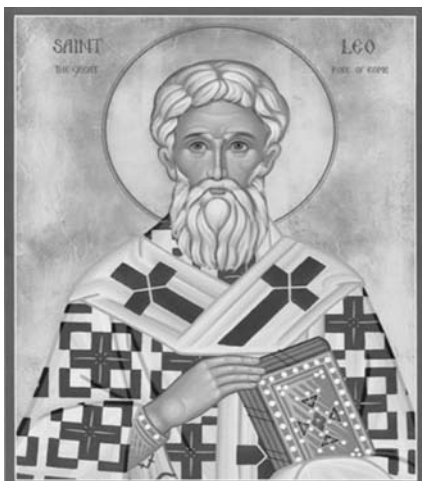




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Parish Secretary: 905-655-3286 ext. 1

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

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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, June 27th

4:30pm: +Antonio Tamburro

Sunday, June 28th

9:00am: +Herbert D'Souza

11:00am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, June 30th

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

Wednesday, July 1st

7:00pm: 25th Anniversary Marriage
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Rajakariar

Thursday, July 2nd

8:30am: Unborn Due To Miscarriage

Friday, July 3rd

8:30am: Thanksgiving 50th
Wedding Anniversary Zonita & Ian Reid

Saturday, July 4th

8:30am: Mass
4:30pm: Pro Populo

Sunday, July 5th

9:00am: CWL Council Members
11:00am: Ivan Krizmanic

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.

Mass Intentions July 7th - July 12th
Tuesday, July 7th
8:30am: Mass

Wednesday, July 8th
7:00pm: +Mary Clark

Thursday, July 9th
8:30am: Victims of Abortion

Friday, July 10th
8:30am: +Visidor & +George Peiris

Saturday, July 11th
4:30pm: +Edward Fox

Sunday, July 12th
9:00am: +Maggie D'Souza

11:00am: Pro Populo

A conversation on faith, guilt, & God's justice with a friend. Is faith a gift or an ultimatum from God?

You know, one of my friends said this to me, I just can't believe in a God that would send me to hell just because I don't believe in Him. That seems like an ultimatum: Believe in Jesus or go to hell. That sounds manipulative.

Let's say, a building is already on fire, and someone kicks the door open and says, "Come out, this is the only way, is that an ultimate, or is it a rescue?" Obviously, it is a rescue one way out!

We live in a fallen world. We all will die and never rise, or some call it eternal death. God is not being cruel when He offers humanity His Son Jesus as our way out of a terrible situation.

God does not send innocent people to be damned. The fact is that we are not innocent people. God's standard is perfection, not better than your neighbor, not mostly good perfection. Only Jesus is perfect, and we all fell from grace through our first parents, adding to that our personal sin.

I asked him, "Have you ever lusted? Have you ever hated someone? Have you ever been prideful?" I said, yeah, well then, you're guilty. You weren't standing on neutral ground, and God came up and just pushed you towards the abyss, you were already fallen further away. And he called you before you hit the ground. Jesus didn't come to threaten.

He came to take your sentence. The cross was not an ultimatum; it was a substitution. Justice says the wage of sin is death.

God, who is love, says, I'll pay it for you. My friend asked me, "Why make belief a condition, and I said, because love can't be forced, salvation is not a hostage situation, it's a gift.

If someone pays for you, you still have to accept it, if you refuse it, the debt doesn't disappear. God is not saying believe in me or I will torch you. We are already living in a fallen/condemned world.

Death is not proof that God is cruel. The cross is proof that He's not, and if you're wrestling with that same question. It means the door is still open for you to accept his gift. God bless. (Article by Fr. Mounir.)

Cardinal Leo Calls on Young Priests to Conform their Hearts to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

On Friday, June 12 – the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo met with priests who have been ordained for five years or less as part of the ongoing formation program for Archdiocesan clergy. Providentially, it also marks the Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests.

His Eminence encouraged the young priests to conform their hearts to the Sacred Heart of our Beloved Saviour through deep prayer, reverent celebration of the Eucharist, regular confession and spiritual direction.

As a good spiritual father with his spiritual sons' well-being at heart, he also gave timeless advice as to how to avoid any situation or attitude that would compromise the great gift of the sacred Priesthood entrusted by God through our mother the Church. We thank His Eminence for reflecting the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, and ask parishioners to pray for all priests – that they, too, may continue to grow in the image and likeness of the Lord.

Canada Day, celebrated on July 1st,

This marks the anniversary of Canadian Confederation in 1867 and is the National Day of Canada.

Canada Day commemorates the unification of three British North American colonies—Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick—into a single



dominion called Canada under the British North America Act on July 1, 1867. Originally named

Dominion Day, the holiday was renamed Canada Day in 1982, coinciding with the patriation of the Canadian Constitution, which marked Canada's full sovereignty from the United Kingdom

Historical Background: The first celebrations of Confederation occurred on July 1, 1867, with bells ringing at the Cathedral Church of St. James in Toronto, accompanied by bonfires, fireworks, military displays, and musical entertainment.

In 1868, Governor General Lord Monck issued a proclamation requesting Canadians to celebrate the anniversary annually. Dominion Day became a statutory holiday in 1879, and over the years, the federal government began organizing larger celebrations, particularly from 1958 onward.

Modern Celebrations: Today, Canada Day is celebrated nationwide with parades, flag displays, concerts, fireworks, and public ceremonies.

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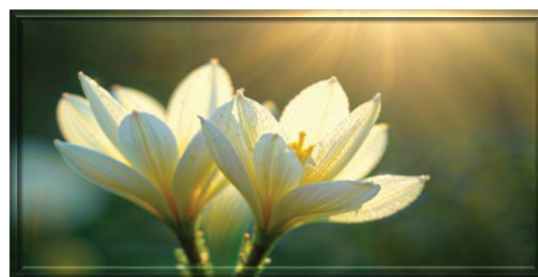
Day Retreat for Women: How to Build Resilience around Habit Change.

From Resistance to Perseverance

Sat., July 11, 2026 09:30 AM – Sat., July 11, 2026, 4:00pm

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Day Retreat for Women: How to Build Resilience around Habit Change: From Resistance to Perseverance. Be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new man, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." (Ephesians 4: 23-24)

Lasting change comes through spiritual renewal and the transformation of one's mind, not just willpower. Abandoning old behaviors to create new habits requires spiritual strength and emotional resilience. Join us for this interactive workshop and reflection day where we will look at how our awareness of undesired habits, beliefs that keep us stuck, and discontentment of these behaviors and results, can assist us in building the emotional resistance and conviction needed to persevere in creating habits and outcomes we want. We will share insightful tools and practical tips.

Come away for a while and be refreshed by walking the grounds, having a nice meal together, praying, and fellowshiping with other women of faith.

For more information and to register, please contact Veronica at boutiquecoachingconnections@gmail.com. Suggested offering: \$75 per person. Includes coffee/tea & muffin break, lunch, the program and Mass. Please see flyer on website at: <https://manresa-canada.ca>



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