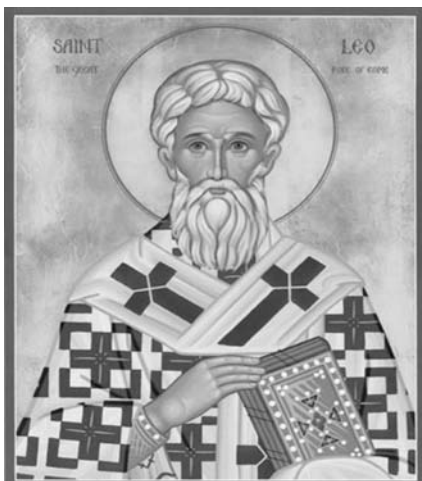




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Office Hours

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.

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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, September 5th

4:30pm: Pro Populo

Sunday, September 6th

9:00am: +Arthur & +Mary Sampson &
+Francis & +Margerie Young

11:00am: +Adele Ciardullo

Tuesday, September 8th

8:30am: +Aileen Gallagher

Wednesday, September 9th

7:00pm: +Mary Clark

Thursday, September 10th

8:30am: Anna Maria & Benedetto Tuzi

Friday, September 11th

8:30am: +Victoria Middlemiss

Saturday, September 12th

4:30pm: +Ed Fox

Sunday, September 13th

9:00am: Pro Populo

11:00am: +Mary Olkowicz

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.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

There will be a second collection the weekend of September 5th and 6th. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a breakfast in the church hall on Sunday, September 13th following the 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

RCIA: CATECHESIS TO ENTER INTO FULL COMMUNION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way that an adult person is brought into full communion with the Catholic Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please call our parish at 905-655-3286 ext. 1 or email us at officeatstleothegreat@gmail.com. Please share with others who may be interested in the same journey. Classes begin on Thursday, October 22nd at 6:30 pm.

Marriage Preparation Course

Classes are scheduled on April 29th, April 30th and May 1st, 2027 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. To register, please contact the parish office at 905-655-3286 ext.1.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO

Re: Fall 2026 Group Programming

This Fall, Catholic Family Services of Toronto will run groups that are now open for registration. These programs help promote and strengthen healthy families, seniors, marriages and individuals. We are also committed to helping stop family violence. For most groups applicants are required to have a screening interview. It is recommended they have their own individual counsellor for additional support. For the complete list of our Fall 2026 groups, and for more information (including scheduling and cost), visit our website:

www.cfstoronto.com/group-services/ or contact us at 416-921-1163 or cintakes@cfstoronto.com

SEASON OF CREATION 2026

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

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF – NEPAL MUDSLIDES & COLOMBIA EARTHQUAKE

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting donations to support humanitarian relief efforts following the devastating mudslides and flooding in Nepal and the recent devastating earthquake in Colombia. These disasters have resulted in significant loss of life, displacement and widespread damage to homes, roads, bridges and other critical infrastructure. Those wishing to help may donate online through www.archtoronto.org, by phone through the Donations Processing Centre at 437-529-1287, or through the parish. Funds will be channeled through trusted Catholic partners assisting those most affected

Please pray for those who have died, those who are grieving or displaced, and all those providing emergency assistance and support to affected communities.

MESSAGE ON THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, 27 SEPTEMBER 2026
HIS EMINENCE FRANK CARDINAL LEO, METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

I am writing to you today in anticipation of our Solemnity of Saint Michael the Archangel, the Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Toronto. The Readings for the Mass of St. Michael, Michaelmas, include the Book of Revelation, which presents us with a striking image of a battle between the Archangel and his angels against the dragon (Rev 12:7-12). At first glance, this celestial battle may seem removed from our daily lives, but in reality, it names a truth all too familiar; that is, wherever people live and work together, and especially those who belong to Christ through faith, there are forces that seek to divide, distort, and unsettle.

St. Michael's witness reminds us that peace, unity and harmony are not automatic; rather, they require vigilance and cooperation with God's grace. We are called to resist quick judgments, refuse the temptation to reduce others to their faults, and remain committed to what is true even when it is not easy. We recognize the "authority of his Anointed" and give "testimony" to his love with our lives (Rev 12:10-11).

More than a question, the name "Michael" which

means "Who is like God?", is a declaration of a fundamental and foundational truth, a reminder that God is the measure of all things. We are challenged to tune out the various noises — competing voices, opinions, and ideologies — and intentionally discern the things of God. Our discernment is not a process of simply collecting perspectives or negotiating outcomes, it is needed for growth. We know that not every voice leads to truth. Not every spirit leads to God (cf. CCC 2847). The truth of the Gospel is something we receive, not something we create, it forms our identity and marks our destiny.

We do not invent our own path all alone but rather discern it in fidelity, in community and walk along it in hope. In this regard, St. Michael stands as our guardian not only of the Church's safety (cf. Dan 12:1), but of her very identity. We journey through life together as a community of faith, under the protection of the heavenly hosts, sustained by grace, guided by the Holy Spirit, and defended against all that would seek to fracture our unity.

St. Michael is often depicted as restoring order against chaos. I invite us to consider how we might work together to do the same in our lives - at home, at work, indeed wherever we find ourselves. Our feast offers both clarity and encouragement, reminding us that the life we share is shaped by more than circumstance; it is part of a larger spiritual reality that calls for humility before God, fidelity to what is true, and a steadfast commitment to God and one another. I would like to renew my invitation once again this year to join me in praying the Novena to St. Michael (September 18 to September 26) with a special intention: the fruitfulness and successful implementation of the new Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan which begins to unfold this fall so that we may be ever more faithful, attentive, generous and giving to the Lord and to others according to the vocation we have received and after the manner of Our Lady of Cana.

Saint Michael the Archangel, our patron saint, pray for us.

NOVENA TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, SEPTEMBER 18-26, 2026

In 2026, the Archdiocese of Toronto is celebrating the Solemnity of Saint Michael the Archangel on Sunday, September 27, which means this year's novena begins on Friday, September 18.

The pattern of prayer is the same for each day: the opening prayer, which includes your specific intention, followed by one Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be, and ending with the Prayer to Saint Michael and a short litany. If you miss a day, just

keep going: the main focus of any prayer is always about deepening our relationship with God and dwelling in his loving embrace.

Schedule for the Archdiocesan Novena to Saint Michael the Archangel Patron of the Archdiocese of Toronto and St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica:

September 18-26

Day 1: September 18
Day 2: September 19
Day 3: September 20
Day 4: September 21
Day 5: September 22
Day 6: September 23
Day 7: September 24
Day 8: September 25
Day 9: September 26

THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a very powerful prayer given by Jesus to St. Faustina. It is very important that the whole world knows THE DIVINE MERCY especially in these times now. These are Jesus' words to St. Faustina:

- "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy."
- "I desire that My mercy be worshiped, and I am giving mankind the last hope of salvation, that is, recourse to My mercy."
- "At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the pardon is the same."

"You will recite it for nine days, on the beads of the rosary, in the following manner: First of all, you will say one OUR FATHER and HAIL MARY and the I BELIEVE IN GOD. Then on the OUR FATHER beads you will say the following words: "Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world." On the HAIL MARY beads you will say the following words: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world." In conclusion, three times you will recite these words: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."



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