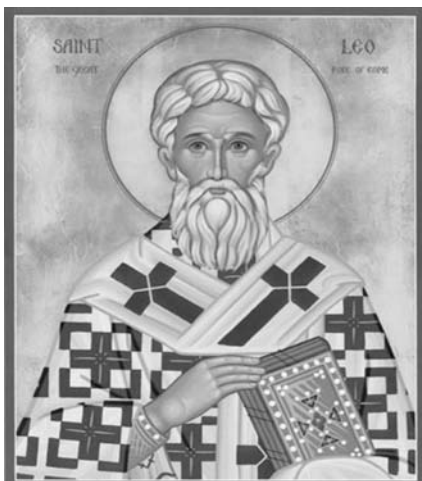




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Office Hours

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, October 3rd

4:30pm: +Paula Catherine Canapini

Sunday, October 4th

9:00am: Pro Populo

11:00am: +Christopher Borysenko

Tuesday, October 6th

8:30am: All Deceased Friends of Anna Maria & Benedetto Tuzi

Wednesday, October 7th

7:00pm: +Gary Rogers

Thursday, October 8th

8:30am: +Antonietta Tuzi

Friday, October 9th

8:30am: For Peace in Our World

+Louisa D'Souza

Saturday, October 10th

4:30pm: +Augen Abraham

Sunday, October 11th

9:00am: +Tomasina & +Francesco Parente

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

LIFE CHAIN 2027

This Sunday, October 4th, Canadians will gather at 375+ locations nationwide to peacefully raise awareness about the truth of abortion during Life Chain, now in its 35th year in Canada. Our local Life Chain will be from 2:00pm to 3:00pm at Winchester & Anderson.

For more information, please contact Donna Shaddick: dmschaddick@gmail.com

OCTOBER 3/4, 2026: INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION COLLECTION

As part of our ongoing commitment to support healing and reconciliation, the Archdiocese of Toronto has made a commitment to provide funds in support of programs and initiatives that respond to the various needs that exist among Indigenous Peoples both locally and throughout the country. The Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation fund is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

To date, the fund has raised more than 86% of its \$30 million target as pledged by the Canadian bishops and dioceses throughout Canada. The archdiocese has allocated \$4.5 million of its \$6 million pledge to charitable initiatives supporting healing and reconciliation.

The collection this weekend provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative. For more information or to donate online please visit:

www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a second collection next weekend, October 10th & 11th for our Building Fund.

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY

On the weekend of October 31/November 1, SSVF will be holding their annual Bundle Up Sunday.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is pleased to accept clothing, linens, draperies, shoes and boots for use in the Society's programs and services, to assist people in need, and to retail to raise funds to support our outreach.

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.

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS

Loneliness and isolation can affect anyone.

Sometimes we can feel disconnected even when we are surrounded by people. Taking small steps to connect with others and checking in on the people around us can have a meaningful impact.

Small Ways to Stay Connected

- Reach out: Send a message or call someone you haven't connected with recently.
- Check in: Ask a colleague, friend, or loved one how they're really doing.
- Listen: Sometimes the most helpful thing we can offer is a judgment-free listening ear.
- Make time for connection: Share a coffee, take a walk, have lunch together, or participate in a group or activity.
- Follow up: If someone tells you they're struggling, check in again. A simple "I'm thinking of you" can mean a lot.

If you or someone you know is struggling, You don't need to have all the answers. Let them know you care, listen without judgment, and encourage them to connect with someone who can help. Whether you're dealing with stress, loneliness, relationships, work-life challenges, or other personal concerns, support is available.

9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline

If you or someone you know is struggling or thinking about suicide, Canada's 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline is available 24/7 by phone or text. <https://988.ca>

Learn more: Government of Canada –

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/suicide-prevention.html>

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, call 911.

YOUR FAITH IN ACTION: 2026 FOOD SECURITY GRANTS

For the fourth consecutive year, ShareLife and Catholic Charities are committing funds through the Food Security Grants program. Made possible through the faithful generosity of ShareLife donors, this year, \$850,000 in Food Security Grants will strengthen local food banks, meal programs and other community-based initiatives serving individuals and families in need.

