

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

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905-655-3286 ext 3

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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 26th

4:30 p.m. + Steven Closs

Sunday, July 27th

9:00 a.m. + Rose & + Marie Quinn

11:00 a.m. + Sienna Grace Millette Toader

Tuesday, July 29th

8:30 a.m. + John Wayne McBride

Wednesday, July 30th

7:00 p.m. + Rose Steen

Thursday, July 31st

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

Friday, August 1st

8:30 a.m. + Marian O'Neil & + O'Neil Family

Saturday, August 2nd - 1st Saturday of the Month

8:30 a.m.

4:30 p.m. + Edward Fox + Ruth, Harry & Mary Paschal Mott

Sunday, August 3rd

9:00 a.m. + Alina Dranski

11:00 a.m. + Vince Corvinelli

Tuesday, August 5th

8:30 a.m. Living intentions for Anna Maria Tuzi

Wednesday, August 6th

7:00 p.m. Pro Populo

Thursday, August 7th

8:30 a.m. + Joao Louis Raposo

Friday, August 8th

8:30 a.m. + Deceased members of the Yatabe Family

Pray for our deceased parishioners: Rocco Caprio, Peter Vachon, Muriel Muller, Ruth Linehan, Rose Steen & Patrick Driver

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

2nd Collection this weekend
Building Maintenance Fund
August 2nd & 3rd, 2025

Freezies for the Children
August 3, 2025

Once again freezies for the children are offered after the 11:00am Mass on August 3rd. If you would like to help, please email Karen Liivoja at emberpathpsychotherapy@gmail.com.

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.

Resurrection Catholic
Cemetery

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

Resurrection Cemetery
Mass for the Faithful
Departed
August 13, 2025

Catholic Cemeteries & funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 7:00pm. This year's Annual Mass will be celebrated at Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby. In the event of rain, Mass will be held in Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery. ***This Mass will replace our evening Mass at St. Leo's.***

Season of Creation 2025

The annual event of the Season of Creation begins on September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology.

This year's theme is "Peace with Creation" and the symbol is "Garden of Peace", inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18.

An introductory video and resources to observe this season at home, church and school may be found at the following links:

Celebration Guide: <https://bit.ly/SoC-CelebrationGuide>

Video: <https://bit.ly/SoC-Video>

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.**

Help Needed in the office
Tuesday to Friday
Sept 23 - Oct 3, 2025

St. Leo's is looking for a motivated individual to help in the office while the parish secretary is on vacation. Responsibilities include answering the phone & directing calls.

Scheduling Mass appointments & meetings. Monitoring emails & checking the mail. Providing general administrative support. If you are interested, please contact the office at 905 655 3286 or email: officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com

Employment Opportunities

Please check the Bulletin Board for the latest employment opportunities.

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 \$ 3850 including tax. If interested, pick up our pilgrimage itinerary & registration form from the vestibule. All information can also be found on our website:

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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.



Saints Anne and Joachim
Feast day: Jul 26

On July 26 the Roman Catholic Church commemorates the parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anne. The couple's faith and perseverance brought them through the sorrow of childlessness, to the joy of conceiving and raising the immaculate and sinless woman who would give birth to Christ.

The New Testament contains no specific information about the lives of the Virgin Mary's parents, but other documents outside of the Biblical canon do provide some details. Although these writings are not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, they outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about Joachim, Anne and their daughter.

The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. "He called to mind Abraham," the early Christian writing says, "that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac."

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves to rigorous prayer and fasting, in isolation from one another and from society. They regarded their inability to conceive a child as a surpassing misfortune, and a sign of shame among the tribes of Israel.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah. An angel revealed this to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and

shall bring forth; and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world.”

After Mary's birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne “made a sanctuary” in the infant girl's room, and “allowed nothing common or unclean” on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father “made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel.” “And Joachim brought the child to the priests,” the account continues, “and they blessed her, saying: ‘O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations’ ... And he brought her to the chief priests; and they blessed her, saying: ‘O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be forever.’”

The protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life, and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

St. Joachim and St. Anne have been a part of the Church's liturgical calendar for many centuries. Devotion to their memory is particularly strong in the Eastern Catholic churches, where their intercession is invoked by the priest at the end of each Divine Liturgy.

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Saints Martha, Mary, and

Lazarus

July 29, 2025

In the household of Bethany, the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and for this reason the Gospel of John states that he loved them. Martha generously offered him hospitality; Mary listened attentively to his words and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the One who humiliated death.

Reflection: “Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus” (John 11:5). This is how John's Gospel describes Jesus' relationship with these siblings whom we honor together today. Of course, Jesus loves all people equally with the perfection of divine charity.

So why does John's Gospel single these three out this way? In the Gospel passage, the word “love” does not only mean the perfect charity in the Heart of Christ for all people. It also implies that Jesus had a special relationship with them, perhaps throughout His life, but at least during the time of His public ministry. This fact is helpful to ponder since it gives us a glimpse into the authentic humanity of Jesus. He formed friendships. He enjoyed spending time with those friends. As both God and man, He ate with them, laughed with them, listened to them, and loved them. Now, from Heaven, Jesus wants to extend that human and divine love He perfectly offers to everyone.

In Luke's Gospel, after Jesus begins His public ministry in Galilee, northern Israel, He travels with His disciples to Jerusalem and continues His ministry. It is on that journey that Martha and Mary are introduced. The familiar story of Jesus entering their home in Bethany, just several miles east of Jerusalem, where He is a guest for dinner. As Jesus reclines, Mary also reclines with Him, at His feet, listening to Him. Martha, busy preparing the meal, rebukes her sister by asking Jesus to tell Mary to help her with the meal preparation. “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.” Jesus responds, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.”

This passage provides us with much to prayerfully ponder. First, it's clear that Jesus is very familiar with Martha and Mary. Martha would not have spoken so bluntly, in an almost critical way toward Jesus, if she did not know Jesus well. Hence, this passage highlights the very real human friendships Jesus enjoyed. Second, Martha's work of preparing the meal should be seen as a labor of love. Though she is frustrated, that doesn't change the fact that her service is a service of love and is very important to the fostering of the siblings' friendship with Jesus. Third, the image of Mary sitting at Jesus' feet is often used as an image of the contemplative life in which we are all

called to sit at His feet in adoration. This “better part” must remind us that nothing is better or more important than prayer. The activity and good works we do will always pale in comparison to the act of adoration of God. Furthermore, only when adoration and worship of God come first do good works follow.

Martha, Mary, and Lazarus appear for the first time in John's Gospel toward the end of Jesus' public ministry, just prior to the first Holy Week (see [John 11:1–44](#)). The context of the story makes it clear that Jesus and His apostles are all very familiar with these three siblings from Bethany. Lazarus is ill, at the point of death, and Martha and Mary summon Jesus. Jesus waits for two days until Lazarus dies before He journeys to Bethany, converses with Mary and Martha, and then raises Lazarus from the dead. In this passage, Martha emerges as the witness to faith, not Mary. In her conversation with Jesus, Martha proclaims, “I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.” This is true faith in the face of the painful situation of the death of her beloved brother.

In contrast to Martha who had run out to meet Jesus when He arrived, Mary stayed home, sorrowful, perhaps sulking. When Martha told Mary that Jesus wanted to see her, she went out to see Jesus in apparent despair. The Gospel says that Jesus became “perturbed” at the weeping of Mary and “the Jews who had come with her.” The Greek word literally means “He snorted in spirit,” which seems to be a response to Mary's lack of hope. After this, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

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Prayer: Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, you befriended Jesus as your Lord and God, and as the Son of Man, to Whom you opened your home and lives. Please pray for me, that I will also open the home of my soul so as to befriend Him Who is my God and is the Resurrection and the Life. Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.





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