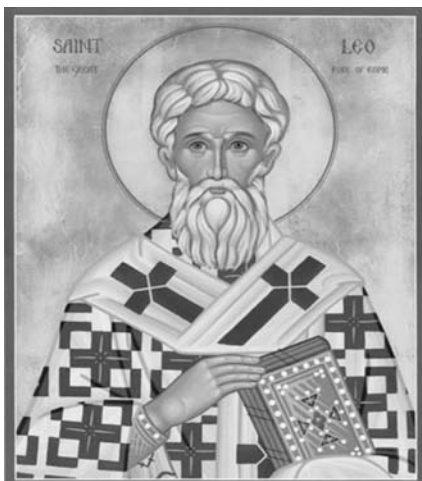




St. Leo The Great

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 8th

4:30 p.m. + Edward Fox

Sunday, November 9th

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

11:00 a.m. + Vince Corvinelli

Tuesday, November 11th

8:30 a.m. + Eileen Power

Wednesday, November 12th

7:00 p.m. + Rev.Fr. Mervin Coulas

+ Jennifer Samways

Thursday, November 13th

8:30 a.m. + Innocenzo & + Vincenzina Mammone

+ Attilio & + Maria Tuzi

Friday, November 14th

8:30 a.m. + Michael MacIntosh

+ Raymond & + Isabella Jardim

+ Deceased Members of the Mott & Young Families

Saturday, November 15th

4:30 p.m. + Edward Fox

Sunday, November 16th

9:00 a.m. + Susan & + Alex Quinn

11:00 a.m. + Luis B. Tolentino

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 Shepherd's 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.

Knights of Columbus Events

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

Annual Vendors Fair
Saturday November 15th

9:00Am to 3:00PM in the Church Hall
Free admission
Come take in the vendors, visit the canteen for soup and Hotdogs
Get your Christmas shopping done early.

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).

Kitchen Cabinets & Counters

St. Leo's church has procured a contractor for our kitchen cabinets & counters. Structural work (removing of freezer) has been discouraged by a couple of contractors as this may cause damage to the building. And to do this is extremely expensive. This work will commence in early December. We are communicating this date with our various groups in the parish.

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.

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.

Gospel Reflection
November 9, 2025

*Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his Body. **John 2:19-21***
We celebrate, today, the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the mother

church of the entire Roman Catholic Church. It was given to the Bishop of Rome in the fourth century and remained the pope's primary residence until the building of St. Peter's Basilica, at a time when the Lateran Basilica was falling into ruins. However, the Lateran Basilica to this day remains the most important Church in the world, since it is officially the Cathedral Church of Rome. As we honor this church, we honor more than a building. The Lateran Basilica is a symbol of the one true Church of Jesus Christ. Its interior is beautiful and awe-inspiring so as to point us to the unimaginable beauty of the Church Herself, which is the Mystical Body of Christ.

Today's Gospel depicts Jesus entering the Temple and driving the money changers out with a whip and the animals they were selling for profit. As He did so, He cried out, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." Psalm 69 is then quoted: Zeal for your house will consume me.

Jesus loves His Church as His own Body, because that is what it is. As His Body, the members of His Church are called and sent to act as His instruments, members of His saving action. Much more than a church building, today we honor the Church Herself—which means we honor you, insofar as you are a member of the Body of Christ. And in light of this Gospel passage for today's Feast, we are reminded of the zeal that our Lord has for the cleansing of His Church.

How is the Church purified? It is purified by the cleansing of Her members. That means that Jesus desires, with perfect zeal, to drive out every sin from your soul, cleansing the filth that keeps you from fulfilling your essential role as a member of His Body.

Sometimes we become slack in our

own commitment to be purified. We can easily become comfortable with the sins we commit, and we can form habits that are hard to break. When this happens, it is useful to ponder this story of the cleansing of the Temple and see it as Jesus' desire to cleanse our own soul. At times, we need to be shaken up, challenged, confronted and encouraged with the unwavering zeal in the heart of our Lord. Reflect, today upon this powerful image of Jesus cleansing the Temple. As you do, apply it to your own life. The people selling and buying in the Temple must have been shocked at Jesus' zeal and actions. If you have become complacent with your sins, try to allow this holy shock to also wake you up. Allow our Lord's zeal to affect you and know that His purifying actions are acts of love by which He desires to free you to become a more fully functioning member of His holy Church.

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St. Leo the Great **Feast Day, November 10**

St. Leo I, known as St. Leo the Great, was one of the most influential Popes in the early Church. Born in Rome in 400 AD, he served as a guiding light for Christian doctrine and courageously defended Rome from invasions, leaving an indelible mark on Church history. Pope Leo's intellectual and spiritual contributions have made him a model of papal leadership, and he is one of the only two Popes honored with the title "the Great," along with Pope St. Gregory.

In 452, Pope Leo confronted one of the most feared invaders in history, Attila the Hun. Known as the "Scourge of God," Attila had invaded Italy and was on the brink of sacking Rome. As panic spread and many fled in fear, Pope Leo courageously set out to meet Attila. Carrying only a cross, he convinced Attila to turn back, sparing Rome from destruction.

According to tradition, Attila's decision to retreat was influenced by a miraculous vision in which he saw the apostles Peter and Paul standing beside Leo, threatening divine wrath should he proceed. While historians debate the specifics, the fact remains that Attila halted his advance and withdrew his troops, which many attributed to Pope Leo's courage and faith.

Pope Leo's legacy is vast, touching on theology, liturgy, and Church administration. He championed the primacy of the Roman See, reinforcing the idea that the Pope is the successor of St. Peter, with a unique role as guardian of Church unity and doctrine. His letters, sermons, and pastoral teachings were instrumental in shaping the Western Church. Known for his eloquence, he often said, "The true measure of strength is not in dominating others but in mastering oneself." This sentiment reflects his belief in humility, a virtue he exemplified throughout his papacy.

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Prayer: Saint Leo the Great, you exercised your papal ministry with humility and strength, wisdom and pastoral diplomacy, guiding the Church through a difficult period. Please pray for me, that I will learn from your example and always remain firm in my faith, doing all I can to lead others to God. Saint Leo the Great, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.



Nov 11th

Gracious Lord, we dream of a world free of poverty and oppression, and we yearn for a world free of vengeance and violence. And we pray for your peace.

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