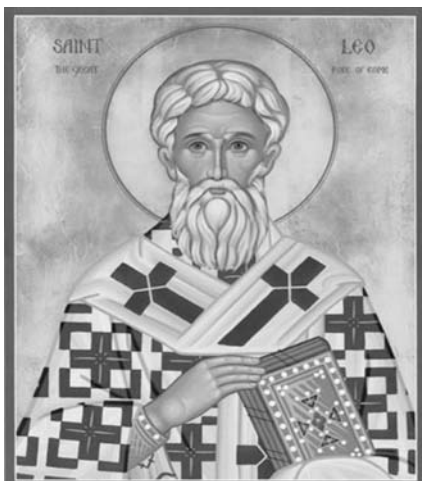




St. Leo The Great

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 15th

4:30 p.m. + Edward Fox

Sunday, November 16th

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

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

Tuesday, November 18th

8:30 a.m. + Vincenzina Mammone

Wednesday, November 19th

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

+ Isabel Santos

Thursday, November 20th

8:30 a.m. + Harold Coker

Friday, November 21st

8:30 a.m. + Marie Ida Smith

+ Harold Coker

+ Deceased Members of Community of The Presentation Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, November 22nd

4:30 p.m. + Sharon Liiraja

Sunday, November 23rd

9:00 a.m. + Thomas Passafiume

11:00 a.m. + Norman Gay

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
"Shepherds Trust"
November 15 & 16, 2025

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.

Pizza Sunday
November 30th

Come and join us after the 9am & 11am Masses. Individual vegetarian or pepperoni pizza & pop or 8 chicken nuggets & pop for \$ 5.00.

CWL Christmas Party

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) of St. Leo wishes to invite all women of the parish to attend their Christmas Party.

Date: Wednesday Dec 17th, 2025

Time: 6pm -10pm

Place: Kedron Dells Golf Club
 2400 Ritson Road
 North, Oshawa

The evening will include a Traditional Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings and a carol sing-along in a private room with festive decorations.

Cost: 65\$ per person and includes all taxes and gratuities. Bar drinks will be available for purchase.

For additional details and to register please contact Margaret McIntyre at mcintyremanda@gmail.com

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.

Humanitarian Relief
Hurricane Melissa & Typhoon Kalmaegi

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through our Catholic partners in the Caribbean and Asia to support relief efforts underway in both regions.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

Name of Parish – Hurricane Melissa or

Name of Parish – Typhoon Kalmaegi
 Please continue to pray for all those affected by these natural disasters.

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Online Series: "The Four
Constitutions of Vatican II"

All are invited to attend the second presentation of the online study of "The Four Constitutions of Vatican II". The sessions feature pre-prepared presentations by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. There will be an opportunity for reflection and discussion, led by our team. The presentation topics and presenters are:

1. Sacrosanctum Concilium — Msgr. Murray Kroetsch, PH, VG – September 23
2. Dei Verbum — Msgr. Yvan Mathieu, SM – October 28
3. Gaudium et Spes — Sr. Donna Geernaert, SC – November 18
4. Lumen Gentium — Dr. Catherine Clifford, PhD – December 2

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/FCV2-Register2025>

CONTACT:

formation@archtoronto.org or
 437-900-4287

How to "Advent Has
Arrived"
Now Streaming!

Advent sometimes just feels like that time that is sandwiched between Thanksgiving and Christmas – life is hectic with Christmas shopping, parties, the school year ending, and so much more. But as Catholics we really ought to enter into this season of joyful anticipation with purpose and intention! In *How to Advent*, we will discover the rich traditions that mark this season and how they aid us in preparing our hearts for the birth of the child Jesus at Christmas. Guided by priests, religious, professors, and a charismatic host, you will gain practical tips and spiritual reflection on the practices of the Advent calendar, Advent wreath, Jesse tree, and nativity scene. There are four episodes in this show that are between 12 and 15 minutes.

An Offering from the Augustine Institute - <https://app.formed.org>

Gospel Reflection
November 16

Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It

will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.” Luke 21:12–15

It could be said that these are among the least consoling words that Jesus ever spoke. Imagine what His disciples would have thought upon hearing this. Some of them might have changed their minds about following Jesus and walked away. Why would anyone want to be seized and persecuted, or thrown into prison? Jesus even went on to say that “they will put some of you to death.”

Though these words might not, at first, seem all that consoling, they were inspired words and, therefore, must be inspiring. By analogy, imagine an army general in charge of troops defending their families and homeland from hostile invaders. If that general were to say similar words to the troops, acknowledging that some of them would be captured and even killed, it would be a reality check for sure. But it would also inspire a certain courage and drive. In that moment, the soldiers would need courage to face the challenge that awaited them. Therefore, by being honest with them, the general would stir up their courage and strengthen their resolve to enter the battle.

We must hear Jesus’ words today as His battle cry, spoken to encourage us. He is warning us that the secular and unchristian world will be hostile. The leader of the kingdom of darkness, the devil, is very active and, with his legion of demons and followers, is seeking to destroy us. For our part, we must decide whether we will retreat and hide or enter the battle for the salvation of souls.

Though most of us will not endure physical martyrdom for our faith, it will happen to some. But for most of

us, the persecution we will endure will be on a different level. We may be mocked or even hated for our refusal to accept immorality within the culture. We may be called hateful when we stand up for the dignity of the unborn child in danger of abortion. We may be deemed superstitious or old fashioned by remaining faithful to Sunday worship and daily prayer. And we may be thought of as out-of-touch or behind the times for refusing to embrace the latest popular fads and secular values. Sometimes this happens even within the family.

Instead of shying away from the various forms of persecution we may experience, we need to allow our Lord to stir up a courage within us that is fueled by love. We must deeply desire the salvation of every soul and remain certain that the only way to salvation is through fidelity to Christ.

When you are challenged by others or by the world, you must trust in Jesus’ words. “I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.” When we resist and refute the errors of our age, some people will become hostile. But if we remain faithful to our Lord and speak by His inspiration, then those who are hostile will be affected for the good. Because Jesus said that people will not be able to “resist or refute” the words He inspires us to say, we must know that our words can make a difference in the battle for souls. We must engage the battle with courage and love and rely upon our Lord to lead.

Reflect, today, upon the fact that we are all in a battle for the salvation of souls, beginning with our own. We cannot be passive bystanders. We must move forward with much courage and strength. We must trust in the guidance given to us by our Lord. We must be open to the words He will inspire us to speak when needed. Resolve to follow our Lord into this holy battle, and He will equip you with all you need to be victorious.

<https://www.catholiclife.com>

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Nov 21

Mary’s presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honor of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church.

As with Mary’s birth, we read of Mary’s presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the *Protoevangelium of James* tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless.

Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary’s presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

Reflection: It is sometimes difficult for modern Westerners to appreciate a feast like this. The Eastern Church, however, was quite open to this feast and even somewhat insistent about celebrating it. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands.

God came to dwell in her in a marvelous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God’s saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. They, we, too are temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God’s saving work.

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