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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday, Saturday & Sunday: closed

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 - 12:00 pm; 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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

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.

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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 17th

4:30 p.m. +Edward Fox

Sunday, May 18

9:00 a.m. +Vince Corvinelle

11:00 a.m. +Attilio & +Maria Bianca

Tuesday, May 20th

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received

Wednesday, May 21st

7:00 p.m. Living intentions of Maria Kchik +Isabella & + Raymond Jardim + Darlene Higgins

Thursday, May 22nd

8:30 a.m. + Theo Ozeagbe Osime

Friday, May 23rd

8:30 a.m. +Deceased Members of the Mott & Young Families + For the Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, May 24th

4:30 p.m. + Kevin Barry Clancy

Sunday, May 25th

9:00 a.m. Living intentions of James Gallagher Jr.

11:00 a.m. +Patrick Aranha

Sanctuary Light: For Isabela & Raymond Jardim week of May 21-25

For: Sanctuary Light Request

For: Vigil Light for Mary.

For: Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary.

For a visit by the parish priest.

Make your request at the office

On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin

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The Pope's Pastoral Works

We will have a 2nd collection after all weekend Masses, **May 24th & May 25th, 2025**

Lunch Social

May 25, 2025

Join us for an enjoyable lunch with fellow parishioners on May 25th after the 11am Mass. All are welcome!

St. Leo's CWL Jubilee

Pilgrimage: May 24, 2025

Father Marijan Sisko will join Father Mounir in hearing confessions, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, celebrating the Mass, and guiding us through the designated Holy place in prayer at St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church, Oshawa from 9:30am to 11:30am. Please join us to worship together. After the pilgrimage we have set aside tables at Cosy's Diner at 500 Rossland Road West at the corner of Stevenson Road North if you wish to join in purchasing lunch with other parishioners.

How to Weather Financial Storms, May 27, 2025

You are invited to a "Financial Seminar" on Thursday, May 27

from 7pm to 9pm in the church hall.

Worried about the current economic uncertainty in North America? Discover the time-tested strategies the wealthy have used for generations to build lasting, stress-free, guaranteed wealth. The wealthy don't have access to special tools the rest of us can't use – they use what's available differently. Learn how to create accessible capital and generational security by making more innovative use of what's already within your reach. Join us for an educational evening on building financial strength and creating wealth at any age (though starting young always helps). Refreshments to follow.

Register Today for "A Day With Mary"

This FREE outdoor event is taking place Saturday, May 31 on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Villanova College in King City. There will be food, music, fellowship and Holy Mass celebrated by our Archbishop, His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. **For more information and to register, visit archtoronto.org/mary.**

Ave Rosarium Cenacle

With joy and gratitude, we warmly welcome you to our newly named prayer group, the ****Ave Rosarium Cenacle****! We invite everyone to join us whether you're a longtime member, a newcomer, or simply seeking a place to pray, as we grow in faith together through the power of the Rosary. Our group is dedicated to praying the Rosary, reflecting on the Gospel, and extending pastoral visits to those in need, bringing Christ's love to our community. We meet on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the lounge.

Parish Weekly Updates

If you would like to receive our weekly parish updates via email, please email the office at: officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com

Employment Opportunities

Please check the Bulletin Board for the latest employment opportunities.

Pope Leo XIV's Motto and Coat of Arms

Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms offers a clear reflection of his Augustinian roots and the values he seeks to promote during his pontificate, particularly unity and communion within the Church.

The shield is divided diagonally into two sections. The upper half features a blue background with a white lily.

The lower half of the shield has a light background and displays an image that recalls the Order of Saint Augustine: a closed book with a heart pierced by an arrow. This is a direct reference to the conversion experience of Saint Augustine himself, who described his personal encounter with God's Word using the phrase: "*Vulnerasti cor meum verbo tuo*" - "*You have pierced my heart with your Word.*"

Pope Leo XIV has also chosen a motto that reflects this Augustinian tradition: *In Illo uno unum*, which means "*In the One, we are one.*" The phrase is taken from Saint Augustine's *Exposition on Psalm 127*, where he explains that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

In a 2023 interview with Vatican News' Tiziana Campisi, then-Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost spoke about the significance of this motto: "As can be seen from my episcopal motto, unity and communion are truly part of the charism of the Order of Saint Augustine, and also of my way of acting and thinking," he said. "I

believe it is very important to promote communion in the Church, and we know well that communion, participation, and mission are the three key words of the Synod. So, as an Augustinian, for me promoting unity and communion is fundamental.”

