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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: 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

Peter Darcy Grand Knight Contact: stleokoc@gmail.com

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President: Maureen Kerr maureen.kerr100@gmail.com

905-655-3286 ext 3

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

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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 13th

4:30pm: Pro Populo

Sunday, June 14th

9:00am: +Tomasina & +Francesco Parente

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

Tuesday, June 16th

8:30am: +Innocenzo & +Vincenzina Mammone
& +Attilio & +Maria Tuzi

Wednesday, June 17th

7:00pm: Flower Ministry, Office Volunteers,
All who helped in our Yard Sale Event.

Thursday, June 18th

8:30am: Conversion Of Sinners

Friday, June 19th

8:30am: Pro Populo

Saturday, June 20th

4:30pm: +Lloyd & +Carmelita Buggie

Sunday, June 21th

9:00am: +Francesco Caruso

11:00am: Pro Populo

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.

MARYGROVE CAMP COLLECTION

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

YARD SALE - SATURDAY, JUNE 13/14

St. Leo's Annual Yard Sale is happening this Saturday, **June 13** at the church hall. **Peameal bacon buns and foodies are found with both the CWL and the KOF.** After the weekend Masses, you are invited to browse the hall for items you are interested in and to give a free offering. Also, we need several **volunteers** to help and place items in boxes after **the 11am Mass.** Thank you for supporting our parish initiatives!

For the Daily Mass Readings go to our website
Or: Click/copy this link Living with Christ
<https://readings.livingwithchrist.ca>

Cardinal Leo and Auxiliary Bishops Host Orthodox Bishops Delegation for a Luncheon Meeting Posted : Jun-05-2026

TORONTO, June 4, 2026 — His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, together with the four Auxiliary Bishops, hosted Orthodox bishops from the Greater Toronto Area for a luncheon meeting in honour of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul.

The Orthodox delegation, led by His Eminence Archbishop Sotirios of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Canada, included His Grace Bishop Andriy of Toronto (Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, Eastern Eparchy) and His Grace Bishop Athenagoras of Patara (Greek Orthodox Diocese of Canada). They were welcomed at the rectory of St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.

Also in attendance were the two ecumenical officers — Father Luis Melo of the Archdiocese of Toronto and Father Peter Avgeropoulos of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Canada — as well as Father Arthur Lee, the Cardinal's priest secretary.

This longstanding tradition is modelled on the annual fraternal exchanges between Catholic and Orthodox bishops in Rome and Constantinople, honouring their respective patron saints and bearing witness to the apostolic heritage shared by both Churches.

The meeting provided an opportunity for reflection and discussion on matters of mutual interest and cooperation. It was marked by a spirit of friendship and offered a visible sign of the fraternity and deep bonds of unity that already exist.

The Archdiocese of Toronto looks forward to continuing this annual gathering, which will next be hosted by the Orthodox bishops in honour of the Feast of Saint Andrew this coming November.

Thousands Participate in Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Processions Posted : Jun-08-2026

On Sunday, June 7, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (also known as "the Feast of Corpus Christi"), parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto led Eucharistic processions in their community, inviting the faithful to continue a tradition that dates back centuries.

In downtown Toronto, 2,000 participants gathered at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica for noon Mass with Cardinal Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, followed by a Eucharistic procession through the streets of the surrounding area. Lay movements, consecrated religious men and women, priests and parishioners from the cathedral and across the archdiocese joined in solidarity and as a public witness of faith to the community at large.

In his homily, Cardinal Leo noted that on the same day of the solemnity, on his apostolic visit to Spain, Pope Leo XIV led a Corpus Christi Procession for 1.2 million faithful in Madrid. He quoted the words of the Holy Father speaking about the significance of this public witness:

"Jesus travels the streets, crosses the squares, visits our neighbourhoods, dwelling in the settings of our daily lives. He is a God who is close to us, who walks with His people, the Lord of history. He is comfort to the weak, light to families, hope for the sick and peace for those who suffer."

