



# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Pastor:** Father Mounir El- Rassi

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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)

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, May 2nd

8:30am +Margaret Wesley

4:30pm +Herbert D'Souza

### Sunday, May 3rd

9:00am Arsenio Sarmiento

11:00am +Christopher Borysenko

### Tuesday, May 5th

8:30am +Edwin Benedict

### Wednesday, May 6th

7:00pm Pro Populo

### Thursday, May 7th

8:30am +Deceased Family Members  
of Anna Maria Mammone

### Friday, May 8th

8:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, May 9th

4:30pm +Lawrence & +Sadie Hallihan

### Sunday, May 10th

9:00am +Mary & +James Gallagher

11:00am +Tomasina & +Francesco Parente

### 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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 2ND COLLECTION

Please note there will be a second collection for the Building Maintenance Fund this weekend. Secretaries, priests, and parishioners may come and go, but this is your beautiful church forever. Thank you for your generosity!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS

Thank you Knights for preparing and serving a delicious breakfast in the church hall this morning, May 3rd, after the 9am and 11am Masses.

### C.W.L. EVENTS

#### **SPRING BASKET and HIGH TEA SOCIAL:**

Our CWL will be selling tickets for their Spring Basket (valued at over \$500) in the church hall on May 3rd after 9am & 11am Masses. Then, from May 9th onward in the vestibule. The ticket price for the Basket is \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The High Tea price is \$35.00 each. Tickets on sale from May 2nd onward. Good luck! Please email MLRACR2012@gmail.com.



### 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!

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK (MAY 3 - 8)

*"Catholic schools are places where children and young people encounter Jesus, and where they are encouraged to enter more deeply into a personal relationship with Him. They are privileged places, together with the family and the parish community, where our faith is handed on, and this can only succeed with the cooperation of all concerned."*

Catholic Education Week materials can be found at [www.goodnewsforall.ca](http://www.goodnewsforall.ca).

### DURHAM CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

We have a special announcement and collection for the Durham Catholic Children's Fund on May 9th & 10th. Envelopes are found in the pews. Thank you for your generosity!

### IN NEED OF PRAYER?

If you would like to offer a Mass Intention for a special occasion, birthday, anniversary, or for the soul of a departed loved one, please contact the office by phone or email. The suggested offering is \$20 per Mass, \$10 for Unannounced Mass (not printed, not announced).

### CANDLES

Would you like to offer a special candle for your loved one? The Sanctuary Light and Mother Mary Vigil Light are dedicated on the front cover of the bulletin for one week - \$20.

### 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.

### ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER FEAST DAY

The principal Catholic feast day of St. Joseph is March 19, with a secondary feast, St. Joseph the Worker, celebrated on May 1.

#### **Secondary Feast: May 1**

The May 1 feast, known as St. Joseph the Worker, was instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955 to highlight Joseph as a model for laborers and to honor the dignity of work. This feast coincides with International Workers' Day and emphasizes that everyday work, when done with love and dedication to God, can become a path to holiness. It celebrates Joseph's life as a carpenter and his commitment to providing for his family, serving as an inspiration for all workers.

**Prayer: "Joseph, glory of Heaven, firm hope of our life and pillar of the world, receive, in Thy Goodness, the praises we joyfully offer Thee."**

### HONORING OUR BLESSED MOTHER

The month of May is a special time when Catholics honor the Blessed Virgin Mary with prayers, crownings and processions. While several months throughout the year observe Marian celebrations, May is known as the Month of Mary.

**St. Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria**, is celebrated as a champion of orthodoxy and a key defender of the divinity of Christ in early Christianity. Feast Day: May 2.

**Life and Early Years:** St. Athanasius was born around 296 in Alexandria, Egypt, into a Christian family. From a young age, he displayed remarkable spiritual insight and was educated under Bishop Alexander of Alexandria, gaining deep knowledge of Scripture, theology, Greek literature, and philosophy. He also spent time with desert hermits, including St. Anthony, whose life he later chronicled. Athanasius became a deacon in 319 and quickly became involved in defending the Church against heresies, particularly Arianism, which denied Christ's divinity. EWTN Global Catholic Television Network+2

**Defense of the Faith:** Athanasius is best known for his unwavering defense of the Nicene Creed and the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. He argued that Jesus Christ is of the same substance as God the Father, countering the Arian heresy. He played a central role at the Council of Nicaea in 325, serving as secretary to Bishop Alexander, and later became Bishop of Alexandria in 326. His steadfast opposition to heresy led to multiple exiles, political conflicts, and personal attacks, yet he remained committed to preserving orthodox Christian teaching.

#### **Writings and Theological Contributions:**

St. Athanasius authored numerous theological works, including *On the Incarnation*, *Against the Arians*, and letters to the faithful, which clarified the nature of Christ and the Trinity. His writings continue to guide Catholics in understanding the mysteries of faith, offering both doctrinal clarity and spiritual guidance. He emphasized that through Christ's incarnation, humanity is invited to share in divine life, and he encouraged believers to live with courage, love, and devotion.

**Legacy and Veneration:** St. Athanasius is venerated as a Doctor of the Church and a model of courage, perseverance, and theological insight. His feast day is celebrated on May 2. He is buried at the Monastery of St. Athanasius in the Nitrian Desert, Egypt. His life exemplifies steadfast faith in the face of persecution and remains a source of inspiration for Catholics worldwide.

**Summary:** St. Athanasius's enduring legacy lies in his defense of the divinity of Christ, his role in

shaping the Nicene Creed, and his theological writings that continue to illuminate Catholic doctrine. He stands as a symbol of courage, wisdom, and devotion, encouraging believers to uphold truth and faith in all circumstances.

From: [www.thecatholicvoice.com](http://www.thecatholicvoice.com)

### **MAY MARIAN DAYS**



**May 1** – Our Lady, Queen of May. While this is not an official feast day, it is the start of the month honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary, often including a May Crowning ceremony.

**May 13** – Our Lady of Fatima

**May 24** – Mary, Help of Christians

**May 31** – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### **Why Do We Honor Mary in May?**

Honoring Mary during May began as early as the 13th century, when specific days in May were devoted to Mary. May is also associated with spring and new life, which Mary represents as the mother of Jesus, who gave the world new life through his death and resurrection.

Father Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus in Rome is credited with dedicating May to the devotion of Mary. He intended to prevent immorality and redirect students' attention to the devotion of Mary. This practice spread from Rome to other Jesuit colleges and finally throughout the whole Church.

In 1815, Pope Pius VII encouraged May devotions by granting an indulgence to those who honored Mary with special prayers during May. In 1859, Pope Pius IX made the indulgence plenary. Then, in 1945, Pope Pius XII made the observance of Mary in May official. From: [www.crosscatholic.org](http://www.crosscatholic.org)



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