



# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Parish Secretary:** Sandy Yatabe 905-655-3286 ext. 1

### Office Hours (Summer Schedule)

Monday, Saturday & Sunday: closed

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 - 4:00 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

### Ave Rosarium Cenacle Prayer Group

Every Wednesday at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

Contact: francavasco1@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

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

### Catering Services

Franca Vasco 905-621-9658

### 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, September 20th

4:30 p.m. + Eduardo & + Elena Talag

### Sunday, September 21st

9:00 a.m. Eva Orlandi, Thanksgiving for Prayers answered

11:00 a.m. + Maria Tullio & + Toni

### Tuesday, September 23rd

8:30 a.m. + Larry Hallihan

### Wednesday, September 24th

7:00 p.m. + Souls in Purgatory

### Thursday, September 25th

8:30 a.m. Living intentions for Kurt Justine Camacho

### Friday, September 26th

8:30 a.m. + Aremenio Medeiros & Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, September 27th

4:30 p.m. + Joyce Gay

### Sunday, September 28th

9:00 a.m. + Francis Tomsic

11:00 a.m. + Maria Tullio & + Toni Caprio

### Pray for our deceased parishioners:

Jim Devlin, Harold Cooker

### 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

**International Food Tasting**  
**Sunday, Sept 21, 2025**

Our successful food tasting festival is back again, after the 11:00 am Mass from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm in the church hall. All are welcome. Come sample a wide range of cuisines from different countries and help us celebrate our cultural diversity. Cost of the sample is \$2.00, with proceeds going towards St. Leo's Building Maintenance Fund.

**Our newest Saints! Saint Carlos**  
**Acutis and Saint Pier Giorgio**  
**Frassati**

Feast Day is September 7. Prayer Cards were at the recent canonization and touched at the caskets of the two saints. Prayer cards will be distributed after all three weekend Masses, September 20<sup>th</sup> & September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**Sacraments**

**First Holy Communion**

Registration and Information Session are on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Confirmation**

Registration and Information Session are on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Further details and posting on our website will be done in January, 2026

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**

***Needs of the Church in  
Canada***

***September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025***

**Collection for the Needs of  
the Church in Canada:  
Supporting Bishops in Their  
Pastoral Mission Across the  
Country**

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on the weekend of

September 27 and 28. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment

**LIFE CHAIN**  
**Sunday, Oct 5, 2025**

Life Chain is an annual prayerful, pro-life event taking place across North America. Please join us this year at Anderson & Winchester on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm to 3:00pm to provide a quiet witness to the community. You'll be given a sign to hold during the hour proclaiming, "Abortion Kills Children" "Abortion Hurts Women," "Jesus Forgives & Heals," etc. 2 Timothy 1:7 says, "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." We can't be afraid to be a voice for the voiceless. Let us draw strength from the Lord to defend His children.

**The 111th World Day of**  
**Migrants and Refugees**  
**Sunday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

For the 111th World Day of Migrants & Refugees, the theme announced by His Holiness is "Migrants, Missionaries of Hope." In his message, Pope Leo highlights the resilience of migrants and refugees who give witness to hope amidst very difficult circumstances. He reminds us that those who welcome migrants and refugees can also reflect this same hope. His message ends with a call to entrust all those who journey, and all those accompany them to the protection of the Virgin Mary, comfort of migrants.

**ShareLife, 2025 Food**  
**Security Grants**

Cardinal Leo encourages you to reach out to your neighbour in need "We cannot turn away from the suffering around us, especially when so many struggle just to eat. Our Catholic family is called not only to witness God's love but to live it boldly: feed the hungry, restore dignity, and stand shoulder to shoulder with those in need. As Scripture reminds us in Isaiah 58:10, 'If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness.' Together, through these grants and our generous hearts, we bring hope where despair threatens to take hold." Please give generously and wholeheartedly through [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate) or our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel.

