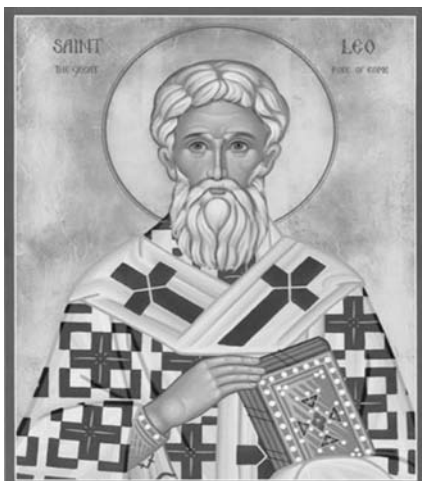




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Office Hours

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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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, August 22nd

4:30pm: +John Michael White

Sunday, August 23rd

9:00am: +Pearl Tai

11:00am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, August 25th

8:30am: +Antonietta Tuzi

Wednesday, August 26th

7:00pm: John & Elizabeth Carter

Thursday, August 27th

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

Friday, August 28th

8:30am: Mass

Saturday, August 29th

4:30pm: +Catherine Ley

Sunday, August 30th

9:00am: Pro Populo

11:00am: +Ivan Krizmanic

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.

SEASON OF CREATION 2026

MASS INTENTIONS
OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, September 1st

8:30am: Veronica Tuzi

Wednesday, September 2nd

7:00pm: Mass

Thursday, September 3rd

8:30am: All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, September 4th

8:30am: +Ana Yulo

Saturday, September 5th

8:30am: +Rodrigo Nieto & +Rosalia Reyes

MISSION COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

There will be a second collection the weekend of August 29th and 30th for the Mission Cooperative Program, which plays an important role in connecting the parishes of the Archdiocese of Toronto with the Catholic Church in other parts of the world.

**BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE THROUGH
SURVIVOR STORIES
AUGUST 25, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

This is an online webinar recommended by the Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations. Survivor testimony and true witness accounts are important in shaping our understanding of the Holocaust. This webinar explores the value of survivor testimony and will help participants develop strategies that analyze its role, especially how it shapes our understanding of the Holocaust. Survivor accounts, along with other primary sources, are important to foster compassion and a deeper understanding of moral responsibility in the face of trauma.

This event is geared towards educators and students; however, everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information and to register, click:

bit.ly/4vOuRIM.

The annual event of the Season of Creation begins on September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology. This year's theme is "Living Water" and the symbol is "Immersion in Living Water", inspired by Ezekiel 47: 9 and 12.

An introductory video and resources to observe this season at home, church and school may be found at the following links: Celebration Guide: bit.ly/4vssvsf
Video: bit.ly/3RFGLiW

**RENEW TORONTO YOUNG ADULT
CONFERENCE**

All young adults aged 18 to 39 are invited to join us on Christ the King weekend, November 20 to 21. For 2026, our theme is "defending the faith." The purpose of this conference is to equip and inspire young adults to confidently understand and defend the Catholic faith in today's world. Through engaging talks, practical workshops and meaningful conversations, participants will explore the "why" behind what the Church teaches and how to share those truths with clarity, charity and conviction. For young adult groups or chaplaincies, please contact us for group pricing at youth@archtoronto.org

FEAST OF ST. MONICA - AUGUST 27th

This feast is celebrated as a memorial in the Roman Catholic Church, recognizing Monica's importance as the patron saint of mothers and a model of persevering prayer....Many people make special petitions for their families and for the conversion of wayward children or family members, asking for St. Monica's intercession in helping to bring them back to the faith. The day is also a time to reflect on the importance of family prayer and to pray for the strength to be better witnesses of Christ in our homes. St. Monica's feast day encourages us to remember that we are all called to pray for our families and to never give up hope, no matter how difficult the circumstances may seem. It is also a time to pray for the grace to be patient and loving in our family relationships, following Monica's example of gentle but firm Christian witness.

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

"St. Monica, patron saint of mothers, intercede for all mothers who are praying for their children. Help us to

persevere in prayer and never give up hope, following your example of faith and patience. Amen."

Source:

<https://catholicbibleonline.com/saints/st-monica/>

FEAST OF ST. AUGUSTINE - AUGUST 28TH

The Saint Augustine Feast Day is a very significant date for Catholics worldwide to commemorate the immense contributions this saint made to Christian theology and spirituality. As one of the most important and influential Church Fathers, Augustine shaped the landscape of Catholicism in profound ways through his many writings, teachings, and sermons as bishop of Hippo.

His ideas on original sin, just war theory and the concept of a "City of God" are still examined today. St. Augustine also wrote deeply personal works like his "Confessions", giving us one of antiquity's most intimate self-portraits and insights into the human heart. By pausing each year to note the impact St. Augustine had on the Church, we're reminded of how his wisdom reached across 16 centuries to enlighten our faith.

The Saint Augustine Feast Day invites us to reflect on the meaning of his words for today and to be inspired by the beautiful blend of intellect and devotion he embodied.

Source:

<https://wearesaintly.com/saint-augustine-feast-day/>

Prayer to the Holy Spirit written by St. Augustine

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.

THE QUEENSHIP OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY **AUGUST 22ND**

In 1950, Pope Pius XII issued an apostolic constitution, declaring as dogma that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. Since Jesus, as King of Kings, sits on His throne at the Father's right hand in Heaven and Mary was assumed into

Heaven, today's memorial is the logical conclusion.... Today's memorial celebrates that Jesus' mother sits on a throne next to His, and Jesus says to her, "Ask it, my mother, for I will not refuse you."

For these reasons, on October 11, 1954, four years after proclaiming the Assumption, Pope Pius XII instituted the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary in his encyclical, *Ad Caeli Reginam* (The Queen of Heaven). This memorial was assigned to May 31, following the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, but in 1969, Pope Paul VI moved the date to August 22, eight days after the Solemnity of the Assumption. Largely this was done to create an octave of anticipation and to show that the Assumption results in the Mother of God being also the Queen Mother of Heaven and Earth.

As Queen, Mother Mary intercedes for us and acts as His mediator. From her heavenly throne, the Queen Mother of Heaven and Earth is entrusted with God's grace. Not the source, she is privileged to be the instrument of distribution. As a mother, she is pleased to lavish every good thing upon her earthly children. She longs to gather them together in Heaven, with and in her divine Son.

The heart of today's memorial is simple. We have a Queen Mother in Heaven. We turn to her with childlike faith and simplicity. As a young child runs to his mother in time of need, never questioning her love, protection, and care, so we run to her. She is our protectress, our refuge, our hope, and our sweet delight. Her affection is perfect and her motherly love unmatched. Source:

<https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/august-22-queenship-of-blessed-virgin-mary/#short>

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



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