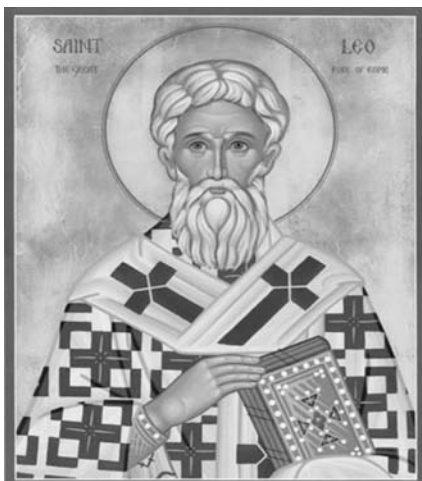




St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

130 Watford Street, Brooklin, ON L1M 1H2

905.655.3286

www.stleothegreat.ca e-mail: officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com

Pastor: Father Mounir El- Rassi

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, October 18th

4:30 p.m. + Marty Write

Sunday, October 19th

9:00 a.m. + Larry Hallihan

11:00 a.m. + Loretta D'Sylva

+ Ron Simcoe

Tuesday, October 21st

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

Wednesday, October 22nd

7:00 p.m. + Nancy DiPietro

Thursday, October 23rd

8:30 a.m. No Mass - Fr. Is Away.

Friday, October 24th

8:30 a.m. + Larry Hallihan + Paul Olejniczak

+ Harold Coker

+ Theo Ozeagbe Osime

Birthday Blessings for Fejro Uviase &

Vbome Uviase

Saturday, October 25th

4:30 p.m. + Ruth Linchan

Sunday, October 26th

9:00 a.m. + Larry Hallihan

11:00 a.m. + Peter D'Brass

Pray for our deceased parishioners:

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

2nd Collection World Mission
Sunday,
October 18th & 19th, 2025

There will be a second collection this weekend at all Masses for Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church, and it 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.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast
 Oct 19th after 9am and 11am Mass:
 Breakfast in the Church Hall

Knights of Columbus Pasta
Dinner
 Oct 26th Annual Pasta Dinner in the Church Hall. Tickets will be available for sale after all masses on Oct 11/12 & 18/19.

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.

Volunteers needed
 We are looking for a **Sacristan** Volunteer & various areas of **Ministry**. If you are able and willing to commit, please contact Fr. Mounir.

Priest's Seminar
October 21st, 22nd & 23rd, 2025
 Fr. Mounir will be away attending the Priest's Seminar. There will be morning Mass on Oct 21st @ 8:30 am

and evening Mass on Oct 22nd at 7:00pm. **No Mass** on Thursday, Oct 23rd but the church and office will be open.

RCIA
 Rite of Christian Initiation, (RCIA) enables you to enter the Catholic Faith. Classes are on Thursday evenings, starting October 16, 2025, at 6pm. Contact the office for Registration Forms.
 Email:
 officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com

Brooklin Pizza Hut
2 Campbell Street, Whitby
 St. Leo's would like to thank our new Pizza Hut owners, the **Pervais Family** who recently hosted a Personal Pan Pizza at our Lunch Social Event on October 5, 2025. A total of \$380.00 raised at the event will go towards the Building Maintenance Fund. Please support our local Pizza Hut. Riaz Pervais is offering a 10% discount to all parishioners, just remember to ask for the Parish discount when you order your pizza at **905 620 1116**

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. Registration must be done online at
www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

St. Leo's Young Families
 This autumn we are pleased to announce the beginning of our Young Families Group here at St.

Leo's Parish. This group will invite parents and children to come together and share in their faith in a safe and loving environment. We invite those parents who are interested, to come and share their ideas, at a preliminary meeting in the hall, on Saturday, November 15th, at 5:30pm, following the mass. Please contact Christa for further information at stleoyfg@gmail.com
 We look forward to seeing you there!

