

St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Church Hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Wednesday 8:00 am - 7:30 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 5:30 pm, Sunday - opens 8:00 am

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: francavascol@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

Peter Darcy Grand Knight Contact: stleokoc@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, June 6th

8:30am: Mark

4:30pm: Pro Populo

Sunday, June 7th

9:00am: +Lorraine Stevenson

11:00am: +Christopher Borysenko

Tuesday, June 9th

8:30am: Mason Provenzano

Wednesday, June 10th

7:00pm: Volunteers ~ Zarina Maneja, Minerva Isovski, Joan Barker, Sylvana Saslanford, Lisa McCormick, Silvia Elek, Ruth Bell, Claire Carruthers, Delani Chandra

Thursday, June 11th

8:30am: Living Intentions for
Anna Maria & Benedetto Tuzi
& Veronica & Christopher Duarte

Friday, June 12th

8:30am: +George Peiros & +Visidor

Saturday, June 13th

4:30pm: Pro Populo

Sunday, June 14th

9:00am: +Tomasina & +Francesco Parente

11:00am: +Rodrigo Neito & +Jose Reyes

Sanctuary Light:

Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Light:

To reserve the Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary & To schedule a visit with the Parish Priest, please contact the office.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

We have a second collection for the Building Fund this weekend. Thank you for supporting the ongoing needs of our parish!

MARYGROVE CAMP COLLECTION

There will be a second collection for Marygrove Camp next weekend on June 13 & 14.

CWL SPRING BASKET - WINNER!

Congratulations to our raffle prize winner, **Denise Pye**, and thank you to everyone who purchased tickets in support of our Catholic Women's League!



ST. LEO SOCIAL EVENING

Our social evening was a great success! Thank you to Zarina and her helpers for hosting a Charcuterie Social - and spontaneous karaoke! Congratulations to **Donna Shaddick**, winner of the charcuterie board and featured in the photo below. What comes around, goes around ;)

YARD SALE - SATURDAY, JUNE 13

St. Leo's Annual Yard Sale is happening on Saturday, **June 13**. We will be accepting donations on June 11 & 12 in the church hall. Please check our website for more details, especially for non-acceptable items. Also, we need several **volunteers** to place road signs, receive items in the church hall, help on the day, and clean up afterwards. **Please contact the office if you're available to lend a hand.** Thank you for supporting our parish initiatives!

BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way adults come to learn about and experience the Christian life, specifically our Roman Catholic tradition. Please contact the office if you would like to register for our next program in the Fall.

MESSAGE ON THE MONTH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

By His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls. Each year Holy Mother Church dedicates the month of June to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ**. This devotion invites us to contemplate not only the mystery of Christ's love, but also the kind of hearts we are called to develop in the world (Mt 11:29; Jn 13:34).

When we refer to the "Sacred Heart of Jesus" we recall the whole mystery of Christ - his Person, his mission and his infinite divine-human love for the Father and for humanity. As the Catechism teaches, Christ "**has loved us all with a human heart**", and his pierced Heart is rightly considered "the chief sign and symbol of that love with which the divine Redeemer continually loves the eternal Father and all human beings" without exception (CCC, 478).

In the Gospels, we often see how Jesus responds to people with a sensitive heart that reveals itself in a remarkable attentiveness to their suffering. The evangelists repeatedly describe him as being "**moved with compassion**".

He notices the hungry crowd before they ask for food (Mt 14:14-16); He stops for the blind man others try to silence (Mk 10:46-52), and he restores dignity to those whom society has forgotten (Lk 7:13). These moments reveal something profound: **the heart of Christ is never distant from human need**. It is a heart that sees, listens, and responds (Heb 4:15). And as the Church pondered these scenes - above all in the act of redemption when the side of Christ Crucified was opened - we too learn to speak ever more clearly of the **love** revealed in his Heart.

The Sacred Heart is therefore a school of compassion. When we spend time in prayer before the Lord - especially in the Eucharist - we gradually learn his way of loving (Jn 6:54-56; 1 Cor 10:16; CCC 2669). June offers us a practical spiritual invitation, a moment to ask a simple but demanding question: **does my heart resemble the heart of Christ?** Scripture reminds us that the Christian life involves genuine transformation: "I will give you a new heart" (Ez 36:26), and believers are called to share in the very mind and love of Christ (Phil 2:5).

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTIE - JUNE 7



What Is the Feast of Corpus Christi?

The Feast of Corpus Christi, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is a Catholic celebration of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist—and thus a sacred reminder that, in every Mass, Jesus' one sacrifice of Calvary is sacramentally made present and offered anew for "the forgiveness of the sins we daily commit" (CCC 1366).

When Is the Feast of Corpus Christi?

In 2026, Corpus Christi falls on Thursday, June 4. This is the Thursday following the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Sunday, May 31). However, in most dioceses in the United States, and in many other countries, the celebration is transferred to the following Sunday, so Corpus Christi will be celebrated in 2026 on **June 7**. This is so that more of the faithful can participate.

The feast remains anchored in its traditional Thursday observance on the Church's liturgical calendar. Additionally, **the traditional Thursday observance mirrors Holy Thursday**, when Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper, directing his apostles to offer his body and blood "in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19).

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SAINT BARNABUS - JUNE 11

St. Barnabas, originally named Joseph, was born in Cyprus to Jewish parents. His life is primarily documented in the New Testament, particularly in the Acts of the Apostles, where he emerges as one of the most important figures in the early Christian Church. A man of remarkable generosity and faith, Barnabas sold his property and gave the proceeds to the Apostles to support the fledgling Christian community in Jerusalem. This act of selflessness earned him the name "Barnabas," which means "Son

of Encouragement" or "Son of Consolation" - a fitting title for one who would become a great encourager and peacemaker in the early Church.

ENCYCLICAL LETTER - POPE LEO XIV

In the recent Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025, we walked as pilgrims of hope and were blessed with many graces. **Strengthened by these gifts**, we can move forward with confidence to face the arduous tasks and demanding challenges that lie ahead. In the era of artificial intelligence, when human dignity is threatened by new forms of dehumanization, ours is the pressing **duty to remain profoundly human**. We must lovingly safeguard the grandeur of humanity bestowed upon us and revealed in its fullness in Christ, the splendor of which no machine can ever replace. True progress always stems from a heart open to others, an intelligence willing to listen and **a will that seeks what unites** rather than what separates.

I address this heartfelt appeal to all the Catholic faithful, to all Christians and to all men and women of goodwill. Let us not be afraid to get our hands dirty on the "**construction site**" of our time. Like Nehemiah, let us pray, plan wisely and work perseveringly, placing God at the forefront of our actions and the human person at the center of our choices. Thus, the "rejected stones" — the poor, the sick, the migrants and the least among us — will become the cornerstone, and a solid, welcoming common home will emerge on the earth, **where love and faithfulness will finally meet**, and righteousness and peace will embrace (cf. *Ps* 85:10).

This is the blessing we implore from God; and the task that stands before us is that of being builders of communion, rather than architects of Babel. We are to be servants of the coming Kingdom, instead of lords of towers destined for ruin. With the heart of a shepherd and a father, I ask everyone to abandon the construction of yet another Tower of Babel and to join forces in **building up the common good**, so that humanity will never lose its beauty, and the world once again will come to recognize the human heart as the place where God desires to dwell.

POPE'S JUNE PRAYER INTENTION

'For the good use of artificial intelligence. Let us pray that artificial intelligence might always be developed to serve human dignity and that we might know how to use it wisely.' **Amen.**



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