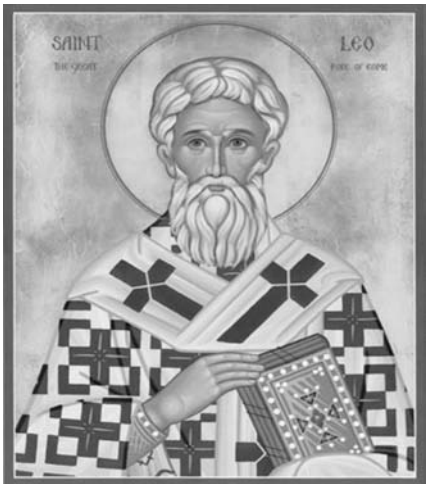


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Office Hours
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Church Hours
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am - 7:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 5:30 pm, Sunday - opens 8:00 am

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, November 7th
8:30am: Julie Ng
4:30pm: +Antonio Tamburro

Sunday, November 8th
9:00am: +Raymond &+Isabella Jardim

11:00am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, November 10th
8:30am: +Innocenzo & +Vincenzina Mammone &
+Attilio & +Maria Tuzi

Wednesday, November 11th
7:00pm: +Isidore Fernando

Thursday, November 12th
8:30am: +Joseph Lena

Friday, November 13th
8:30am: +Armenio Medeiros
Irma Garde

Saturday, November 14th
4:30pm: +Ed Fox

Sunday, November 15th
9:00am: +Alex & +Susan Quinn

11:00am: All Souls/ProPopulo

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

This Sunday, November 8th following the 9:00am and 11:00 am Masses, the Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast in the hall. All are welcome!

ST. LEO'S ANNUAL VENDOR'S FAIR - NOV. 14

On Saturday, November 14th from 9:00am to 3:00pm the Annual Vendors Fair will take place in the hall. Admission is free. There will be door prizes and a canteen. Get your Christmas shopping done early!

COMMUNITY CONCERT IN HALL ON DEC. 5TH

There will be a Community Concert in the hall on Saturday, December 5th from 2:00 to 4:00pm. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be collected.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT ON DEC. 19TH

The Clarington Concert Band will be performing in our church on Saturday, December 19th starting at 7:00pm. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be collected.

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY

A HUGE Thank You to our parishioners for their generous contribution to St Leo's Bundle Up Weekend. You did not disappoint. The bin was stuffed to the limit. This will go a long way to filling our SSVP stores with gently used clothes, linens etc.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is on **November 21, 2026 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.** Please sign the sheets in the vestibule if you plan to attend. Ask an usher for help if you are unable to find them.

"LECTIO DIVINA" EVERY WEDNESDAY 7:30PM

After the Wednesday evening Mass at 7:30pm, there will be a Lectio Divina in the church. No registration or fee is required. Everyone is welcome.

UNSEALED OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please ensure that your offertory envelope is properly sealed. If your offertory envelope is unsealed and found to be empty, you will not receive a tax credit for it. Thank you.

SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION

The Shepherds' Trust collection will take place next weekend, November 14 -15. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2027 (NOVEMBER 3, 2026 - JANUARY 11, 2027)

Theme: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (cf. Luke 12:32).
High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to submit a 450–500-word essay and should consult the resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2027 at bit.ly/4yutVEZ.
Entries can be submitted at:
https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward.
For further information, please contact ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org or call (647) 258-4740.

ALL SOULS DAY

For the month of November, parishioners are welcome to add the names of their deceased family members to our parish memorial book. Envelopes will be made available to you for your donation. Also the Holy Souls will be remembered at the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, November 15. As well, during November, the First Saturday, Wednesday and Friday Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls.

RESURRECTION CEMETERY PRESENTATION

This Saturday, November 7th at 5:30pm in our hall, a representative from Resurrection Cemetery will be giving a presentation on their services and answer any questions.

