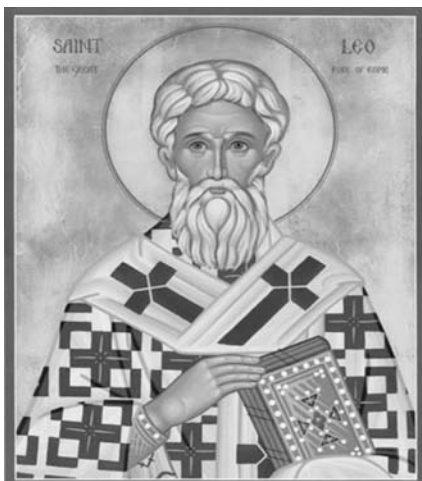




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Office Hours (Summer Schedule)

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
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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, October 25th

4:30 p.m. + Ruth Linchan

Sunday, October 26th

9:00 a.m. + Larry Hallihan

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

Tuesday, October 28th

8:30 a.m. + Elena Pupolin

Wednesday, October 29th

7:00 p.m. + Souls in Purgatory + Ronald Hogg
Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Renata & Dinazon Pelejo

Thursday, October 30th

8:30 a.m. + Innocenzo & + Vincenzina Mammone
+ Attilio & + Maria Tuzi

Friday, October 31st

8:30 a.m. + Martin Guardia
+ Teodorica & + Crescencio Ibali
+ Tereso & + Fatima Dumon
Birthday Blessings for Leslie Ann David

Saturday, November 1st

8:30 am + Nieto Reyes Family
+ Thomas Tangie

Saturday, November 1st

4:30 p.m. + Steven Closs

Sunday, November 2nd

9:00 a.m. + Deceased Members of the Knights & their families
11:00 a.m. + Luigi & + Adele Ciardullo

Pray for our deceased parishioners:

For: Sanctuary Light Request

For: Vigil Light for Mary. (Luis B. Tolentino)

For: Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary.

For a visit by the parish priest.

Make your request at the office

**2nd Collection Building
Maintenance Fund
November 1 & 2, 2025**

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.

**November 8: Mass for the
departed Souls**

The Mass will take place Saturday at 2pm inside the Mausoleum, at the Resurrection Cemetery.
Presider Fr. Mounir EL-Rassi

Volunteers needed

We are looking for a **Sacristan** Volunteer & to only open the Church three times per week; besides various areas of **Ministry**. If you are able and willing to commit, please contact the office, attention Fr. Mounir.

**RCIA: our studies on
Salvation History**

Rite of Christian Initiation, (RCIA) classes are on Thursday evenings, at 6:30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend & to learn about Scriptural Salvation History and more. You are welcome to attend the class and stay for the DVD sessions only (not the discussions).

St. Vincent de Paul appeal:

FYI: This weekend a member of the St. Vincent de Paul will appeal for help and for volunteers this weekend.

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@ac-canada.org or

(416) 785-0498. An ACN Canada initiative with archdiocesan support.

**Gospel Reflection,
October 26, 2025**

“Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee, and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, ‘O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity, greedy, dishonest, adulterous or even like this tax collector.’” Luke 18:10–11

What a sad prayer. Of course, it wasn't even a prayer to God since the Pharisee “spoke this prayer to himself.” The prayer of the tax collector, however, was a perfect model for all prayer. We read that the tax collector “stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’” Which prayer more resembles your own prayer?

To honestly answer that question, let's examine both prayers. First of all, the contrast of these two prayers is a contrast between humility and pride. The Pharisee was clearly full of pride. Pride blinds us from true self-knowledge. Saint Teresa of Ávila teaches us that the very first thing we must do on our journey to God is obtain self-knowledge through humility. Without that, we will never grow in holiness.

The sin of pride is obvious in the prayer of the Pharisee and, therefore, his lack of true self-knowledge is also evident. Note that even his physical posture of standing depicts pride. Throughout the Scriptures, kneeling, or even falling prostrate, is the disposition of the humble. In addition to standing, the Pharisee's prayer was a list of his own goodness. He very well may have fasted twice a week and paid tithes on his whole income. But his prayer suggests that he did this by his own effort. He did not ascribe those acts

to the grace and strength of God, which means they were not true acts of charity. His prayer suggests that he doesn't need God in order to do good. This is also seen in the fact that he asks nothing of God. Instead, he simply thanks God for how good he is through his own effort. The result is that God gives him nothing, since he asked for nothing.

