

# 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, July 12th

4:30 p.m. + Jacinta & Felisa De Leon

### Sunday, July 13th

9:00 a.m. + Franc Naterer

11:00 a.m. + Mike Giardullo

### Tuesday, July 15th

8:30 a.m. + Susan & Alex Quinn

### Wednesday, July 16th

7:00 p.m. Peter Vachon

### Thursday, July 17th

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

### Friday, July 18th

8:30 a.m. + Sheila Collins

Living intentions of Joanne, David & Kate Ellis

### Saturday, July 19th

4:30 p.m. + Clare Clothier

### Sunday, July 20th

9:00 a.m. + Joseph & Louisa Andrews

11:00 a.m. + Maria Bianco

### Tuesday, July 22nd

8:30 a.m. No Mass

### Wednesday, July 23rd

7:00 p.m. Pro Populo

### Thursday, July 24th

8:30 a.m. + Peter Vachon

### Friday, July 25th

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

**Pray for our deceased parishioners:** Rocco Caprio,  
Peter Vachon & Muriel Muller

**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**

***Mission Co-Op – July 19 & 20, 2025***

**Summer Hours**  
**July & August 2025**

**Church Hours**

Monday – Closed

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00am  
– 4:00pm

Wednesday 8:00am – 7:30pm

Saturday 9:00 – 5:00pm

Sunday – opens at 8:30am

**Office Hours**

Monday, Saturday & Sunday closed.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 4:00pm.

**Children's Liturgy**

This year, Children's Liturgy will extend through the summer months. All children ages 4 and older are welcome to join us at the 11 o'clock mass, for liturgy, in the meeting room. Children under the age of 4, or those children requiring additional support, may attend with an older sibling, or be accompanied by an adult. We look forward to spending the summer months growing closer to Jesus, with all our friends.

**Choir**

Our choir will be taking a summer break/s in July & August.

**Young Adults Ministry**

The St Leo's Young Adults Ministry is a group for parishioners aged 18 to 32. Together we will grow in our Faith, Social connections, overall Wellness, and Serve the community. There will be a Meet & Greet along with a Bake Sale on July 12th after the 4:30pm mass and July 13th after the 11am mass as a precursor to our first Tacos & Trivia Night in the lounge on July 19th after the 4:30pm mass!

**Parking Lot Line Painting**  
**July 14, 2025**

Work to refresh our parking lot lining and adding additional

disability spots will take place between the hours of 6:00am and 4:00pm. Parking lot will not be available on July 14.

**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.

**Mission Cooperative**  
**Program of the Archdiocese**  
**of Toronto**

**July 19 & 20, 2025**

Father George Njuguna will be celebrating Mass and preaching at our weekend Masses on July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection at all three weekend masses. The mandate of the Mission Cooperative Program is to provide food and medical care to the poor and the education of missionaries.

**Resurrection Catholic**  
**Cemetery**

Rosary for Priests at the Priest Section at Resurrection Catholic Cemetery. This special event is on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm.

Everyone is welcome.

**Parish Registration**

All parishioners are strongly encouraged to register with the parish. You could be a new parishioner, or a long timer. The reason is if we need to contact you, or provide a document to you, we do not have the ability to contact you by phone or email. Please register, it makes it easier to have a consolidation of your records. Thank you

**Church Bulletin Advertising**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in September 2025 & supports the

bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. ***Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.***

**Pilgrimage to Italy**  
**September 3-13, 2025**

Upcoming Pilgrimage to Italy, for the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Cost per person \$ 3950 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. 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.***



**St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron**  
**of Europe**

**Feast Day, July 11, 2025**

**The thought of St. Benedict is the lifeblood of Europe.**

Born in the central Italian mountain town of Nursia (Nursia) around AD 480, St. Benedict became one of the most important catalysts for the creation of a new European culture after the fall of the Roman Empire in the West (traditionally dated to AD 476). The system of monastic life he developed and nourished spread centers of prayer and hospitality throughout the continent. Benedictine monasteries were not only spiritual and cultural centers, but also a source of sustenance and relief for pilgrims and the poor.

**Bright Star in a Dark Century**

St. Gregory the Great – who wrote the only ancient biography of St. Benedict that we have – called St. Benedict “a bright light” in an age marked by the most serious crisis. From his youth, Benedict’s life was marked by prayer. His wealthy parents send him to Rome to provide him with adequate training. There, however, Benedict found young people shaken, ruined by the ways of vice. So, he left Rome for a place called Enfide and then lived as a hermit for three years in a cave

at Subiaco, which would become the heart of the Benedictine monastery Sacro Speco. This period of solitude preceded another crucial milestone on Benedict's journey: his arrival at Monte Cassino. There, among the ruins of an ancient pagan acropolis, St. Benedict and some of his disciples built their first abbey.

