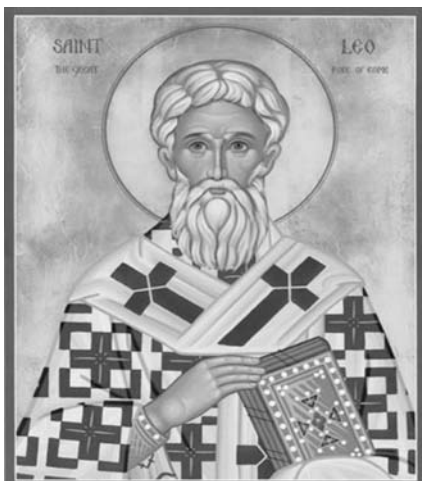




St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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, November 22nd

4:30 p.m. + Sharon Liiraja

Sunday, November 23rd

9:00 a.m. + Thomas Passafiume

11:00 a.m. + Norman Gay

Tuesday, November 25th

8:30 a.m. + Joyce Gay

Wednesday, November 26th

7:00 p.m. + Deceased Members of the Smith Family

Living intentions of Costa Correa

Thursday, November 27th

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

+ Attilio & + Maria Tuzi

Friday, November 28th

8:30 a.m. + Margaret Wesley

Anniversary Mass for Vickie Tsang Hun Ket

Saturday, November 29th

4:30 p.m. + Rosalia & + Antero Reyes

Sunday, November 30th

9:00 a.m. + Mario Orlandi & Deceased Members of the family

11:00 a.m. + Vincenzo Guzzo-Foliaro

Pray for our deceased parishioners:

For: Sanctuary Light Request

For: Vigil Light for Mary. Veronica Tuzi

For: Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary.

For a visit by the parish priest.

Make your request at the office

**Cardinal Leo's Message for
World Youth Day**

Message for World Youth Day
23 November 2025
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of
Toronto

*Please visit our website:
<https://stleothegreatbr.archtoronto.org>
for Cardinal Leo's Message for
World Youth Day*

**Pizza Sunday by Pizza Hut
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.
Funds from this Social helps our
Parish Community.

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

**Christmas Bake Sale
December 13th & 14th**

We are asking all parishioners who
enjoy baking to help with our
Christmas Bake Sale. Bring your
baked goods to the kitchen on

Friday, Dec 12 between 9am to
12pm or 1pm to 5pm. Sale of
baked goods will take place after
the weekend Masses on Dec 13 &
14. Proceeds from the bake sale
will go towards the Building Fund.

**St. Leo The Great
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Saturday December 20
Featuring the Clarington Concert
Band

Starts at 7:00 PM.

Admission: Freewill Offering

**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.

**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>*

*Parishioners receive free access
to [formed.org](https://app.formed.org)*

Solemnity of Christ the King: **November 23, 2025**

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. **Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind"** (*Quas primas*, 7).

Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. "From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures" (*Quas primas*, 13).

The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives:

He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and

to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.' - *Quas primas*, 33

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. **This solemnity encourages us the celebrate and live out our faith in public.** "Thus by sermons preached at meetings and in churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed and by solemn processions, men unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King" (*Quas primas*, 26).

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/>

NOVEMBER: A SACRED TIME OF REFLECTION

While Thanksgiving calls to mind the blessings of friends and family, the church observes the month of November as a spiritual time that marks the end of the Liturgical year. Here are some ways to reflect on our

faith journey, to consider our relationship with God and the ways we are called to live out our faith in the world.

A Season of Gratitude

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." — 1 Thessalonians 5:18

November invites us to slow down and notice the blessings we often overlook. Gratitude is not just a reaction to good days; it's a posture of the heart that transforms even the hardest seasons into opportunities for praise.

Endurance in the Waiting

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." Isaiah 40:31

As the year winds down, some prayers may still feel unanswered. This verse reminds us that waiting is not wasted time, God is shaping our strength and deepening our trust in Him.

Peace in the Midst of Change

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you." John 14:27

November often brings transitions, shorter days, colder nights, shifting routines. In the midst of change, Christ offers a peace that is steady, unshaken, and deeply personal.

Generosity as Worship

"Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16

As we prepare for the season of giving, generosity becomes more than an act, it's a form of worship. Every gift, whether big or small, reflects the heart of God to the world.

Hope for the Coming Light

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

John 1:5

Even as the days grow darker, we remember that God's light is never dimmed. His presence is the promise that no shadow can last forever.

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



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