

# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### 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

**See inside for  
Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. + *Joyce Gay*

**Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. + *Francis Tomsic*

11:00 a.m. + *Maria Tullio;*

+ *Toni Caprio*

Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. + *Innocenzo &*

*Vicenzina Mammone &*

+ *Attilio & Maria Tuzi*

Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

7:00 a.m. + *Larry Hallihan*

Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 a.m. + *Helen Herrena*

Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:30 a.m. + *Larry Hallihan*

**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. + *Harold Coker*

4:30 p.m. + *Ed Fox*

**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. + *Stefania &*

*Franc Naterez*

11:00 a.m. + *Vince Corvinelli*

### **Outline on Pilgrimage**

#### **September 2025:**

**please see our webpage.**

**Thank you for all who  
prayed & supported it.**

### **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

### **International Food Tasting**

Shout out to our International Food Tasting Hosts, Sylvana Aslanfard (Arabic), Lisa McCormick (British), Vieng Khan Babricard (Chinese), Silvia Elek (Columbian), Minerva Isovski (Greek), Tom Jakaby (Hungarian), Sandy Yatabe (Indian) Fr. Mounir (Lebanese), Claudia Carrera (Mexican), Bernie Galicia & Mary Ann David (Filipino), Marie Fernando & Nithila Chandran (Sri Lankan) who kindly donated their time and culinary talents to make the Food Tasting Event a success.

### **Children's Liturgy**

Welcome Back to Children's Liturgy! All children ages 4 and older are welcome to join us on Sundays at the 11 o'clock mass, for liturgy, in the meeting room. Children under the age of 4 may attend with an older sibling, or, be accompanied by one adult. We look forward to growing closer to Jesus, and Our Blessed Mother, with all our friends.

### **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

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

***Building Fund  
October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025***

### **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 messages 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.

### **Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection October 11/12, 2025**

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of October 11/12, 2025 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund.

The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

To date, the Archdiocese of Toronto has allocated \$3.1 million to support projects that focus on culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth.

Let us join together and follow the invitation extended by the late Pope Francis during his penitential visit of 2022 for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation). Thank you for your generosity.

### **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/comeandsee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee)

**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](mailto:officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com)

**St. Michael the Archangel  
September 29**

St. Michael the Archangel, also known as Saint Michael the Archangel or simply Archangel Michael, holds a significant place in the Roman Catholic tradition. He is an Archangel, associated with courage, protection, and divine intervention.

**Biblical and Historical Roots**

St. Michael's presence can be traced back to early Jewish writings, particularly in texts from the 3rd and 2nd centuries BC. In these ancient texts, he is depicted as the chief among angels and archangels, responsible for guarding and caring for Israel.

**Guardian Prince of Israel**

In Jewish tradition, St. Michael is often referred to as the guardian prince of Israel, a protector who stands ready to defend God's chosen people. He appears in the Book of Enoch as one of the seven archangels, alongside Uriel, Raguel, Raphael, Sariel, Gabriel, and Remiel. These archangels are described as standing before the glory of the Lord.

**Defender of the Faith**

St. Michael's role as a defender of faith and a warrior against evil is most vividly portrayed in the New Testament, particularly in the Book of Revelation (Revelation 12:7–12). Here, he engages in a cosmic battle against Satan, casting the adversary out of heaven and preventing him from accusing humanity before God. St. Michael's triumphant role in this battle marks a significant shift from the Old Testament to the New Testament.

**The Epistle of Jude**

In the Epistle of Jude, St. Michael is cited as an example of righteous judgment and opposition to evil. He

is contrasted with heretics, as he did not hesitate to rebuke Satan over the body of Moses, saying, "The Lord punish you!" This passage underscores St. Michael's unwavering commitment to God's divine justice.

**In Our Catholic Tradition**

Within our Roman Catholic tradition, St. Michael the Archangel holds a special place. He is often invoked as "Holy Michael, the Archangel" or "Saint Michael" in prayers and liturgies. While not formally canonized as a saint, he is revered as a celestial being with immense significance.

**Four Main Roles in Catholic Teaching**

We recognize that St. Michael has four "offices" or roles.

**Leader of the Army of God:** St.

Michael is seen as the commander of heaven's forces, leading the angelic host in their battle against the powers of darkness. He serves as a model of spiritual warfare, reflecting the ongoing struggle between good and evil.

**Angel of Death:** St. Michael is regarded as the angel of death, accompanying the souls of departed Christians to heaven. At the moment of death, he offers the souls an opportunity for redemption, thwarting the devil's attempts to claim them.












**Weigher of Souls:** St. Michael is often depicted holding balanced scales, symbolizing his role in weighing souls during the Last Judgment. This signifies his involvement in the divine judgment of humanity.

**Guardian of the Church:** St.

Michael serves as the guardian of the Church and the Chosen People. Throughout history, he has been revered by military orders of knights and is considered the patron saint of various cities and countries.

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