Your compassionate support of our parish's ShareLife Campaign helps make this work possible. Please support the fight against hunger by giving at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel!

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY - OCTOBER 7TH

Today's feast of Our Lady of the Rosary has its roots in a feast named Our Lady of Victory. In the late sixteenth century, the Muslims of the Ottoman Empire were expanding into southeastern Europe and the Mediterranean region. In 1571, Pope Pius V, who was a Dominican, formed an alliance between the Papal States, Spain, Venice, and several other smaller Christian states, called the Holy League, in order to stop Ottoman aggression. On October 7 of that year, the Holy League confronted the Ottoman navy in the Mediterranean, and the pope called upon all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory. Victory was achieved. In gratitude, Pope Pius V instituted the Feast of Our Lady of Victory to be celebrated on the first Sunday of October every year. Two years later, Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to the Feast of the Holy Rosary. In 1671, the feast was extended to all of Spain, and in 1716, after another important victory against the Muslims, the feast was extended to the entire Church. In 1913, Pius X changed the date from the first Sunday in October to October 7 to preserve the Sunday celebration. Today, this feast is celebrated under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary as a mandatory memorial on the Roman Calendar.

Though war is always gravely unfortunate and should be avoided if at all possible, defense of one's family and nation is a moral duty when an unjust aggressor attacks. In this case, prayer is the greatest weapon of war, and after the Mass, the Rosary is the greatest prayer to be prayed.

In addition to physical war to protect one's nation, the Rosary is among the greatest spiritual weapons to fight against every form of evil. Often, even during times of national peace, spiritual chaos ensues. Today, due to instant worldwide communication technologies, we are well aware of the many spiritual evils that plague societies and peoples everywhere: wars, corruption, immoral living, flamboyant sins of the flesh, murders, thefts, crimes of hate, moral decay, poverty, and so much more. Rather than just criticizing and condemning such evils, praying the Rosary for those intentions is the best way to combat them.

As we celebrate this feast in honor of the holy Rosary and Our Lady, seek to renew your trust in her intercession, using this powerful spiritual weapon. Every crime, abuse, cruelty, hatred, and evil of any kind is first and foremost a spiritual defect. It is a sin. The greatest remedy for sin is repentance. The greatest method of winning over sinful hearts to repentance is through prayer, and one of the greatest forms of prayer is the Rosary. The Church, in its

popes, bishops, and saints, has held up the Rosary throughout the centuries. Countless saints prayed its beads every day, offering a spiritual bouquet to Our Lady so she could, in turn, lavish the spiritual roses of that bouquet upon the world.

Prayer: Our Lady of the Rosary, you entrusted this holy prayer to Saint Dominic, and through him to the world. You are always attentive to the prayers of the Rosary and never fail to pour forth God's grace in response. Please pray for me, that I will more deeply comprehend the power of the Rosary and will never fail in my duty to pray it every day. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source: [Our Lady of the Rosary - Memorial - My Catholic Life!](#)

PRAYING THE ROSARY - TIPS FOR BEGINNERS

Start with one decade: If a full Rosary feels overwhelming, start with just one decade — one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, one Glory Be, and one Fatima Prayer. Build from there.

Use an app: Apps like "Rosary" or "Laudate" guide you through the prayers with audio, making it easy to learn while driving or walking.

Don't worry about distractions: Every beginner (and every experienced pray-er) gets distracted. When you notice your mind has wandered, gently return to the mystery. The effort to return is itself a prayer.

Pray it daily: The Rosary is most powerful when prayed consistently. Even one decade a day is better than a full Rosary once a week.

Pray it with others: The family Rosary is one of the most powerful forms of family prayer. Our Lady of Fatima specifically asked for the daily family Rosary.

Source:
<https://guidecatholic.com/blog/how-to-pray-the-rosary-step-by-step/>



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