#### **Pray and work**

"Idleness," writes St. Benedict in the Rule, "is an enemy of the soul; That is why the brothers have to devote themselves to manual work, in some hours, in others, to reading books containing the word of God." Prayer and work are not in opposition but establish a symbiotic relationship. Without prayer, it is not possible to encounter God. The monastic life, however, defined by Benedict as "a school of the service of the Lord," cannot be without concrete commitment. Work is an extension of prayer. "The Lord," St. Benedict reminds us, "expects us daily to respond with facts to the doctrines of his holy teachings."

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/>

### **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

**July 16, 2025**

This optional memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was established to commemorate her apparition to Saint Simon Stock on 16 July 1251. The Book of Kings recounts that on Mount Carmel the Prophet Elijah gathered a group of men to defend the purity of the Hebrew faith and won a challenge against the priests of the pagan god Baal. Inspired by this experience, a group of monks, following the Rule of Saint Basil, was established to imitate the prophet Elijah. There are traces going back to the 11th century with the arrival of the crusaders. Around 1154, the French nobleman Berthold retreated to this mountain when he arrived in Palestine with his cousin Aimery de Limoges, Patriarch of Antioch. He decided to gather the hermits to live a cenobitic life. These men religious built a small church that stood in the middle of their cells, dedicating it to the Blessed Virgin. They themselves took the name Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel. The Carmelites would gradually acquire their two defining elements: a reference to Elijah and a strong connection with Mary Most Holy. In addition, according to tradition, it was there that

the Holy Family stopped on their return from Egypt.

*While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers appeared outside, wishing to speak with him. Someone told him, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, asking to speak with you." But he said in reply to the one who told him, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother." (Mt. 12:46-50)*

#### **Bonds of love, not of blood**

On the day on which we celebrate the optional memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the liturgy presents this passage from the Gospel according to Matthew concerning the degree of familial relationship with Jesus. This degree that is not based on blood, but on imitation: "*Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother*". Those who belong to "his family" become a member not through bonds of blood, or by practicing a common religion, but by a free and individual choice that is translated into the commitment to do the Father's will.

#### **Mary, the first disciple**

To confirm what has just been said, Jesus himself responded to a woman who exalted Jesus's Mother: "*Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed.*" *He replied, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it"* (Lk. 11:27-28). Mary is the one who knows how to listen, how to keep things in her heart, how to direct everyone to her Son – "*Do whatever he tells you*" (Jn. 2:5). Mary is the one who never abandoned her Son Jesus, not even along the way of the Cross. She "stood" under the Cross. She is a disciple who never abandons the Lord Jesus, but who always "follows him. Mary, model for Christians (and Carmelites)

All of this leads to imitate the Virgin Mary. Just as the monks have been doing and still do on Mount Carmel, every Christian is called to look to Mary to learn from her, to entrust themselves to her intercession to guard

"the purity of faith" against the idols of today's 'Baals'.

#### **The Scapular that frees from the pains of purgatory**

Saint Simon Stock propagated the devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and composed a beautiful hymn to her called the *Flos Carmeli*. Our Lady assured Saint Simon Stock those who died wearing the scapular would be freed from the pains of purgatory.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/>

### **Future Saints**

#### **Please pray for us!**

#### **Carlo Acutis**

Oh God, our Father, thank you for giving us, Carlo, a model of life for young people and a message of love for all. You have made him fall in love with your son Jesus, making the Eucharist his "highway to heaven."

You have given him Mary as a very beloved Mother, and you have made him, with her Rosary, become a singer of her tenderness. She welcomes his intercession for us. He looks above all at the poor, whom he loved and helped. And make our joy full, leading Carlo among the saints of the universal Church, so that his smile continues to shine for us and for the glory of your name. Amen

#### **Pier Giorgio Frassati's Prayer for the Courage to be Great**

Heavenly Father, give me the courage to strive for the highest goals, to flee every temptation to be mediocre. Enable me to aspire to greatness, as Pier Giorgio did, and to open my heart with joy to Your call to holiness. Free me from the fear of failure. I want to be, Lord, firmly and forever united to You. Grant me the graces I ask You through Pier Giorgio's intercession, by the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.







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