Cardinal Leo continued with his own reflection, *"We too will bring Jesus across the neighborhood here of the Cathedral, blessing the people, blessing the families and the houses, blessing the city, blessing the streets and blessing all of us with His presence."*

Following the procession, all gathered to enjoy a time of fellowship with music and refreshments in the Cathedral courtyard including a special presentation by a Mariachi singer and dancers.

We extend our gratitude to all those who assisted with the Mass and procession – of special note, we extend sincere thanks to the staff and volunteers of St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, St. Michael's Choir School and the Catholic Pastoral Centre, along with members of Toronto Police Services 51 Division.

May we continue to joyfully proclaim our faith and share this precious gift with all those we encounter.

Introductory Sessions for Celestial Singles

Saturday, June 13, 2026 03:00 PM - Saturday, June 27, 2026 04:30 PM

St. Peter's Parish Hall, 840 Bathurst St., Toronto

Saturday, June 13, 20 and 27, 2026

Want to discern your God-given gifts and how they connect to the single male and female lay person's role and one's universal call to holiness?

Come explore, share, and deepen your faith experience of living the Single life as a Christian vocation.

Call the Parish Office, 416 534 4219, or send an email to contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca by June 9. Admission is free but registration is required.

Spiritual Growth Retreat for Young Adults

Saturday, June 13, 2026 09:00 AM - Sunday, June 14, 2026 06:00 PM, 69 William Street Toronto, ON M9N 2G6

We warmly invite all Young Adults (ages 20–40) to join us at Divine Retreat Centre Toronto for a Spirit-filled retreat.

Guided by Fr. Roni George VC, Fr. Arun Louis VC & DRCT Team

Why attend this retreat ?

A spiritual retreat helps young adults hear God's voice above the pressures of daily life. Through prayer and reflection, we receive clarity, purpose, and direction. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart... and He will make your paths straight." — Proverbs 3:5–6

Retreat Includes:

Rosary | Spiritual Talks | Confession | Divine Mercy | Eucharistic Adoration | Faith Sharing | Holy Mass
Bring: Bible, notebook & pen

Tea, coffee, cookies & lunch provided. (Those with dietary restrictions may bring their own food.)

Attendance on both days is mandatory.

Registration

link:

<https://divineretreatcentretoronto.org/#/home/events>
for any queries contact our office at 647-949-4932 / 647-660-1314 / enquirydrct@gmail.com

Saint Cyril of Alexandria's Story

Saints are not born with halos around their heads. Cyril of Alexandria, recognized as a great teacher of the Church, began his career as archbishop of Alexandria, Egypt, with impulsive, often violent, actions. He pillaged and closed the churches of the Novatian heretics—who required those who denied the faith to be re-baptized—participated in the deposing of **Saint John Chrysostom**, and confiscated Jewish property, expelling the Jews from Alexandria in retaliation for their attacks on Christians.

Cyril of Alexandria's importance for theology and Church history lies in his championing the cause of orthodoxy against the heresy of Nestorius, who taught that in Christ there were two persons, one human and one divine.

The controversy centered around the two natures in Christ. Nestorius would not agree to the title "God-bearer" for Mary. He preferred "Christ-bearer," saying there are two distinct persons in Christ—divine and human—joined only by a moral union. He said Mary was not the mother of God but only of the man Christ, whose humanity was only a temple of God. Nestorianism implied that the humanity of Christ was a mere disguise.

Presiding as the pope's representative at the Council of Ephesus in 431, Cyril condemned Nestorianism and proclaimed Mary truly the "God-bearer"—the mother of the one Person who is truly God and truly human. In the confusion that followed, Cyril of Alexandria was deposed and imprisoned for three months, after which he was welcomed back to Alexandria.

Besides needing to soften some of his opposition to those who had sided with Nestorius, Cyril had difficulties with some of his own allies, who thought he had gone too far, sacrificing not only language but orthodoxy. Until his death, his policy of moderation kept his extreme partisans under control. On his deathbed, despite pressure, he refused to condemn the teacher of Nestorius.

*June 27 from Franciscan Media Saint of the Day



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