**Discernment Weekend**  
**Retreat, Oct 31 – Nov 2, 2025,**

**at St. Augustine's Seminary**

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, October 31 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, November 2 (2 p.m.). This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. We encourage you to promote this event in your parishes, during your announcements as well as including this event in your respective parish bulletins, it would be greatly appreciated. We have also included a poster and ask that you kindly display it on your respective bulletin boards. Thank you in advance for your assistance as we work together to build a culture of vocations. Registration must be done online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee)

### **Weekend Mass Attendance Survey**

Please note that this year's annual weekend Mass attendance survey will be held on the weekends of October 18 and 19, 2025 and October 25 and 26, 2025.

### **RCIA**

Rite of Christian Initiation, (RCIA) enables you to enter the Catholic Faith. Classes are on Thursday evenings, starting October 16, 2025. Contact the office for Registration Forms.  
Email:  
officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com

**Marriage Prep Course**  
Classes on April 30, May 1 & May 2, 2026 (evenings).  
Contact the office at 905 655 3286 ext.1

**Employment Opportunities**  
Please check the Bulletin Board for the latest employment opportunities.

### **Sunday Gospel, Sept 20, 2025** **Luke 8:4-15**

When a large crowd gathered, with people from one town after another journeying to Jesus, he spoke in a parable. "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and was trampled, and the birds of the sky ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky ground, and when it grew, it withered for lack of moisture.

Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold." After saying this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear."

Then his disciples asked him what the meaning of this parable might be. He answered, "Knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God has been granted to you;

but to the rest, they are made known through parables so that *they may look but not see and hear but not understand*.

"This is the meaning of the parable. The seed is the word of God. Those on the path are the ones who have heard, but the Devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved.

Those on rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, but they have no root; they believe only for a time and fall away in time of temptation. As for the seed that fell among thorns, they are the ones who have heard, but as they go along, they are choked by the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life, and they fail to produce mature fruit.

But as for the seed that fell on rich soil, they are the ones who, when they have heard the word, embrace it with a generous and good heart, and bear fruit through perseverance."

<https://www.catholiclife.com/>

### **"I AM" Affirmations for Catholics**

**I am God's masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10).** This is not some proud statement – this is a fact that God has revealed to me (Jeremiah 1:5). God has formed me in his own image – and I am his treasured possession (Genesis 1:27, 1 Peter 2:9).

**I am chosen (John 15:16).** The Father "has chosen me in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before Him in love" (Ephesians 1:4). My life has meaning (Luke 7:33). My life has purpose (1 Corinthians 10:31). I am chosen by God to be a saint (1 Peter 2:9).

**I am a beloved son (daughter) of the Father (Mark 1:11).** This is not just a nice thing God says about me – this is my true and deepest identity (1 John 3:1). God is my Father – and I am His son (daughter) (2 Corinthians 6:18).

**I am cared for by God (1 Peter 5:7).** The Father knows me by name (Isaiah 43:1). The Father knows my heart (Psalm 139:1-4). And he cares for me (Jeremiah 29:11).

**I am loved by God (1 John 4:9). The Father holds nothing back in loving me – all that He has is mine (Luke 15:8).** The Father has shown me this love on the Cross and given me this love in the Eucharist (1 John 3:16, John 6:54-57). And he is always labouring to love me (1 John 4:16).

**I am blessed (Ephesians 1:3). The Father "has blessed me in Christ with every spiritual blessing" (Ephesians 1:3).** I don't have to grasp anything (Genesis 2:6). I don't have to prove myself to anyone (Galatians 1:10). I have everything that I need because I am blessed (Philippians 4:19).

**I am a friend of Jesus (John 15:15).** All that Jesus asks of me today is to be His friend and live every moment in the grace of this divine friendship (John 15:9). Everything that I want and desire – all my happiness and all my holiness – follows from friendship with Christ (John 15:11, 16).

**I am never alone (Joshua 1:9).** Jesus is with me always – especially right now (Matthew 28:20). Even if I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for Jesus is with me; his rod and his staff, they comfort me (Psalm 23:4).

**I am grateful (Psalm 7:17).** "I thank you, Lord, for the wonder of my being and the wonders of all your creation" (Psalm 139:13). I thank You – I praise You – I bless you: "One day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere" (Psalm 84:10).

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