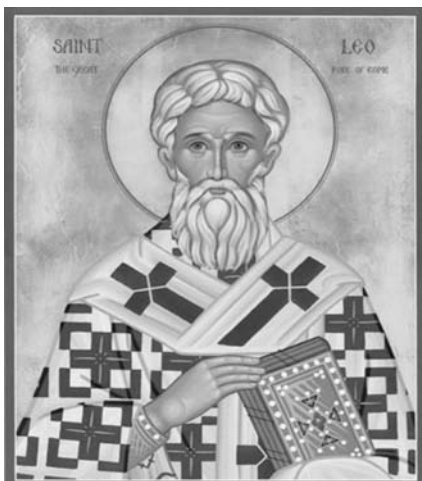




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Office Hours

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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Catholic Women's League (CWL)

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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, October 10th

4:30pm: +Augen Abraham

Sunday, October 11th

9:00am: +Tomasina & +Francesco Parente

11:00am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, October 13th

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

Wednesday, October 14th

7:00pm: +Pacencia Mendoza

Thursday, October 15th

8:30am: +Sebastian Manuel Lena

Friday, October 16th

8:30am: +Paul Goudy
+Louisa D'Souza

Saturday, October 17th

4:30pm: +Ed Fox

Sunday, October 18th

9:00am: Pro Populo

11:00am: +Luis B. Tolentino

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

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

We celebrate Thanksgiving on Monday, Oct. 12th. As we reflect on the blessings God has given us, let us be truly grateful and find joy in the many gifts we have received.

MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES

In order to ensure that the parish office receives your mass intention in a timely fashion, please bring your envelope to the office during the week or drop it in our secure mailbox, which is available at any time and is located just outside the office entrance door.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES REMINDER

A reminder to those parishioners who have not yet picked up their boxes of offertory envelopes to please do so. They are located on a table in the vestibule. Thank you.

HEADS UP TO MINISTERS & VOLUNTEERS

Our annual Ministry & Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for November 21st. Expect an email in the next few weeks providing more details and an RSVP. We hope to receive confirmation of your attendance so save the date!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS

On October 18th after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses, the Knights of Columbus will be serving a delicious breakfast in the hall. All are welcome!

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

This weekend, October 10th & 11th, please drop your Building Fund envelope in the offertory collection. Thank you for your support.

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION OCT. 18, 2026 **ONE IN CHRIST, UNITED IN THE MISSION**

The next World Mission Sunday, celebrated annually on the third Sunday in October, will take place on 18 October 2026. The theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, One in Christ, United in Mission reflects his motto "In Illo uno unum," which translates as "In the One, we are one."

Mission Sunday 2026 has a special significance as it commemorates the 100th anniversary of its establishment by Pope Pius XI in 1926.

Coordinated by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies, the primary aim of Mission Sunday is to foster awareness and support for the missionary work of the Universal Church around the world, especially in mission territories, where the seed of the Gospel is

being planted and nourished. It is an opportunity for all the faithful to reawaken within them our call to participate, within our own capacities, in the One Mission of the Church.

On Mission Sunday, the faithful are asked to provide financial support for the work of the Holy Father in the support of emerging churches in mission territories and to pray for missionaries serving the People of God in mission territories, both locally and abroad.

You can read the official letter of Pope Leo XVI on Mission Sunday by clicking on the following link:
<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/mission/documents/20260125-giornata-missionaria.html>

Video for World Mission Sunday:
<https://www.facebook.com/reel/134455>

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.

BILL C-218 VOTE ON OCTOBER 7 - CARDINAL **LEO ASKS MPS TO SUPPORT PRIVATE** **MEMBERS' BILL**

Canadian Members of Parliament are scheduled to vote on Bill C-218 at second reading on Wednesday, October 7, 2026. The bill would prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying medical condition. Without a change in legislation, this expansion of MAiD is scheduled to take effect on March 17, 2027. We thank all those who have participated in the HelpNotHarm campaign. Concerned citizens are encouraged to contact their Member of Parliament and respectfully ask them to

support Bill C-218. Those living with mental illness need care, support and hope. Visit www.helpnotharmcanada.ca for more information and to find contact details for your MP.

NEW MEDICAL CLINIC FOR HOMELESS OPENS

On October 2, 2026, Grand Master Fra' John Dunlap, the first Canadian to lead the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, opened Toronto's Good Shepherd Clinic, a new health unit for the homeless. Presiding over the ribbon-cutting ceremony and participating in the blessing, the ceremony was also attended by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Chaplain of the Order of Malta, and leaders of the Canadian Association as well as institutional, religious and community medical representatives. In the afternoon, Holy Mass was held in St. Paul's Basilica, followed by an official reception.

The facility was born from the collaboration between the Order of Malta's Canadian Association and the Good Shepherd Ministries, and will be run by the Hospital Order of St. John of God, with the aim of offering healthcare to people in conditions of poverty and marginalization.

Located in a reception centre, the clinic is designed to facilitate access to primary care for homeless people by providing medical assessments, treatments and links to community health services. The project was implemented thanks to philanthropic funds, equipment donations from local hospitals and contributions from volunteer medical staff.

"Our service must always remain personal," Grand Master Dunlap stressed. "The Order was founded on the encounter with those who are sick, poor or vulnerable, and nothing can replace that direct human contact. But our responsibility goes further. We must also build works and institutions capable of making that service lasting and reaching more people."

SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust, and many others. For further information, contact the development office at development@archtoronto.org.

ST. THERESA OF JESUS - FEAST DAY OCT. 15TH **Doctor of the Church**

St. Teresa's greatest legacy is her role as a Doctor of the Church.... Her writings on prayer and the spiritual life have influenced countless Christians throughout the centuries. Her most famous works include "The Interior Castle," "The Way of Perfection," and her autobiography "The Life of Teresa of Jesus." These writings provide profound insights into the nature of prayer, the stages of spiritual development, and the mystical experiences that can occur in the life of prayer. Her teachings continue to guide spiritual seekers today.

Founder of the Discalced Carmelites

St. Teresa's reform of the Carmelite order led to the foundation of the Discalced (Barefoot) Carmelites, a religious order that emphasizes poverty, prayer, and contemplation. Despite facing opposition from religious authorities, civil authorities, and even the Inquisition, Teresa persevered in her mission to restore the original spirit of the Carmelite order. She founded 17 convents throughout Spain, establishing a new way of religious life that combined deep prayer with practical service. Her reform movement spread throughout Europe and continues to influence religious life today.

Model of Prayer and Contemplation

St. Teresa's personal journey from a worldly life to deep mystical union with God serves as a powerful example for all Christians. Her descriptions of the stages of prayer - from vocal prayer to mental prayer, from the prayer of quiet to the prayer of union - provide a roadmap for spiritual growth. Her famous quote, "Prayer is an act of love, words are not needed. Even if sickness distracts from thoughts, all that is needed is the will to love," captures the essence of her teaching on prayer. Teresa's life demonstrates that holiness is not about being perfect but about being faithful to God's call, even in the midst of difficulties and opposition.

Source:

<https://catholicbibleonline.com/saints/st-teresa-avila/>



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