True prayer must begin with the humble recognition of our weakness and need for God. The tax collector expressed this humility by bowing his head to the ground, not even daring to look up to Heaven. This reveals he did not consider himself worthy of God's grace. Truth be told, he wasn't worthy of it. That's why God's grace is a mercy. It is all mercy in that He bestows that which we are not worthy to receive. And He only bestows it on those who know they are not worthy of it. The words spoken by the tax collector are the perfect model of prayer because his words depict these truths. As a sinner, he doesn't deserve mercy but begs for God's grace as an act of God's mercy.

When you pray, how do you pray? What is the disposition of your heart and for what do you pray? Begin by considering the physical position in which you pray. Though we can pray standing, sitting, kneeling or even lying down, there is something very good about kneeling or even lying prostrate. It doesn't mean we have to do so the entire time we pray, but it is a good practice to kneel, bow your head or fall down prostrate before God at least for a moment each day. Do you do this? If not, consider making this a daily habit.

When you pray, do you begin your prayer with humility? We begin the Mass by examining our conscience and confessing our sins. This is a good example of how to begin your prayer every time you pray. Humble yourself by calling to mind your sins and weaknesses. Confess them to God and acknowledge the fact that,

because of your sins, you are unworthy of God's mercy. Humility like this will help you to see yourself as God sees you, and this will help you open yourself to the grace you need from God to grow in holiness.

Reflect, today, upon the humility found in the prayer of this tax collector. As you do, look at your own practice of prayer and discern whether you imitate this tax collector's disposition and prayer. Try to commit to physically humbling yourself before our Lord every day. Kneel, bow your head, or fall down prostrate every day. When you do pray, beg for mercy as one who doesn't deserve anything from God. This is the humble truth on which all prayer must be based. The more you can humble yourself this way, the more God will lift you up and pour forth His mercy upon you.

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Pope Leo XIV canonizes 7 new saints, including first from Venezuela and Papua New Guinea, Oct 19, 2025

Pope Leo XIV proclaimed seven new saints on Sunday before an estimated 70,000 people in St. Peter's Square, including the first saints from Venezuela and Papua New Guinea and a former Satanist who underwent a dramatic conversion to become an "apostle of the rosary."

"Today we have before us seven witnesses, the new saints, who with God's grace kept the lamp of faith burning," Pope Leo XIV said in his homily on Oct. 19. "Indeed, they themselves became lamps capable of spreading the light of Christ."

"May their intercession assist us in our trials and their example inspire us in our shared vocation to holiness," he said.

The canonization Mass unfolded as the pope declared two of Venezuelan saints: St. José Gregorio Hernández Cisneros, known as "the doctor of the poor," and St. María del Carmen Rendiles Martínez, a religious sister

born without her left arm who went on to found the Servants of Jesus in Caracas in 1965.

Among the new saints were also two martyrs. St. Peter To Rot, a lay catechist martyred in Papua New Guinea during the Japanese occupation in World War II, became the country's first saint. To Rot defied Japanese authorities who permitted polygamy, defending Christian marriage until his death.

St. Ignatius Maloyan, an Armenian Catholic archbishop, was executed during the Armenian genocide after refusing to convert to Islam. Among the most well known of the new saints is St. Bartolo Longo, a 19th-century Italian lawyer after his re-conversion, Longo dedicated his life to promoting the rosary and built the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary in Pompeii, now one of Italy's most beloved Marian pilgrimage sites.

Three women were also declared saints. In addition to Venezuela's St. María del Carmen Rendiles Martínez, the Italian foundress St. Vincenza Maria Poloni was also canonized. Poloni founded the Sisters of Mercy of Verona and is remembered for her tireless service to the poor, including at the risk of her life during the cholera epidemic of 1836.

Pope Leo also canonized St. Maria Troncatti, an Italian Salesian sister who spent 44 years as a missionary among the Indigenous Shuar people in Ecuador's Amazon rainforest.

The canonization coincided with World Mission Sunday. Before praying the Angelus, Pope Leo XIV, urged the faithful to pray for today's missionaries.

"The Church is entirely missionary, but today we pray especially for those men and women who left everything to bring the Gospel to those who do not know it. They are missionaries of hope among the people. May the Lord bless them," he said.

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