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A Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Creator,

*In this season of gratitude and abundance, we give You
thanks for our many blessings as we pray for all
who struggle with hunger and want.*

Be with them in the dark of night, when all hope seems lost.

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.

*And let Your goodness flow through our
hearts and hands as we reach out to one*

another in the full, true joy of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen



MASS INTENTIONS
OF THE WEEK

Saturday, October 12th

4:30 p.m. † Arcadia Mendoza

Sunday, October 13th

9:00 a.m. pro populo

11:00 a.m. † Tomasina & † Francesco Parente

Tuesday, October 15th

8:30 a.m. † Patricia Hogg

Wednesday, October 16th

7:00 p.m. Intentions of the Carlyle Families

Thursday, October 17th

8:30 a.m. † Innocenzo & † Vincenzina (Mammone)
and † Attilio & † Maria (Tuzi)

Friday, October 18th

8:30 a.m. † Rafael & † Eduardo Carrera

Saturday, October 19th

4:30 p.m. † Roseann Cinelli

Sunday, October 20th

9:00 a.m. † Vince Corvinelli

11:00 a.m. † Luis R. Tolentino

For: Sanctuary Light Request.

For: Vigil Light for Mary.

Sept 28 – Oct 25: Fox Family

For: Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary.

For a visit by the parish priest.

Make your request at the office

Link to our archdiocesan church second website:
<https://stleothegreatbr.archtoronto.org>

On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin

- First Communion schoolyear 2024-2025
- Retreat
- Collection for World Mission Sunday
- Movie nights
- Lectio Divina Prayer Group
- Spiritual formation on the Mass
- Knights of Columbus events
- Archbishop Leo elevated to Cardinal
- Cardinal Leo on Thanksgiving
- Saint Luke
- Canadian Bishops Invite Faithful to Pray and Fast for Peace

First Communion schoolyear 2024-2025

Oct 17 and 18, we will have registration and info sessions in the church hall.

Oct 19: catechesis in the church hall

Oct 24 / 25 confessions in church

Oct 26: catechesis in the church hall

Nov 2: catechesis in the church hall

Nov 3: celebration masses

See the website for more information.

Retreat

Fr Mounir will be on retreat Oct 21 up to and including Oct 24. We have found priests who will celebrate daily Mass in his absence.

Collection for World Mission Sunday

At the October 19th and 20th Masses there will be a second collection for the missionary church. This is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work. Envelopes can be found in the pews,

Movie nights

Movie nights are now every Thursday at 7 pm in the Hall. This will be a weekly event until Christmas. On October 17th, the movie will be "Let there be light". A depiction of an atheist who goes through a near-death experience in a car accident before converting to Christianity.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group

It is now every Wednesday from 5:15 to 6:30 pm. Our prayer group are happy to come to your home and pray with you on the same day or after our Mass that evening. Let us know if you are interested in this lead by the pastor. Please contact the office with your name address and phone number

Spiritual formation on the Mass

This Spiritual formation has concluded. All participants now have a better and deeper understanding of the parts of the Mass and its significance.

Knights of Columbus events

Oct 20th after the masses: breakfast in the Church Hall
Oct 26th Annual Pasta Dinner in the Church Hall,
tickets are available after each Mass.

Saint Luke

Feast day: 18 Oct
Luke, the writer of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, has been identified with St. Paul's "Luke, the beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14). We know few other facts about Luke's life from Scripture and from early Church historians.

Archbishop Leo elevated to Cardinal

Pope Francis has announced that Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, the Most Rev. Francis Leo will be elevated to the College of Cardinals. The announcement came at the conclusion of the Holy Father's Sunday Angelus in Rome.

It is believed that Luke was born a Greek and a Gentile. In Colossians he speaks of those friends who are with him.

The Holy Father will hold a Consistory for the creation of the new Cardinals on December 8, 2024, at the Vatican. 21 new Cardinals from around the world were included in the announcement.

The Gospel of Luke stands out from the other synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and John) due to its unique perspective, emphasis on social justice and inclusion, focus on women and the marginalized, distinctive parables and stories, and theological emphases.

Cardinal-elect Leo commented on the appointment:

"I am humbled and honoured to receive this appointment from the Holy Father. I pray and rely on the prayers of the faithful in Toronto that I will be a worthy servant of the Lord Jesus in fulfilling my responsibilities as a member of the College of Cardinals and to continue in my primary role as shepherd of the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto. I entrust to the Blessed Mother Mary, myself and this new ministry of service to the Universal Church and to the Successor of St. Peter, the Pope."

The Gospel of Luke offers a distinctive perspective on the life and teachings of Jesus. Unlike the other Gospels, Luke was written by a non-Jewish author, making it the only Gospel with a Gentile writer. This unique background allowed Luke to approach the story of Jesus from a different cultural and historical vantage point. Additionally, Luke, who was a companion of the apostle Paul, was known for his meticulous research and attention to detail. This is evident in the Gospel's prologue, where Luke states that he has "carefully investigated everything from the beginning" and has decided to write an orderly account. This emphasis on thorough investigation and organization sets the Gospel of Luke apart and gives it a distinct scholarly and comprehensive tone.

Cardinal Leo on Thanksgiving

An excerpt of his letter: This weekend celebration naturally leads us to ask the questions: What am I thankful for in my life? What are the "good things" from which I benefit? Who are those men and women who are channels of God's goodness to me and who witness to the goodness of the Lord calling forth my acknowledgment and gratitude?

Compiled from
https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=76
<https://christian.net/videos/bible-stories/why-is-luke-different-from-the-other-gospels/>

Sometimes we stop and recognize the blessings formally around the Thanksgiving table, with each person sharing what they are thankful for in their lives. At other times it is done informally with a kind word or simple sentiment of thanks.

Canadian Bishops Invite Faithful to Pray and Fast for Peace

The full letter can be found at
www.stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/thnx

During this month of October dedicated to Mary, at a time when there continues to be so much violence between peoples and nations in the Middle East (and elsewhere), I invite all Catholics in Canada to take up Pope Francis' invitation to pray and fast for peace.

The full letter can be found at
www.stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/ffp




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