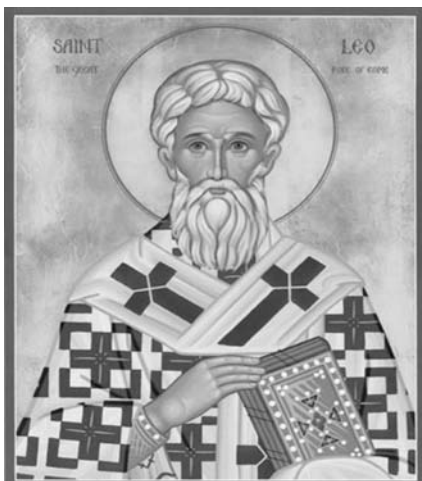




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Office Hours

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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905-655-3286 ext 3

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

President: Andrea Losier Contact: andrea.losier74@gmail.com

Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)

Founder: Paul Ritchi Paul.ritchi@gmail.com 416-435-6593

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 19th

4:30pm: +Sue Scollard

Sunday, September 20th

9:00am: +Alfredo Manucdoc

11:00am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, September 22nd

8:30am: +Antonietta Tuzi

Wednesday, September 23rd

7:00pm: +Christina & +James Reid

+Gary Rogers

+Andrelito Santos

Thursday, September 24th

8:30am: +Deceased Family Members of Anna Maria Mammone

Friday, September 25th

8:30am: +Deceased Members of Young & Mott Families
For Peace in Our World

Saturday, September 26th

4:30pm: +Margaret Wilkes

Sunday, September 27th

9:00am: Pro Populo

11:00am: Holy Souls in Purgatory

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.

RENOVATIONS IN KITCHEN & HALL

Thank you to everyone who donated to the recent renovations of our kitchen and hall. We are very grateful for all of your kindness and generosity. May God bless and keep you!

THREE STATUES

Thank you to those parishioners who donated funds to acquire the three new statues in our church. May God bless your good works!

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection next weekend, September 26th & 27th for the Needs of the Church in Canada.

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.

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 this weekend's Masses, 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.

THE LIFE FORUM LAUNCH EVENT IS COMING UP ON OCTOBER 22 IN TORONTO!

The Life Forum is a new gathering for young adults ages 18–35 who want to deepen their understanding of the pro-life movement, meet other young individuals who share their values, and discover meaningful ways to make a difference.

The evening will feature:

- Pro-Life 101 with Josie Luetke, Director of Education and Advocacy at Campaign Life Coalition
- The chance to connect with other likeminded young adults (18-35)
- 10+ exhibiting organizations - an introduction to opportunities to get involved in the pro-life movement
- Food and fellowship

Spots are limited. If you are interested, please contact:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/the-life-forum>

SAINT MATTHEW: APOSTLE, EVANGELIST FEAST DAY SEPTEMBER 21ST

At the time that Jesus began His public ministry, Galilee was part of the Roman Empire. Among the expectations of the Roman authorities was that all who lived under their rule pay taxes. To accomplish this, they often collaborated with local Jews, authorizing them to collect taxes on behalf of the Roman emperor and local governor. The rest of the community often despised the local tax collectors because they were seen as traitors to their people for entering into an oppressive collaboration with the Roman authorities. Even the tax collectors' families were shunned....It is within this context that today's saint, Saint Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist, emerged.

Levi's call to follow Jesus was short but profound. ...Matthew's Gospel relates the conversion of the tax collector this way, "As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him" (Matthew 9:9). There was no hesitancy. In an instant, the tax collector's life changed....

The most enduring gift Saint Matthew left behind is his Gospel....Matthew's Gospel was written by a Jew for his fellow Jews....His Gospel clearly shows that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament, the long-awaited Messiah. He begins with a lengthy genealogy in which he traces Jesus' roots back to Abraham, the father of the Jewish nation....

Matthew's Gospel is well structured and organized, offering five major discourses in which he presents the Kingdom of Heaven, the Church's foundation on Peter, the call to righteousness and obedience to God's will, unique parables, and the Sermon on the Mount. The Sermon on the Mount especially portrays Jesus as the new Moses, offering the New Law on the new mountain. Though Moses received the Law from God on Mount Sinai, Jesus gives the New Law as God Himself on the Mount of the Beatitudes. As we honor Saint Matthew, we also celebrate the Gospel itself. Matthew was but a human instrument; the content of his Gospel is the Living Word of God.... By his simple obedience to the will of God, Saint Matthew's efforts have been exponentially fruitful and will continue to be so until the end of the age.

Prayer:

Saint Matthew, God called you and you responded immediately. The emptiness you felt within your soul could not be filled with money. When you encountered Christ, you left all behind to follow Him.

Please pray for me, that I will never hesitate in saying "Yes" to God's call in my life, so that God can transform my life and use me as He wills. Saint Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist, pray for me.
Jesus, I trust in You.

Source:

<https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/september-21-st-matthew-apostle/>

ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 23

A POOR BROTHER WHO PRAYS

Born into a poor Italian farm family, from a young age Francesco Forgione desired to be a friar. When he was sixteen, he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Order, and took the name Brother Pius (Fra Pio). He

was ordained to the priesthood in 1910; six years later, joined the convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in San Giovanni Rotondo. He spent many hours every day hearing Confessions. The height of his apostolic commitment was the celebration of the Holy Mass. He described himself as "a poor brother who prays." "Prayer is the greatest weapon we have," he said. It is "a key to open the heart of God."

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

In 1948, Padre Pio heard the Confession of a young Polish priest, Father Karol Wojtyła, who thirty years later would ascend the throne of Peter, taking the name John Paul II. It was during John Paul's pontificate that Padre Pio was declared blessed. During the rite of beatification, the Pope said that in the humble friar, we see the image of Christ suffering and risen. "His body," he said, "marked by the 'stigmata,' showed the intimate connection between death and resurrection... Not less sorrowful, and humanly much more scorching, were the trials he had to suffer as a consequence, one could say, of his singular charisms." For Padre Pio, "suffering with Christ" was a gift: "In contemplating the Cross on Jesus' shoulders," he said, "I always feel strengthened and I exult with holy joy... All that Jesus suffered in His Passion, I too have suffered, insofar as it is possible for a human creature."

"RELIEF FROM SUFFERING"

The life of Padre Pio also shows an intense commitment to alleviate the sufferings of families. In 1956 he inaugurated the "Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza" (the House of Relief from Suffering), a new state of the art hospita. "It is the apple of my eye," the friar said when the hospital opened. "This is the creation that Providence, with your help, has created. Gaze at it in wonder, and with me bless the Lord God. He has placed upon the earth a seed that He will warm with His rays of love."

DEATH

Padre Pio died during the night of 23 September 1968, at the age of 81. On 16 June 2002, he was proclaimed a saint by Pope John Paul II. In his homily, the Pope said, "The life and mission of Padre Pio prove that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted out of love, are transformed into a privileged way of holiness, which opens onto the horizons of a greater good, known only to the Lord."

Source:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/09/23/st--pius-of-pietrelcina--priest-.html>



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