within the church ministries. It is easy to do and requires about one hour to two hours a week. Contact the office if you are interested. Thank you.

ST. Leo's - Dinner/Dance

We would like to thank the following for their generosity and kindness in donations:

1. Collison Repair Experts - Toronto East for donating the Champagne.
2. Collison Repair Experts - Scarborough for donating Gift Baskets.
3. Collison Repair Experts - Ajax for donating Gift baskets.
4. Bella Notte – Food.
5. Committee Members / parishioners for donating door prizes.
6. CIBC-Gift Baskets.

Knights of Columbus

On behalf of the St. Leo Knights of Columbus, we would like to thank all parishioners For their support with all our planned activities (dances, breakfast, harvest feast, Bing, etc....) in 2023.

Due to your generous support, we as a council were able to raise and distribute over **\$20,000** dollars to local charities throughout the year.

Below is a list of charities who benefited from your support.

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Canadian Red Cross – Wildfires
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Yours very truly

Beyond Polarities: Ignatian and Jesuit Sources for a Wounded World

Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 11:00 AM to
Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 12:45 PM | Regis
College.

In this Windows on Theology course, Prof. Susan Wood, SCL will speak on how resources drawn from the "Spiritual Exercises" of St. Ignatius, as well as from the Society of Jesus's reflection on its mission oriented to justice and reconciliation in service of the faith, offer both a path to personal conversion and tools for accompanying our fellow travelers and offering Christ's healing in this wounded world. This course is offered from 10 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. and via hybrid delivery (in-person at Regis College and online via Zoom). An email with more information (such as the Zoom link to the courses) will be sent out around two weeks prior to the commencement of the course.

or more information, please

visit: <https://regiscollege.ca/academics/windows-on-theology/>

To register, please

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If you have any questions or issues regarding registration, please email

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We hope to see you all there!

St. Anthony the Abbot

Feast day: January 17

Two Greek philosophers ventured out into the



Two Greek philosophers, educated in languages and rhetoric. Anthony had not even attended school as a boy, and he needed an interpreter to speak

Egyptian desert to the mountain where Anthony lived. When they got there, Anthony asked them why they had come to talk to such a foolish man? He had reason to say that -- they saw before them a man who wore a skin, who refused to bathe, who lived on bread and water. They were Greek, the world's most admired civilization, and Anthony was Egyptian, a member of a conquered nation. They were philosophers, educated in

to them. In their eyes, he would have seemed very foolish.

But the Greek philosophers had heard the stories of Anthony. They had heard how disciples came from all over to learn from him, how his intercession had brought about miraculous healings, how his words comforted the suffering. They assured him that they had come to him because he was a wise man.

Anthony guessed what they wanted. They lived by words and arguments. They wanted to hear his words and his arguments on the truth of Christianity and the value of ascetism. But he refused to play their game. He told them that if they truly thought him wise, "If you think me wise, become what I am, for we ought to imitate the good. Had I gone to you, I should have imitated you, but, since you have come to me, become what I am, for I am a Christian."

Anthony's whole life was not one of observing, but of becoming. When his parents died when he was eighteen or twenty he inherited their three hundred acres of land and the responsibility for a young sister. One day in church, he heard read Matthew 19:21: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." Not content to sit still and meditate and reflect on Jesus' words he walked out the door of the church right away and gave away all his property except what he and his sister needed to live on. On hearing Matthew 6:34, "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today," he gave away everything else, entrusted his sister to a convent, and went outside the village to live a life of praying, fasting, and manual labor. It wasn't enough to listen to words, he had to become what Jesus said.

Every time he heard of a holy person he would travel to see that person. But he wasn't looking for words of wisdom, he was looking to become. So if he admired a person's constancy in prayer or courtesy or patience, he would imitate it. Then he would return home.

Anthony went on to tell the Greek philosophers that their arguments would never be as strong as faith. He pointed out that all rhetoric, all arguments, no matter how complex, how well-founded, were created by human beings. But faith was created by God. If they wanted to follow the greatest ideal, they should follow their faith.....

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