



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

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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 16th

4:30pm: +Ed Fox

Sunday, May 17th

9:00am: +Pearl Tai

11:00am: +Margie Baxter

Tuesday, May 19th

*NO MASS

Wednesday, May 20th

7:00pm: +Chiara Salesio

Thursday, May 21st

8:30am: Maria

Friday, May 22nd

8:30am: +Ruth, +Harry & +Mary-Paschal Mott

Saturday, May 23rd

4:30pm: +Isabella & +Raymond Jardim

Sunday, May 24th

9:00am: James Gallagher JR.

11:00am: +Judy Pacheco

Sanctuary Light:

Mother Mary Vigil Light:

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

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

NO MASS ON TUESDAY, MAY 19

Please note that Fr. Mounir is away on a diocesan priest retreat from May 19 - 22. We have arranged coverage for all weekday Masses except for Tuesday, May 19th.

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.

C.W.L. EVENTS

The CWL are selling tickets in the vestibule for their Spring Basket (valued at over \$500). Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Good luck!!!



ST. LEO CROWNING OF MOTHER MARY

The CWL is facilitating a Crowning of Mother Mary on the weekend of **May 23/24 at all 3 Masses** during the offertory. 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 gives you what is good for you!

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.

MARTYRS' SHRINE CENTENNIAL GALA - JUNE 3

The National Shrine to the Canadian Martyrs is delighted to invite you to our 2026 Centennial

Celebration. The Shrine has been serving millions of pilgrims for the past hundred years and we are continuing to raise funds for the revitalization of our church and grounds. His Excellency Archbishop, Ivan Jurkovic, The Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, will join us for a unique and interactive evening as we journey through a century of the Martyrs' Shrine mission with four interactive themed displays, performances, and sample appetizers from different eras. The immersive experience will conclude with an elegant dinner. Tickets \$200 or tables of 10 for \$2000.

www.martyrs-shrine.com/centennial-celebration

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.

Please contact Gerry Hanley at gerryhanley18@gmail.com or 905-409-0733.

YARD SALE - SAVE THE DATE

St. Leo's Annual Yard Sale is happening on **Saturday, June 13**. Please join our event planning meeting on Wednesday, May 27th @ 7:30m in the boardroom. We need several volunteers to place road signs, receive items in the church hall on June 11 & 12, help on the day, and clean up afterwards. Thank you for supporting our parish initiatives!

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!

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. Email or call the office for details.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD - MAY 17

The Ascension is a wondrous event: The Lord, by His own power, ascends to heaven. In so doing, He opens a path for us, too.

As Pope St. John Paul II reminded the faithful in 1979: "Jesus took his place. After having undergone

the humiliation of his passion and death, Jesus took his place at the right-hand of God; he took his place with his eternal Father. But he also entered heaven as our Head. Whereupon, in the expression of **Leo the Great**, the glory of the Head became the hope of the body.

For all eternity Christ takes His place as the firstborn among many brethren: **Our nature is with God in Christ**. And as man, the Lord Jesus lives forever to intercede for us with the Father. At the same time, from his throne of glory, Jesus sends out to the whole Church a message of hope and a call to holiness. Because of Christ's merits, because of His intercession with the Father, we are able to attain justice and holiness of life, in Him."

As Ephesians affirms: **"When He ascended on high, he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."**

He opened the gates to the righteous who had fallen asleep - and to us!



Jesus also ascends to summon the Advocate, whose work at Pentecost we will celebrate next week, and like the disciples, calls us to preach the Good News.

The Gospel of Mark describes: "... the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs."

This solemnity offers us hope.

St. John Paul also encouraged in 1979: "Be imbued with the hope that is so much a part of the mystery of the Ascension of Jesus. Be deeply conscious of Christ's victory and triumph over sin and death. Realize that the strength of Christ is greater than our weakness, greater than the weakness of the whole world.

Try to understand and share the joy that Mary experienced in knowing that her Son had taken His place with His Father, whom he loved infinitely. And renew your faith today in the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has gone to prepare a place for us, so that he can come back again and take us to himself." Credit: Msgr. Charles Pope

SAINT BERNARDINE - MAY 20

Bernardine, who had come to Siena to study, threw himself into prayer and fasting to discover what God wanted him to do. One might have expected him to continue his work with the sick, but in 1403 he joined the Franciscans and in 1404 he was ordained a priest.

The Franciscans were known as missionary preachers, but Bernardine did very little preaching because his voice was weak and hoarse. For twelve years he remained in the background, his energies going to prayer or to his own spiritual conversion and preparation. At the end of that time, he went to Milan on a mission. When he got up to preach, his voice was strong and commanding and his words so convincing that the crowd would not let him leave unless he promised to come back.

Thus began the missionary life of the one whom Pope Pius II called a second Paul. As usual, Bernardine threw his whole self, body and soul, into his new career. He crossed Italy on foot, preaching for hours at a time, several times a day. We are told he preached on punishment for sin as well as reward for virtue, but focusing in the end on the mercy of Jesus and the love of Mary. His special devotion was to the Holy Name of Jesus.

Bernardine refused several cities that wanted him as bishop but he was unable to avoid being named vicar general of his order. All his energy during that period went to renewing the original spirit of the order. Soon, however, Bernardine heard the call to go back to preaching which consumed his last days. As a matter of fact, even when it was clear he was dying, he preached fifty consecutive days. He died in 1444 when he was almost 64 years old.

Prayer: Saint Bernardine of Siena, words were very important to you. You spent most of your life speaking the golden words of Jesus' mercy and his Holy Name. And you abhorred words that were shameful. Pray for us that we may always choose to speak Jesus' name with reverence and choose words of love over words of shame. Amen.

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