



# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Pastor:** Father Mounir El- Rassi

**Parish Secretary:** 905-655-3286 ext. 1

### Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

### Church Hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Wednesday 8:00 am - 7:30 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 5:30 pm, Sunday - opens 8:00 am

### 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  
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### 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, June 20th

4:30pm: +Lloyd & +Carmelita Buggie

### Sunday, June 21th

9:00am: +Francesco Caruso

11:00am: Pro Populo

### Tuesday, June 16th

8:30am: +Innocenzo & +Vincenzina Mammone  
& +Attilio & +Maria Tuzi

### Wednesday, June 17th

7:00pm: Flower Ministry, Office Volunteers,  
And all who helped in our Yard Sale Event.

### Thursday, June 18th

8:30am: Conversion Of Sinners

### Friday, June 19th

8:30am: Pro Populo

### Saturday, June 20th

4:30pm: +Lloyd & +Carmelita Buggie

### Sunday, June 21th

9:00am: +Francesco Caruso

11:00am: Pro Populo

### Sanctuary Light:

### Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Light:

To reserve the Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary & To schedule a visit with the Parish Priest, please contact the office.

**YARD SALE - SATURDAY, JUNE 13/14**

Thank you to the CWL, Knights of Columbus and Events Committee for raising \$4000 for the needs of the Parish at our annual Yard Sale. A special thank you to our Parishioners for donating items and for supporting the sale.

**For the Daily Mass Readings go to our website**

Or: Click/copy this link Living with Christ <https://readings.livingwithchrist.ca>

**The Book of Deuteronomy and the Civic Society:**

Online: AN ONLINE EVENT RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE FOR ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH RELATIONS

Monday, June 29, 2026 01:00 PM - Monday, June 29, 2026 02:30 PM

This webinar will explore Jewish perspectives on the political philosophy in the Book of Deuteronomy in its cultural and religious context and offer insights for decision making in society today.

To register for this session visit: [bit.ly/3ON7mt9](http://bit.ly/3ON7mt9).

**Summer Street Patrol: St. Patrick's Parish 131 McCaul Street**

Every Wednesday between:  
July 8 to September 2, 2026  
6:30 pm to 9:30 p.m.

St. Patrick's Parish 131 McCaul Street Please join us as we celebrate 31 years of service to those in need this summer!

Would you or your group like to help those living on the streets of Toronto? Street Patrol is a walk through Toronto's downtown core, offering food and friendship to the homeless. Food and drinks are prepared independently ahead of time by you or your group.

You may volunteer once or as many times as you wish. Individuals or small groups do NOT need to contact Street Patrol in advance.

You may just show up. Larger groups (12 people or more), please book ahead. See FAQ on our website for more information.

Website:

<https://stpatriksto.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/ministries/street-patrol/summer/>

Contact details: 416-738-9197

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**Statement from the Canadian Bishops on the 10th Anniversary of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide ("MAID")**

The Standing Committee for Family and Life of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), with authorization from the Permanent Council, has issued a statement marking the 10th anniversary of Bill C-14, the legislation that legalized euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada under the term "Medical Assistance in Dying" ("MAID") on 17 June, 2016.

In its statement, the CCCB reiterates its opposition to euthanasia and assisted suicide, while calling for renewed commitment to authentic palliative care across the country. The statement also summarizes key statistics and raises concerns about the continued expansion of "MAID" legislation and its impact on vulnerable Canadians.

The CCCB affirms the profound dignity and value of every human life, emphasizing that true compassion does not answer suffering with death, but accompanies those who suffer with hope, presence, pain relief, and authentic palliative care.

As part of this anniversary, the Standing Committee encourages renewed prayer for the sick, the suffering, the dying, and their families, caregivers, and health care professionals; for those who have died through "MAID" and for their loved ones; and for the conversion of hearts and minds toward a culture that receives every life as a gift and never abandons those most in need.

**The full statement, including a prayer and additional resources, is available here.**

The CCCB's Standing Committee for Family and Life is supported by the Office for Family and Life, which furthers the work of the Bishops of Canada by supporting dioceses and eparchies in the pastoral care of families and in promoting a culture that welcomes and protects life from conception to natural death.

**A brilliant scholar, writer, and politician:**

St. Thomas More was a fearless defender of truth in an era of corrupt leadership. As we observe his feast on June 22, we invite you to learn five key facts about his life and where you can find him in the Basilica.

*St. Thomas More depicted in the Second Coming Mosaic*

1. He is the patron of lawmakers and politicians. Thomas was not initially attracted to law; after he enrolled at Oxford at age 15, he became fascinated with classical literature and wanted to pursue an academic career. However, his father was a prominent judge, and his family highly encouraged him to become a lawyer. Afraid that Thomas would end up in poverty in his chosen discipline, his father sent him to law school in London instead.

Even though law and politics weren't his first choice, he would go on to become one of the most influential members of the British government. When St. Thomas was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1935, the 400<sup>th</sup> year of his martyrdom, he was declared the patron saint of lawmakers and politicians.

2. He published his magnum opus, *Utopia*, in 1516.

*Utopia*, a blend of Thomas's wit and scholastic wisdom, presents a fantasy world where people live on an island in perfect harmony, with reason and goodwill reigning supreme. Fights over power and money do not exist in Utopia, whose people have few laws, practice general religious tolerance, and only fashion useful objects. Written in Latin, the text presents a piquant blend of social teaching, political and religious commentary, and clever wordplay.

3. He was knighted in 1521. Thomas's political career began with his election to Parliament in 1504, during the reign of King Henry VII. When Henry VIII succeeded his predecessor, he selected Thomas to be England's capital representative and later sent him to Flanders and present-day France on diplomatic missions. Because of his service, Thomas was named deputy treasurer, made a member of the King's Council, and ultimately knighted in 1521.

*St. Thomas More portrayed in the northwest nave bay of the Great Upper Church*

4. He was the first layman to be selected as Lord Chancellor.

Following his knighthood, Thomas continued to rise in prominence. In 1523, he was elected speaker of the House of Commons, and in 1529 King Henry VIII appointed him Lord Chancellor. But More faced difficulty in this position as he attempted to balance loyalty to king and duty to conscience. Only a few years into his tenure there, England became sorely divided over King Henry VIII's marital affairs. Thomas had strong moral objections to the annulment of Henry's marriage to Catherine of Aragon and resigned from his position in 1532.

5. He was imprisoned following his refusal to affirm King Henry VIII's Act of Succession.

Thomas's resignation was not enough; less than two years later, he was imprisoned following his refusal to sanction Henry's Act of Succession. As he languished in a dank prison cell for over a year, Thomas faced pressure from his replacement to affirm the Act of Supremacy, which would declare Henry VIII head of the Church in England. But Thomas remained steadfast, staying true to his conscience and opposing the act. Henry VIII was incensed that the illustrious Thomas More refused to support him, and sentenced him to death. Yet even in the final moments before his execution, More remained a steadfast example of Christ, reciting Psalm 51 to the spectators and requesting their prayers for the Church and the king.

*St. Thomas More is honored at the Basilica in the northwest nave bay of the Great Upper Church and in the Second Coming Mosaic.*

Sources:

Apostolic Letter of Pope John Paul II, the Vatican  
*Butler's Lives of Saints*, ed. Bernard Bangley  
*The Way of Saints*, Tom Cowan



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