Pray and Act for Persecuted
Christians on Red
Wednesday – November
19, 2025

On November 19, 2025, Red Wednesday will be marked across Canada and the world. In Toronto, the faithful are invited to attend Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica - Bishop John Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto will preside. Red Wednesday highlights the persecution of Christians and calls us to defend religious freedom. Parishes, schools, and communities can show solidarity by praying, wearing red, organizing events, or illuminating churches and buildings. Each action sends a powerful message of hope to those who cannot freely live their faith. More info: www.acn-canada.org/rw. Contact: el@acn-canada.org or (416) 785-0498. An ACN Canada initiative with archdiocesan support.

Gospel Reflection,
October 19, 2025
 Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray

always without becoming weary. Luke 18:1

In our parable for today, we have the witness of a widow who came to a dishonest judge and continuously begged him for a just judgment. Though the judge did not care about the woman, he eventually rendered a just decision for her because she was so persistent. It's interesting that Jesus used the image of a "dishonest judge" to teach us about persistent prayers being answered. He does so because He wants us to understand that if even those who are dishonest respond to persistence, then so much more will the Just Judge of Heaven respond to persistence.

Will God answer any prayer you pray if you offer that prayer day and night, day after day without fail? Does God eventually give into our requests as a parent might give into a child who keeps begging for something? Not exactly. One of the most important qualifiers mentioned in this parable is the word "just." We read that the woman's plea before the judge was, "render a just decision for me..." At the conclusion of the parable, Jesus gives this interpretation: "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?" When we pray, we ought not pray for whatever we want. We ought not pray for our preference, selfish desires, or our own ideas. We must pray only for the justice of God. When we do so with unwavering perseverance, God will secure our rights and bring forth His justice.

to accept all sufferings with love, to offer those sufferings as a sacrifice, and to allow them to be transformed into mercy. If this is our persistent prayer, we can be certain that our prayer will be answered.

Reflect, today, upon anything for which you desire justice. Is there anything that has been unfair in your life? Do you dwell upon any hurt inflicted upon you by another? As you call those things to mind, know

that the power of your persistent prayer has the potential to transform those sufferings into God's mercy. Beg for this gift and know that God will always answer those prayers.

Reflect, today, upon anything for which you desire justice. Is there anything that has been unfair in your life? Do you dwell upon any hurt inflicted upon you by another? As you call those things to mind, know that the power of your persistent prayer has the potential to transform those sufferings into God's mercy. Beg for this gift and know that God will always answer those prayers.

Most just Judge, You desire to transform every injustice into mercy by calling us to freely embrace those injustices out of love. This is a high calling, dear Lord, but it is also a glorious one. Please give me the grace I need to follow Your example and to persevere in this form of prayer always. Jesus, I trust in You.

www.catholiclife.com

Saint John Paul II, Feast **October 22, 2025**

St. John Paul II, born Karol Józef Wojtyła in Wadowice, Poland, on May 18, 1920, is widely regarded as one of the most influential and beloved Popes in modern history. His life was a remarkable journey marked by faith, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to serving both the Church and humanity. From his humble beginnings in a small Polish town to his leadership of the global Catholic Church, his papacy had an enduring impact on the world.

On October 16, 1978, Cardinal Wojtyła was elected the 264th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, taking the name John Paul II in honor of his predecessor, John Paul I, who had died just 33 days into his papacy. At 58, he was the youngest Pope in 132 years and the first non-Italian Pope in 455 years. His election marked the beginning of a papacy that would transform the Church and the world.

John Paul II chose "Totus Tuus" (Latin for "I am all yours") as his papal motto, dedicating his papacy to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This devotion shaped much of his spiritual and pastoral work, and he frequently invoked Mary's protection, especially after surviving an assassination attempt on May 13, 1981, the anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima.

A Pope for the Ages

St. John Paul II's legacy continues to inspire Catholics and non-Catholics alike. He was a tireless advocate for peace, human rights, and the sanctity of life. He left behind a rich theological and philosophical body of work, including numerous encyclicals and apostolic letters that continue to shape Catholic thought. His teachings on the dignity of the human person, especially in his theology of the body, have had a lasting influence on the Church's approach to contemporary moral issues....

