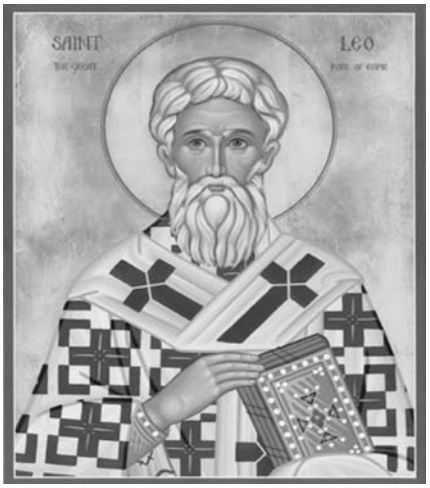



# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Pastor:** Father Mounir El- Rassi
**Parish Secretary:** 905-655-3286 ext. 1

**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

**Saint Vincent de Paul**
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**Catholic Women's League (CWL)**
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**Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)**
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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 14th***
4:30pm: +Ed Fox

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

11:00am: All Souls/Pro Populo

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***Tuesday, November 17th***
8:30am: Veronica Tuzi

***Wednesday, November 18th***
7:00pm: Mass

***Thursday, November 19th***
8:30am: +Isabel Santos

***Friday, November 20th***
8:30am: In thanksgiving for Brianna Senorin
+Belgin, +Elsi, & +Hendry Rayen

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***Saturday, November 21st***
4:30pm: +Betsy Kowalec

***Sunday, November 22nd***
9:00am: Pro Populo

11:00am: +Michael Primeau

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**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***

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER POSTPONED

For multiple reasons, we are not able to host the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on November 21. Once we have a new date, we will inform you. Thank you.

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

This 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.

### "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.

### YEARLY SUNDAY MISSALS AVAILABLE

Missals are now available at the Welcome Center. Price: $5.00 each. Please help yourself.

### 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.

### 2ND COLLECTION: SHEPHERDS' TRUST

The Shepherds' Trust collection will take place this 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.

### SHARELIFE MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY

GOOD NEWS! From now to December 3, your year-end gift to ShareLife will be matched dollar for dollar, up to $500,000, by an anonymous donor! Your gift will have twice the impact! To learn more, please go to: https://sharelife.org/donate/

### 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 this Sunday, November 15. As well, during November the First Saturday, Wednesday and Friday Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls.

### 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.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO LAUNCHES NEW PASTORAL PLAN: FILLING THE JARS TO THE BRIM

The Archdiocese of Toronto is embarking on a seven-year journey of prayer, discernment and pastoral renewal with the launch of our new Pastoral Plan, Filling the Jars to the Brim. Spanning 2026 to 2033, the plan invites parishes and communities to grow together in faith, communion and missionary discipleship as we journey toward the Great Jubilee of 2033.

In his Letter of Introduction, Cardinal Leo encourages clergy, consecrated persons and lay faithful to participate in this pastoral journey through prayer, listening and service, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the transforming power of Christ's grace.

During the month of November, four regional launch events will introduce the Pastoral Plan to parish leaders and other local faith partners. These gatherings will offer an opportunity to learn more about the plan and reflect on how our Catholic community can participate in this shared journey.

The plan begins with a Year of Discernment (2026–2027). During this time, parishes are invited to listen attentively to the Holy Spirit, recognize the gifts

and needs of their communities, and discern how the Lord is calling them to respond.
The following six years will each highlight one of six interconnected pastoral priorities, symbolized by the six stone jars at the wedding feast at Cana:
2027–2028: Family Life at All Stages
2028–2029: Social Outreach to the Poor, Sick and Vulnerable
2029–2030: Prayer, Spirituality and Sacramental Life
2030–2031: Catechesis and Formation
2031–2032: Vocations and Charisms: Discernment and Promotion
2032–2033: Youth and Young Adults
Although each year will give particular attention to one priority, all six will remain connected throughout the journey. Together, they offer an integrated path for renewing parish life and strengthening our shared mission to bring Christ's love to others.
All members of the archdiocesan community are encouraged to read the Pastoral Plan, pray for this journey and explore how they can participate in their local parish.For further details please go to: https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/pastoral-plan/home/

## ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT FEAST DAY NOV.16TH

St. Gertrude the Great, or St. Gertrude of Helfta, was born on January 6, 1256 in Germany. She eventually chose to follow the Lord by pursuing a vocation as a Benedictine Nun. Her deep relationship with the Lord in prayer led to her being hailed as a mystic. She was also regarded as a great theologian.
Although little is known about Gertrude's childhood, it is widely accepted that at just four-years-old, she was enrolled in the Cistercian monastery school of Helfta in Saxony, under the governance of Abbess Gertrude of Hackerborn. The Cistercian movement was an effort to bring the Benedictine religious community back to a stricter and more faithful adherence to the original "Rule" or way of life encouraged by St Benedict.
Some sources speculate that Gertrude's parents offered their child as an oblate, a lay person especially dedicated to God or to God's service, while others believe she may have entered the monastery school as an orphan. St. Mechtilde, the younger sister of the Abbess Gertrude, took care of young Gertrude. Gertrude and Mechtilde had a strong bond that only grew deeper with time, allowing Mechtilde to have a great influence over Gertrude. Gertrude, known for being charming and able to win people over, entered the Benedictine Order at Helfta and became a nun. She devoted herself to her studies, and received an education in many different subjects. Gertrude was both fluent in Latin and very familiar with scripture and works from the Fathers of the Church, including Augustine.
In 1281, 25-year-old Gertrude experienced her first series of visions that would continue until the day she passed away. Her visions altered her life and she saw this moment as her new birth. Her priorities turned away from secular teachings and focused more on studying Scripture and theology. Her life became full with this awakening and she was an enthusiastic student, writing for the spiritual benefit of others….
She went on to become one of the great mystics of the 13th century. Along with St. Mechtilde, she practiced what is known as "nuptial mysticism," seeing herself as the bride of Christ. She embraced charity for both rich and poor, she was a simple woman with a deep solidarity with those not yet ready for the beatific vision, who are still being purified in the state of repose known as purgatory.
St. Gertrude is particularly known for her devotion to the souls in purgatory. She had a deep solidarity with those being purified and developed special prayers for their relief. Her example teaches us the importance of praying for the dead and the power of intercessory prayer. Source: https://catholicbibleonline.com/saints/st-gertrude-great/

## HAPPY FEAST DAY - POPE ST. LEO THE GREAT NOVEMBER 10TH : PRAYER

O Lord, we thank You for giving us Pope St. Leo the Great as an example of holiness.

Help us to imitate the devotion to You he showed by fighting against the heresies that were gaining prominence in the Church.

We pray that through him, Your Church may stand firm in Your truth and know the protection of lasting peace. Amen.

Source: https://columban.org/prayers/prayer-pope-st-leo-great

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