



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: francavascol@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 24th

4:30 p.m. + Maria Mastropietro

Sunday, January 25th

9:00 a.m. + Thomas Power

11:00 a.m. + Kenise Kilbride

Tuesday, January 27th

8:30 a.m. + Joseph Fenech & + Nicole Perone

Wednesday, January 28th

7:00 p.m. + Vitaliana Ruelos

+ Maria Mastropietro

+ Gerald & + Don Reynolds

Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 29th

8.30 a.m. + Innocenzo & + Vincenzina

Mammone & + Attilio & + Maria Tuzi

Friday, January 30th

8.30 a.m. + Louisa Andrews

Saturday, January 31st

4:30 p.m. + Edward Fox

Sunday, January 25th

9:00 am + Deceased members of John &

Minerva & Living intentions of John,

Minerva & Family

11:00 a.m. + Carlos Felipa

Pray for our deceased parishioners:

For: Sanctuary Light - Maria Mastropietro

For: Vigil Light for Mary. Veronica Tuzi

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

Lunch Social – January 25, 2026

Please join us after the 11am Mass for soup and sandwiches. Enjoy an opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners in a welcoming setting.

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.

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.

Employment Opportunities

Looking for work, please check the board next to the Welcome Centre for Job Postings.

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/comesee

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.

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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@wwm.e.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 Gospel
Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen. From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their

father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people. <https://mycatholic.life/>

Trusting God to Guide Our
Steps – Reflections on
Proverbs 16:9

Life doesn't always go the way we plan. Whether it's a career path, a relationship, or even a small decision, things often unfold in ways we didn't expect. Proverbs 16:9 tells us, “In their hearts, humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.” This verse is a comforting reminder that while planning is good, God's wisdom guides us in ways we might not always understand.

Learning to Trust in God's Guidance

Planning gives us a sense of control and direction, but Proverbs 16:9 invites us to trust that God knows what's best. When life changes unexpectedly, we can choose to believe that God is guiding us toward something meaningful. It's not about abandoning our dreams; it's about trusting that if God changes our path, it's for our good. His guidance often leads us to opportunities for growth, healing, and even blessings we couldn't have imagined.

Lessons from Proverbs 16:9

Letting Go of Control: We all love to feel in control, but true peace comes when we release our plans into God's hands. When we pray for His guidance, we allow Him to direct us, knowing His wisdom surpasses our own.

Seeing Obstacles as Redirection: Sometimes, obstacles are God's way of redirecting us to something better. When things don't go as expected,

ask yourself, “What is God trying to teach me here?”

Finding Peace in the Unknown: When we trust that God has a purpose for every twist and turn, we can find peace even in uncertain times. Faith allows us to embrace each step, knowing that He's leading us toward His best for us.

Applying Proverbs 16:9 in Daily Life

When you make plans, invite God into the process. Pray for His wisdom and guidance as you set your goals. And when things shift unexpectedly, pause and ask God to reveal His purpose. Trusting Him doesn't mean you won't face challenges, but it does mean you'll find strength in knowing He's leading you every step of the way.

<https://inspiredcatholics.com/>

Saint Francis de Sales
January 24, 2026

The Catholic Church celebrates the feast day of Saint Francis de Sales on January 24.

Saint Francis de Sales is venerated as the patron saint of writers, journalists, and the Catholic press. He was born in 1567 in France.

Saint Francis de Sales received his doctorate in law at 24 years old. Then, despite his father's hesitation, Francis de Sales entered the priesthood.

He lived during the Protestant Reformation and worked to bring Calvinists back to the Catholic Church. He became the bishop of Geneva at 35 years old.

<https://ETWN.com/>

*Heavenly Father,
as this new week begins,
guide my steps with Your light.
Grant me strength for my labors,
patience in trials,
and joy in serving others.
Through the intercession of Mary,
our Mother,
keep me close to Your Son, Jesus
Christ. Amen*



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