<https://thecatholicheroes.com/>



Heavenly Father,

As the crisp air of October surrounds us and the beauty of autumn unfolds, I come before You with a heart full of gratitude. Thank You for the blessings of the past months and the promise of new beginnings this season brings.

Lord, I ask for Your guidance and protection throughout this month. Fill my days with peace, joy, and purpose. Help me to embrace change as the leaves do, trusting in Your perfect plan for my life. Strengthen me to face challenges with courage and faith and let Your light shine through me in all I do. Bless my family, friends, and community with health, love, and unity. May this month be a time of growth, renewal, and abundant grace. I place my trust in You, knowing that Your love and mercy will carry me through.

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

 ONTARIO DUCT CLEANING Do it for your home do it for the health of your family. For a FREE No Obligation phone estimate, call: 905-433-5000	St. Leo the Great CWL  Shannon Rogers President 289-200-6444 <i>All Are Welcome</i>  Call for free plumbing estimate Devon Knight: 289-356-3914 @knightspipes	 Brooklin Precision Tune 114 Winchester Rd E 905-655-6171	 Baldwin Animal Hospital Daniel Baturensky, DVM <i>Celebrating 20 Years 2004-2024</i> 4160 Baldwin St. S. Unit 13, Whitby P 905-655-CATS 905-655-BARK	
 Need a Plumber? <i>Experienced Licensed Plumber 40+ years</i> Call or text Dan 905-621-9658	 905-655-1739	BROOKLIN OPTOMETRIC CENTRE brooklineyecare.ca DR. PUI-YEE HO 5959 Anderson St 905-655-6200		
TURNER MOORE Chartered Professional Accountants Accounting • Bookkeeping Corporate & Personal Taxes Alan Hogan 905.655.8556 75 Baldwin St	THE PHYSIO STUDIO Lori Sampson Owner/Experienced Physiotherapist 220 Taunton Rd. #3 Whitby Call for Appointment 905-665-1999	FRESH CO 5959 Baldwin St S Hwy 12 & 7 www.freshco.com		
 St. Leo's Knights of Columbus <i>Get involved. Inquire now!</i> Larry Hallihan 905 620 0351 lgb2008@yahoo.ca www.StLeoTheGreatKofc.ca	 Vanessa Robson Therapy Brooklin's Individual, Couple and Family Therapists • Marriage & Relationships • Parenting Support • Family Conflict • Anxiety & Depression • Grief & Bereavement • Trauma • Life transitions Christian Counselling Available info@vanessarobsontherapy.com WWW.VANESSAROBSONTHERAPY.COM	Bird and Bear Montessori Mrs. Clark birdandbearmontessori@gmail.com		
Gus Brown  NEW THINKING. NEW POSSIBILITIES. <i>We Service All Makes and Models</i> <i>Appointments not required</i> 445 Winchester Rd E 905-721-6599 www.gusbrownhyundai.com		<i>Funeral Director – Michael Lodge</i> W.C. Town Funeral Chapel 110 Dundas St. E., Whitby 905-668-3410		
 CATHOLIC CEMETERIES FUNERAL SERVICES In keeping with your Catholic faith www.catholic-cemeteries.com Resurrection Cemetery 905-668-8912 Serving our Community with Compassion  BARNES MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME Melissa Barnes - Funeral Director Richard Barnes - Managing Director Family owned and operated since 1863 905.655.3662 5295 Thicksen Rd. N., Whitby (one minute North of Taunton on Thicksen)		 ERC EYE REJUVENATION CENTER OPTOMETRY Your Dry Eye & Ocular Disease Specialists Urgent Eye Care Family Eye Exams 289-638-2150 www.ercoptometry.com 	Deidre Anne Newman B.Sc., LL.B. Barrister & Solicitor <i>Family, Criminal, Wills</i> 2A-119 Consumers Drive Whitby, Ontario L1N 1C4 T: 905-665-6360 dnewman@danewmanlaw.com	 Chris Leahy DURHAM SECURITY 905-556-1801 Turn your home into a Smart Home! \$50 donated to St. Leo's for every new contract. chris@durhamsecurity.ca