



St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

905-655-3286 ext 3

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

President: Shannon Rogers smarogers@gmail.com

Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

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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, May 9th

4:30pm: +Lawrence & +Sadie Hallihan

Sunday, May 10th

9:00am: +Mary & +James Gallagher

11:00am: +Tomasina & +Francesco Parente

Tuesday, May 12th

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

Wednesday, May 13th

7:00pm: Alfred Manucdoc
+Curtis Heasman
+Ron & +Edith White

Thursday, May 14th

8:30am: +Deceased Family members of Benedetto Tuzi

Friday, May 15th

8:30am: +Shannon Frank
+Roger Brown
+Victorino & +Vitaliana Ruelos

Saturday, May 16th

4:30pm: +Ed Fox

Sunday, May 17th

9:00am: +Pearl Tai

11:00am: +Margie Baxter

Sanctuary Light: +Pietro Mancini

Mother Mary Vigil Light: +Doriana Deligio

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

DURHAM CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S FUND

This week, we celebrated Catholic Education Week, a time to give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic education and for our Catholic schools. Please find envelopes in the pews to make a donation. Thank you for your generosity!

THANK YOU!!!

A very special thank you to the Events Committee and Facilitators for all of your contributions. Our Marriage Preparation Course was a fun-filled & faithful experience for all who attended - 20 couples!!

MARCH FOR LIFE - MAY 14

March for Life is taking place in Ottawa on Thursday, May 14, 2026 during National Family & Life Week (May 10-17).

2ND COLLECTION - MAY 16 & 17

The Pope's Pastoral Works collection was established by the bishops of Canada in 1970. The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly toward aiding the victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope's Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity.

FIRST COMMUNION DATES

We are now accepting registrations for a second group of First Communion Sessions taking place on May 30 & June 6 from 9am - 12pm. The celebrations will take place during both Mass times on June 7th.

C.W.L. EVENTS

The CWL will be selling tickets for their Spring Basket (valued at over \$500) from May 9th onward in the vestibule. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

FLOWER MINISTRY

Do you love flowers? Interested in decorating our altar on a regular basis? We're expanding our Flower Ministry. Please contact the office if you feel called to join this team.

CROWNING OF OUR LADY

May is the month of all Mothers. The Blessed Virgin Mary is our Mother and our Queen. There is a long tradition of Catholics gathering to crown her with flowers in this month. The Catholic Women's League is facilitating a **May Crowning** on the weekend of **May 23/24 at all three Masses**. This is a good way to bring your praises, contrition, worries and needs to her beloved Son and she will intercede with him for you. Jesus always hears your prayers and he never says no to his Mother.

A DAY WITH MARY - MAY 30 (11am - 4pm)

Join us for Mass with Frank Cardinal Leo, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address with Dr. Josephine Lombardi for the adults and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd activities for the children, and draw closer to Mother Mary in praying the rosary together. Enjoy music, food and fellowship with families from across the Archdiocese of Toronto. All are welcome! More details at www.archtoronto.org/mary

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS

The Knights are planning a **Larry Hallihan Memorial Golf Tournament** on **Saturday, June 6th** at the Oshawa Airport Golf Club. The first tee time starts at 8:00 am. Ticket price is \$70 which includes golf and a ticket for a refreshment & pizza afterwards. Power carts are available for \$21 per person. For now, hold the date. Ticket information will be available in the coming weeks.

YARD SALE - SAVE THE DATE

St. Leo's will be hosting a yard sale on **Saturday, June 13**. Kindly donate your unwanted items at the church hall on June 11 & 12. Check our website for more details!

ALTAR SERVERS

A special privilege for young people who have received their 1st Communion. They may serve at the Mass they regularly attend and learn by observation. Everyone is welcome!

DCDSB - AUDIT COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) is seeking a volunteer community member with financial and business expertise to serve on its Audit Committee for a three-year term, effective immediately.



High Tea Social
Saturday May 23, 2026
1:00pm-4:00pm
St. Leo The Great CWL
Price: \$35.00

Please come and join us to mingle with lovely women and enjoy some tea, sandwiches, scones and desserts. Dress in your Sunday best and come have some fun.

Tickets will be on sale from May 2 till May 17 before and after mass every weekend. Otherwise you can email MLRACR2012@GMAIL.COM

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MOTHER'S DAY MESSAGE

From His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo:

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, we welcome this opportunity to pause and give thanks for the women who gave us life, nurtured us, and helped us become who we are. Mothers play a crucial role in our society and our Church. Religiously and spiritually, they contribute so very much to shape our Christian identity (cf. 2 Tim 1:5). We live in a pluralistic, multicultural and complex society where the Christian faith can no longer be assumed or simply inherited from the surrounding culture, where Christian ideals and truths are presented as one among many. In this setting the formation of Christian identity is of paramount importance (Rom. 12:2; Familiaris Consortio, 17) ...

Full article is found: www.archtoronto.org

Happy and Blessed Mother's Day to all our mothers!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On October 13, 1917, the quiet countryside of Fátima, Portugal, became the stage for one of the most extraordinary miracles of the 20th century.



What began as a series of apparitions to three humble shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco, culminated in a heavenly sign witnessed by tens of thousands: the Miracle of the Sun.

A Message from Heaven: Between May and October 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared six times to the children, calling the world to prayer, penance, and conversion. Her message was both simple and urgent: pray the Rosary daily for peace and the conversion of sinners. She warned that without repentance, humanity would suffer wars and persecutions, but also promised that "in the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

Mary's words resonated deeply at a time when the world was engulfed in the chaos of World War I and moral uncertainty. Yet her message remains timeless; a reminder that the peace of the world begins in the conversion of hearts.

The Miracle of the Sun: On that fateful day, October 13, 1917, an estimated 70,000 people gathered in the Cova da Iria. Rain poured relentlessly, turning the fields to mud. Suddenly, the clouds parted, and the sun appeared as a spinning disc of light. Witnesses reported it "danced" in the sky, changed colors, and appeared to plunge toward the earth before returning to its place. Even skeptics, journalists, and scientists present that day could not deny what they saw. When the miracle ended, the drenched ground and soaked clothing were inexplicably dry.

It was a moment that pierced through disbelief, a visible sign confirming Heaven's presence and the truth of Mary's message.

A Call That Continues: More than a century later, Our Lady of Fátima's call still echoes through the Church. The world continues to wrestle with war, division, and moral confusion, yet Mary's plea is unchanged: "Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners."

Each Rosary prayed, each act of penance, and every conversion of heart is a light pushing back the darkness of the age. The promise remains: the Immaculate Heart of Mary will triumph.

Let Us Respond Today:

On this anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun, let us renew our devotion to the Rosary and entrust our lives, our families, and our world to Our Lady of Fátima. Her message is not a memory; it is a mission.

May we, like Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco, answer her call with faith, courage, and love.

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