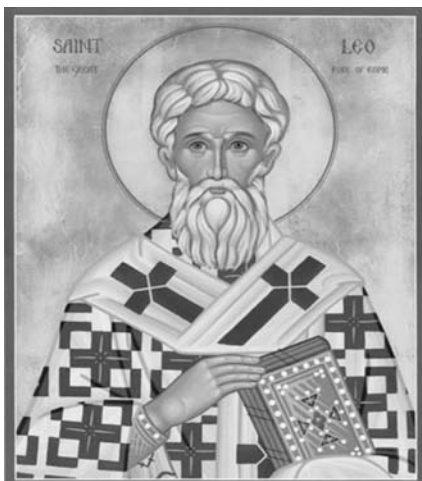




St. Leo The Great

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

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

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

Tuesday, November 4th

8:30 a.m. To end abortion

Wednesday, November 5th

7:00 p.m. + Beatrice Cooke
+ Sandy White

Thursday, November 6th

8:30 a.m. Living intentions of Elaine Insang

Friday, November 7th

8:30 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory
Living intentions of Pearl Tai

Saturday, November 8th

4:30 p.m. + Edward Fox

Sunday, November 9th

9:00 a.m. + Fortunato & + Luciana Molica Lazzaro

11:00 a.m. + Vince Corvinelli

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

ALL SOULS' DAY

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

Shepherds' Trust Collection November 15 & 16, 2025

There will be a second collection for The Shepherds' Trust on the weekend of November 15/16, 2025. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years.

For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your generous support of this important work.

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

Knights of Columbus Events

Nov 9th after the 9am and 11am Masses: Breakfast in the Church Hall

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.

The FNE Catholic Boys & Girls Timberwolves & Explorers,

would like to offer their service of leaf raking for Parishioners in Brooklin, Whitby and Oshawa on Saturday November 8. A group of parents and FNE Scouts will come to

your house and clear the leaves in your yard and backyard. All you will need to do is sign up and provide the outdoor yard disposal bags. The cost is simply a donation of your choice. If you are interested, you can sign up at the table after Mass on Nov 1, 2 or you can reach out to Rachele Zamora (647) 688-2998 or email rachele.a.zamora@gmail.com

Ministry Appreciation Dinner November 22, 2025 from 6-8pm

Please sign the volunteer sheets in the vestibule if you can attend. Ask an usher for help.

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).

Children's Liturgy

All children ages 4 and older are welcome to join us on Sundays at the 11am 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. (No strollers, please.) Children attending liturgy must be able to sit and listen to the Gospel and reflection. If you feel your child is unable to do so, please consider having them remain with you during the mass. We look forward to continuing to grow closer to Jesus, and Our Blessed Mother, with all our friends.

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

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.

JUBILEE 2025: PARISH GROUP/ FAMILY PILGRIMAGE

There are just a few weeks left in our Jubilee Year, which concludes on Sun. Dec. 28, 2025. In his homily at each of the Jubilee Regional Masses, Cardinal Leo strongly encouraged each parish/parish group or individual/family to consider a visit/pilgrimage to one or more of the designated Pilgrimage

Churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto during this special year of blessings. A listing of these churches and resources for your visit can be found at:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/pilgrimage-churches/>

In addition, for those wishing to receive a Plenary Indulgence through their visit to a Pilgrimage church, further

information can be found at:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/plenary-indulgence/>

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day), November 2

“For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.” *John 6:40*

Saturday’s Solemnity of All Saints gave us an opportunity to celebrate and rejoice in the fact that there are countless people who have gone before us who are now enjoying the glories of Heaven. These faithful souls lived lives that were grounded in God’s grace and have been fully purified of all sin. They now gaze at our good God face-to-face.

Today, we commemorate the fact that many who die in a state of grace are not immediately ready to stand before the glorious throne of God and see Him face-to-face. The only way this is possible is if every sin and every attachment to sin is purged from our souls. We must have nothing but pure charity alive within us if we are to enter the eternal glories of Heaven. But how many people die in such a state?

The Church, in her wisdom and holiness, has taught clearly through the centuries that when a person passes from this world to the next while still attached to less serious sin, they need to be fully purified in order to enter Heaven. This is Purgatory. *The Catechism of the Catholic*

Church states: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (#1030–31a).

For some, Purgatory can be a frightening and even confusing thought. Why doesn’t God, in His infinite mercy, simply take all our loved ones who followed Him straight to Heaven? The answer is simple. He does! And the path for them to Heaven is this incredible mercy of their final purification.

Purification of all attachment to sin within our soul is a mercy beyond what we can imagine. Through this final purification, God prepares the holy souls who have died for an eternity of joy. But this purification is necessary because God, in His love, does not want any soul to live eternally with even a minor attachment to sin. God wants us all free. The truth is that every sin on our soul, even the smallest one, is reason enough for us to be excluded from Heaven. So Purgatory must be seen as a final mercy from God by which He lifts every last burden that keeps us from perfect love, so that our eternity will be one of utmost freedom and ecstasy. God wants us to be filled only with the purity of love forever. Thus, upon our death, we are graced to enter into a final and intense purification of every minor sin, so that when we see God in all His glory, we will see Him with the perfection to which we are called. Purgatory is a gift, a grace, a mercy. It will be painful to go through in the same way that overcoming any sin is painful. But the good fruit of freedom from sin makes every final purification we must endure worth it a hundredfold and more.

Reflect, today, upon the spiritual truth that God wants you to be a saint. If you are among those few who die in a state in which you are purified from every sin, then be assured that you have already completed your purgatory on earth. But if you or your loved ones are among the many who still hold some minor attachment to sin at the time of death, then rejoice that God is not done with you yet. Anticipate with much gratitude the final purification that awaits and look forward to the freedom that ultimately comes from that purification.

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

Remembering Loved Ones: The Meaning of All Souls’ Day

Every year on November 2, Catholics around the world pause to remember those who have passed away. Known as All Souls’ Day, this special day isn’t just about sadness for our losses, it’s a chance to reflect, pray, and celebrate the lives of our loved ones.

How Catholics Celebrate

Attending Mass, Offering the Eucharist for the souls of the departed. Visiting Cemeteries, Praying, leaving flowers, or lighting candles. Some families create a small altar or light candles for their loved ones. Performing good deeds or offering prayers for the benefit of the deceased.

All Souls’ Day is ultimately about connection, prayer, and remembrance. It’s a day to pause, honor the lives that shaped ours, and trust in God’s mercy for those who have passed.

<https://www.catholicworldmission.org/>

Dear Lord, we thank You for Your promise of eternal life. We trust that our faithful departed are in Your hands, and we pray that You grant them peace as they rest in Your presence. Comfort those of us who remain and help us to find solace in the knowledge that our loved ones are safe in Your care. May your light guide their path to everlasting peace. Amen.

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