WEEKEND DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend Retreat for single Catholic men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, November 18, (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, November 20, (2 p.m.).There will be time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information, contact the Office of Vocations via email: vocations@archtoronto.org. Registrations must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

ARCHDIOCESAN WORLD YOUTH DAY MASS

The Archdiocesan World Youth Day Mass will be held on Saturday, November 21st at 7pm at St. Thomas More Parish, Scarborough. The celebrant will be His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. Come and

be encouraged in your faith, strengthened by Christ, and united with other young adults in this celebration.

SHINE A LIGHT FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS ON RED WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 18

On November 18, 2026, join Red Wednesday, an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). Red Wednesday began officially with ACN UK in 2016, and has grown into a global movement with events in over 20 countries raising awareness of Christian persecution. This year's theme asks: "Who stands with persecuted Christians?" In Toronto, where Red Wednesday has been commemorated since 2018, a Mass will be held at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica with Bishop Vincent Nguyen, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto presiding. As in previous years, the Cathedral's facade will be illuminated in red. Participate by attending the Mass, wearing red, or organizing local activities. For more info: acn-canada.org/red-wednesday or contact Evellyne Lemos at el@acn-canada.org.

Message for Red Wednesday 18 November 2026
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,
May Jesus and Mary be in your hearts.

I am writing to you on the occasion of Red Wednesday, which this year is observed on 18 November 2026. Organized by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), Red Wednesday is an international campaign that draws attention to the persecution of Christians across the world and the denial of religious freedom suffered by millions of our brothers and sisters as well.

The day began in 2015 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil when the statue of Christ the Redeemer was illuminated in red to draw attention to the persecution of Christians in Iraq. Since then, Red Wednesday has grown with both sacred and secular buildings illuminated in red across the globe. Here in the Archdiocese of Toronto, St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica is lit in red on this day. I invite you to also light your homes, community dwellings and parish churches in red as a sign of prayerful solidarity with those who suffer for the faith.

There is a temptation to think of persecuted Christians as distant figures whose suffering belongs to another place or another time. Through Baptism we are all members of one Body in Christ (cf. 1Cor 12:12-13). "If one member suffers, all suffer together" (1Cor 12:26), when one member remains faithful, the whole Church is strengthened by that witness. The courage of Christians who continue to pray, worship, and proclaim the Gospel despite threats to their freedom and their lives is not only an inspiration—it is a gift to the entire Church.

Christian hope does not deny the reality of suffering. Rather, it proclaims that suffering united to Christ is never the final word. Throughout history, the blood of the martyrs has become the seed of new Christian life (cf. Tertullian, Apologeticum, 50), revealing the power of God to bring light from darkness and life from death (cf. Jn 12:24-26). The persecuted Church continues to proclaim this truth today; even in places where churches are destroyed or communities scattered, the Gospel cannot be extinguished, because Jesus remains faithful to his people (cf. Mt 16:18; 2Tim 2:11-13).

While we enjoy in Canada the freedom to gather for the Eucharist, carry a Bible openly, or speak about Christ without fear of imprisonment or death, many hide their faith through silence or indifference to avoid discomfort. The example of those who endure persecution asks each of us a simple but profound question: “How deeply do I trust the Lord?” (cf. Mt 10:28-33). The witness of those who are persecuted encourages us to renew our own commitment to the Catholic faith, to prayer, charity, forgiveness, and joyful witness in the ordinary circumstances of daily life (cf. Phil 1:27-30).

Red Wednesday is more than a day of remembrance; it is an invitation to deeper unity and solidarity (cf. Heb 13:3). Through our prayers, sacrifices, and participation in the celebration of the holy Eucharist, we accompany those who suffer for the faith. I pray that our own hearts may be ever more courageous and that we never forget that the Church is one family (cf. Eph 4:4-6). If you, your family, parish, or community wish to show your solidarity with those who suffer for the faith, please visit Aid to the Church in Need Canada for more information or to register your participation.

May the Blessed Mother cast her mantle of protection upon us all.

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