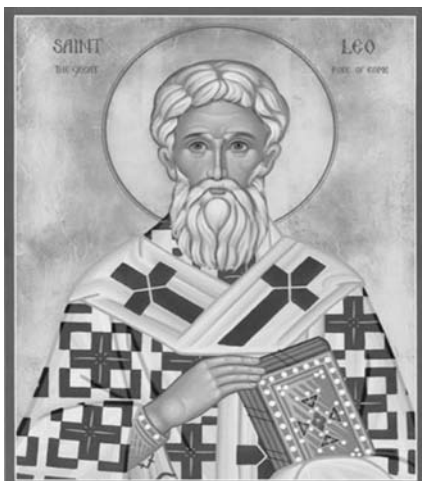




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Office Hours

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, September 12th

4:30pm: +Ed Fox

Sunday, September 13th

9:00am: Pro Populo

11:00am: +Mary Olkowicz

Tuesday, September 15th

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

Wednesday, September 16th

7:00pm: +Merlinda Guevarra

Thursday, September 17th

8:30am: +Deceased Family Members of Benedetto Tuzi

Friday, September 18th

8:30am: +Michael Primeau

Saturday, September 19th

4:30pm: +Sue Scollard

Sunday, September 20th

9:00am: +Alfredo Manucdoc

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS

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

FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION

First communion registration takes place on October 16th from 6:00pm - 7:00pm in the church hall. Please check our website for further details about First Communion preparation.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on May 14th, 2027, from 6:00pm - 7:00pm in the church hall. More details to follow.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE CORRECTION

The RCIA course is four days in length, not three as previously published. Classes are scheduled on April 29th, April 30th, May 1st and May 2nd, 2027 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. To register, please contact the parish office at 905-655-3286 ext.1.

ROSARY VISITORS IN OUR SCHOOLS

For 15 years The Rosary Apostolate has sent members of our parish as Rosary Visitors to pray the Rosary and to reflect upon the Gospel in the classrooms of our 3 Brooklin Catholic Schools. We enter the classrooms once monthly from October to May.

We will be recruiting new Visitors after the Masses of September 19-20 . If you are interested in this beautiful ministry please call:

Jeananne Ralph: (905)431-8497 or
Marguerite Passafiume: (416)892-2249

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.

SHARELIFE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

ShareLife's 50th anniversary celebration continues! Join us on Saturday, October 3, at St. Augustine's Seminary. Doors will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tour the beautiful and historic seminary, meet representatives from ShareLife-funded agencies and see how your kindness helps our brothers and sisters in need.

This event is free! To help us prepare for your visit, please register by Friday, September 25. Registration link can be found in sharelife.org/50.

For any inquiries, please contact us at SLEvent@archtoronto.org.

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



A CATHOLIC REFLECTION ON THE CROSS AND FINDING HOPE IN SUFFERING

Every year on September 14, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, not as a symbol of defeat, but of victory. Because the Cross didn't end the story; It changed it. Today, millions of Christians around the world carry their own crosses: persecution, poverty, displacement,

imprisonment. And yet, the Cross of Christ continues to stand as a sign that suffering is never wasted in God's hand....

The Cross reminds us that: Over 360 million Christians face high levels of persecution worldwide (Open Doors data). In many regions, believers risk losing jobs, homes, or even their lives for their faith. Yet the Church continues to grow in some of the most difficult places on earth. History shows us something powerful: Where suffering increases, faith

often deepens.

In moments of personal suffering, this feast reminds us: Pain is not the end. Darkness does not win. Christ has already conquered death. As Catholics, we don't ignore suffering, we unite it to the Cross. And when we do, it becomes redemptive.

Source:

<https://www.catholicworldmission.org/post/catholic-reflection-on-the-cross>

SEPTEMBER IS DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS. HERE'S WHY

September is traditionally dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows because the Church celebrates her memorial on Sept. 15—immediately after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Sept. 14. The placement is no accident.

On Sept. 14, the Church lifts up the Cross of Jesus Christ: the instrument of His Passion, but also the sign of His victory over sin and death. The next day, Catholics turn their eyes to Mary, who stood faithfully at the foot of that Cross.

As the Gospel of John tells us: "Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother..."—John 19:25 Mary did not run away. She remained with her Son in His suffering.... Her sorrow was never hopeless despair. Mary suffered as a mother who loved her Son completely—and who trusted God even in the darkest moment imaginable....

The Church's Sept. 15 memorial was fixed on the day following the Exaltation of the Holy Cross by Pope St. Pius X in 1913. It invites Catholics to contemplate Mary's unique union with Christ, especially during His Passion and death.

September, then, becomes an opportunity to remember a consoling truth: Mary understands sorrow.

She knows what it is to receive frightening news, to flee in fear, to search anxiously for a child, to watch someone she loves suffer, and to remain faithful when answers seem impossible to find.

That is why Catholics do not honor Our Lady of Sorrows merely by looking back at what she endured. We ask for her intercession in our own grief, anxiety, illness, loss, and suffering.

The Seven Sorrows of Mary

The title "Our Lady of Sorrows" honors the deep suffering Mary endured throughout the life and Passion of Jesus. Traditionally, Catholics meditate on her Seven Sorrows:

The prophecy of Simeon, who told Mary that a sword would pierce her soul.

The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt.

The loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple for three days.

Mary meeting Jesus on the way to Calvary.

Mary standing at the foot of the Cross during Jesus' Crucifixion.

Mary receiving Jesus' body after He was taken down from the Cross.

The burial of Jesus.

Source:

<https://ewtn.co.uk/chpop-september-is-dedicated-to-our-lady-of-sorrows-heres-why/>

LEGACY OF ST. CORNELIUS: POPE OF MERCY

FEAST DAY SEPTEMBER 16TH

St. Cornelius's greatest legacy is his defense of the Church's power to forgive repentant sinners, even those who had committed the serious sin of apostasy. His proclamation that the Church had the authority and power to forgive repentant lapsi and readmit them to the sacraments established a crucial principle of Catholic theology. This teaching affirmed that God's mercy is infinite and that the Church, as the instrument of that mercy, has the power to forgive all sins through the sacrament of penance.

Cornelius demonstrated a balanced approach to pastoral care that avoided both laxity and rigorism. He condemned those who were too lenient... recognizing that true repentance requires appropriate penance. At the same time, he rejected the rigorist position that denied the possibility of forgiveness for certain sins. This balanced approach continues to guide the Church's pastoral practice today, emphasizing both the need for genuine repentance and the availability of God's mercy.

Cornelius's pontificate was marked by his commitment to Church unity in the face of schism and heresy... His leadership helped to preserve the unity of the Church during a time of great crisis and established important precedents for dealing with schism and His example teaches us that Church unity is a precious gift that must be defended and preserved.

Cornelius's martyrdom was the final witness to his faith and his commitment to the Church. His death in exile, probably from the hardships he endured, demonstrates that following Christ often requires great sacrifice. His martyrdom, combined with his pastoral leadership, makes him a model for all Church leaders who are called to serve with both mercy and courage.

Source: [St. Cornelius - Life, Legacy & Feast Day | Catholic Bible Online](#)



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