Saint Augustine’s reflection on Psalm 127 highlights the theological foundation of this idea. “Christ - head and body - is one single man. And what is the body of Christ? His Church,” Augustine writes. He then adds, “Although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one. We are many and we are one - because we are united to Him, and if our Head is in heaven, the members will follow.”

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/>

Fast facts about Pope Leo XIV

On the day of his election, Pope Leo XIV wore a pectoral cross containing relics of saints linked to the Augustinian order: those of Saint Augustine and the saint's mother, Saint Monica.

“He was never ever a Cubs fan, He was always a Sox fan,”

When he has the time, the Pope picks up a tennis racquet.

Though born in Chicago, Leo spent several years working in Peru, including as the bishop of Chiclayo. He acquired Peruvian citizenship in 2015. That makes Pope Leo a dual citizen of the United States and Peru and the first pope for either country.

As an undergraduate, Leo studied math at Villanova University, an Augustinian school outside of Philadelphia. He graduated in 1977 with a bachelor of science in mathematics.

Leo regularly talks to his Illinois-based brother by phone, and they discuss everything from politics to religion and even play the day’s Wordle.

Gospel of Sunday, May 18, 2025

John 13.1,31-33a,34-35

Before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

“Little children, I am with you only a little longer. I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another

Candles Play an Important Role in the Church

Candles play an important role in the Catholic Church and their origins go back centuries. In Judaism, a perpetual light was kept burning in the Temple and synagogues to show the presence of God. Christians adapted the use of lit candles for Mass, liturgical processions, evening prayer ceremonies, funeral processions, and to show reverence to the Blessed Sacrament. It is also likely that candles or oil lamps were burned at the tombs of the saints, particularly martyrs.

In the Catholic church, light has always had a special significance because it represents Christ. We know that Jesus called himself the light of the world. Additionally, St. John’s Gospel connects Christ with the imagery of light in John 1:4: “In him was life; and the life was the light of men.”

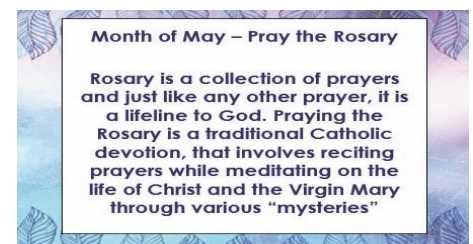
With this in mind, we understand why, during the Sacrament of Baptism, the priest presents a candle, which was lit from the Paschal candle, and tells the newly baptized to receive the light of Christ. And at Easter, the Paschal candle is lit as a sign of the risen light of Christ. It cannot be put out, and shines into the world as a symbol of hope and love.

In our churches today, we light candles before a statue or sacred image of our Lord or a saint. The light signifies our prayer, which is offered in faith, entering the light of God. It also shows reverence and our desire to remain present in prayer even as we continue our day. Burning votive candles are a common sight in most Catholic churches. These candles are seen as an offering that indicates we are seeking some favor from the Lord or the saint before which the votive is placed. Vigil lights are another type of candles burned, and these are typically accompanied by prayers of attention or waiting. Lighting a candle for someone is a way to both extend your prayers and show solidarity with the person the prayer is being made on behalf of. The faithful also light candles as a sign of gratitude to God for answered prayers. The virgin worker bees dedicate their lives to the creation of this wax and represent Our Lady, the virgin mother who gave birth to Christ. The pure beeswax also represents Christ’s pure flesh. In addition to the vigil and votive varieties, candles are used in many other ways.

The Paschal Candle, also known as the Easter candle, is perhaps the most recognizable because of its size and appearance. This candle is several feet tall and has colorful designs, in addition to the year and a cross with five cloves. This candle is used in both the Easter Mass and lit during baptisms throughout the year. The candle demonstrates how a new soul and apostle of light join God’s family.

Altar candles have been used in Masses since at least the 12th century. These candles remind us of the many persecuted Christians in the first centuries who secretly celebrated Mass at night or in the catacombs by candlelight.

Throughout all these events, there is one common theme: the candles represent Jesus, the true light.





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