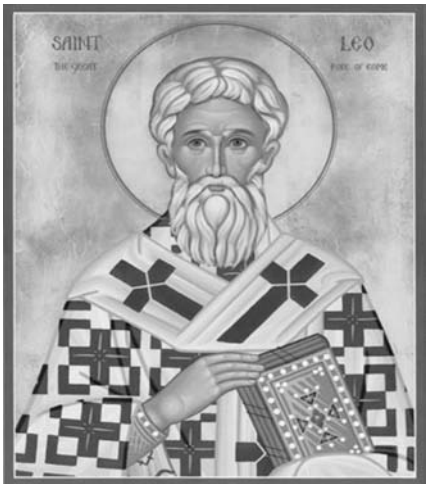


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Church Hours
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am - 7:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 5:30 pm, Sunday - opens 8:00 am

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.

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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 17th
4:30pm: +Ed Fox

Sunday, October 18th
9:00am: Pro Populo

11:00am: +Luis B. Tolentino

Tuesday, October 20th
8:30am: +Ana R. Yulo

Wednesday, October 21st
7:00pm: +Margherita Di Marino
+Tsang Hun Kwan

Thursday, October 22nd
8:30am: +Rosalba Mammone

Friday, October 23rd
8:30am: +John Mathioudakis
+Rosie Ertl

Saturday, October 24th
4:30pm: +Steven Closs

Sunday, October 25th
9:00am: Pro Populo

11:00am: +Theodorus De Brower

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

The Sunday breakfast has been moved to the following Sunday, October 25th, after both Masses.

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE SURVEY OCTOBER 17-18 AND OCTOBER 24-25

This year's annual weekend Mass attendance survey for all parishes and mission communities will be held on the weekends of October 17-18, 2026 and October 24-25, 2026.

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS

There will be no Saturday confession this weekend, October 17, and the next two Saturdays, October 24th and 31st, as First Communion Preparation is taking place in the church. Confession is available on Fridays between 9:10 and 9:50am. Please speak with Fr. Mounir after the weekend Masses if you require another time.

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.

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.

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION OCT. 17-18

There will be a second collection this weekend, Oct. 17-18, for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday.
This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY

On the weekend of October 31/November 1, SSVP 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.

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.

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS

The All Souls' Day Mass at Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby, is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2026 at 2 p.m.The Mass will be held indoors at Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby – Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum. All are welcome!
More information can be found here:
https://www.catholic-cemeteries.ca/news/all-souls-day-mass/

OCTOBER 26 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Cardinal Leo has prepared a short video message encouraging reflection, discernment and engagement by the Catholic community in preparation for the October 26, 2026 municipal elections. The video and news story can be found on the Archdiocese of Toronto website:
https://www.archtoronto.org/

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.) to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. 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

PRAYERS FOR POPE LEO XIV

Cardinal Leo has invited the Catholic community to join together in prayer for Pope Leo XIV. It was announced on Sunday, October 11 that doctors had discovered a small, localized nodule in the Holy Father's lung during a recent medical examination. The nodule was detected at a very early stage, and doctors recommended surgery to remove it.
Our Catholic community is invited to join in offering the following prayer from Cardinal Leo:

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

O Mary, Mother of the Church and Health of the sick, we turn to you with love and devotion as we ask for your powerful intercession for Pope Leo XIV. You are our mother, our companion and our confidante. You are our refuge and advocate. You are a sign of sure hope and consolation to all of God's holy people as we make our pilgrim way to the Kingdom. Look favourably and with mercy upon our Holy Father whom your Son Jesus, our Saviour, has chosen as our universal Shepherd. Grant that, by your maternal mediation and fervent prayer, Our Lord will bestow peace upon Pope Leo, comfort him in his hour of need and restore him to good health, affording him renewed vigour to continue his apostolic mission, according to God's holy will. We thank you, Mother most holy, for caring and for praying with us and for us to Jesus, your Son, our Lord

ST. JOHN PAUL II OCTOBER 22 FEAST DAY

St. John Paul II, born Karol Józef Wojtyła on May 18, 1920, in Wadowice, Poland, was the youngest of three children in a devout Catholic family. His early life was marked by tragedy - his mother died when he was 9, and his older brother died when he was 12. Despite these losses, Karol developed a deep faith and love for the Church. He was an excellent student and had a passion for literature, theater, and sports.
During World War II, Karol worked in a quarry and chemical factory while secretly studying for the priesthood. He was ordained a priest in 1946 and continued his studies in Rome. He returned to Poland where he served as a parish priest and university chaplain, earning a reputation as a brilliant theologian and compassionate pastor. In 1958, he was consecrated a bishop and in 1964 became Archbishop of Kraków.
In 1967, Karol was created a cardinal by Pope Paul VI. He participated in the Second Vatican Council and became known for his theological insights and pastoral care. On October 16, 1978, at the age of 58, he was elected Pope, taking the name John Paul II. He was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years and the first Polish pope in history.
Pope John Paul II's pontificate lasted nearly 27 years, making him one of the longest-serving popes in history. He traveled extensively, visiting 129 countries and becoming known as the "Pilgrim Pope." He played a crucial role in the fall of communism in Eastern Europe, established World Youth Day, and wrote extensively on theology and philosophy. He died on April 2, 2005, and was canonized by Pope Francis on April 27, 2014. His feast day is celebrated on October 22nd, the anniversary of his papal inauguration….
St. John Paul II's greatest legacy is his role as a global shepherd who brought the Gospel to every corner of the world. His extensive travels - visiting 129 countries and covering over 1.1 million kilometers - earned him the title "Pilgrim Pope." He showed that the papacy could be a powerful force for peace, justice, and human dignity on the world stage. His presence in countries around the world brought hope and encouragement to millions of Catholics and non-Catholics alike….
John Paul II was a tireless advocate for human dignity and the sanctity of life. His encyclicals, such as "Evangelium Vitae" (The Gospel of Life) and "Veritatis Splendor" (The Splendor of Truth), provided profound theological foundations for the Church's teachings on life, family, and morality. He consistently spoke out against abortion, euthanasia, and other threats to human life, while also advocating for social justice and the rights of workers and the poor….
John Paul II played a crucial role in the fall of communism in Eastern Europe, particularly in his native Poland. His support for the Solidarity movement and his visits to Poland helped inspire the peaceful revolution that led to the fall of the Iron Curtain. He also worked tirelessly to build bridges between different religions, meeting with leaders of other faiths and promoting interreligious dialogue. His famous prayer meeting in Assisi in 1986 brought together leaders of the world's major religions to pray for peace.

Source: St. John Paul II - Life, Legacy & Feast Day | Catholic Bible Online

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