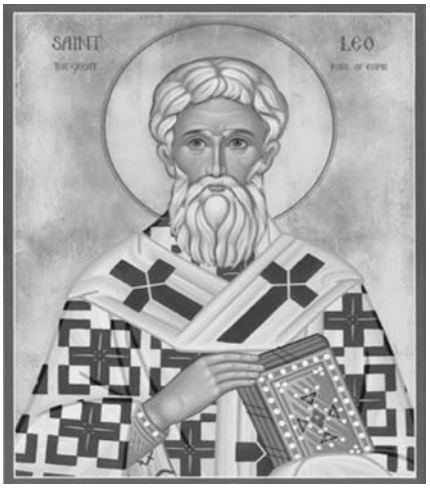


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Office Hours
Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

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.

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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 24th
4:30pm: +Steven Closs

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

11:00am: +Theodorus De Brower

Tuesday, October 27th
8:30am: In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received

Wednesday, October 28th
7:00pm: No Mass

Thursday, October 29th
8:30am: +Innocenzo & +Vincenzina Mammone &
+ Attilio & +Maria Tuzi

Friday, October 30th
8:30am: In Thanksgiving for Eva Orlandi & Family

Saturday, October 31st
4:30pm: +Nieto Vindez & Deceased Members of the Reyes Family

Sunday, November 1st
9:00am: Pro Populo

11:00am: +Luigi & +Adele Ciardullo

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, Oct, 25th following the 9:00am and 11:00 am Masses, the Knights of Columbus will be serving a delicious breakfast in the hall. All are 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.

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE SURVEY OCTOBER 24-25

This year's annual weekend Mass attendance survey for all parishes and mission communities will be completed this weekend, October 24-25, 2026.

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS

There will be no Saturday confession this Saturday, October 24th and next Saturday, October 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.

WEDNESDAY MASS CANCELLED

The 7:00pm Mass on Wednesday, October 28th has been cancelled as Fr. Mounir is away on a Diocesan Seminar.

THE PEACE ROSARY

On **Thursday, October 29th at 7:00pm** the Catholic Women's League at St. Leo is planning to honour Our Blessed Mother during this month of The Holy Rosary. Veronica Tuzzi will be using slides to assist us in the contemplation of each mystery as we pray for peace. Anyone who is interested in praying together with us is most welcome to attend.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

The Building Fund collection will take place next weekend, October 31-November 1.

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.

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.).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

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO: AN UPDATE ON MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING IN CANADA – HELP NOT HARM

We are grateful to all those who, over the last number of months, reached out to their elected

Member of Parliament to respectfully ask their support of Bill C-218. The private member's bill would have amended existing laws in Canada to ensure medical assistance in dying (MAiD) will not be extended to those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

On October 7, 2026, Members of Parliament defeated Bill C-218, by a vote of 187-141 at second reading.

However, that same day, prior to the vote on Bill C-218, the federal government announced that it intends to introduce legislation this fall to exclude mental illness (as a sole underlying condition) for MAiD indefinitely….

Our work must continue. An announcement does not change the law, and legislation must be passed before the current exclusion expires on March 17, 2027. The government also announced plans to permit advance requests for MAiD, raising additional concerns that will require careful examination when the proposed legislation is available.

We believe that any form of MAiD contravenes our belief that every life is sacred from the moment of conception to natural death. Please continue to respectfully urge your Member of Parliament to ensure that the commitment to exclude mental illness alone from MAiD eligibility becomes law, and to prioritize access to mental health care, suicide prevention and recovery supports. We also call upon our elected officials to halt any further expansion of MAiD in our country and to separate mental health exclusions from advance requests for MAiD in future legislation.Thank you for your advocacy, prayers and commitment to the dignity of every person.

CARDINAL LEO'S MESSAGE FOR THE ARCHDIOCESAN DAY FOR PALLIATIVE CARE, 24-25 OCTOBER 2026

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On the occasion of our annual Archdiocesan Day for Palliative Care, it is significant that this observance falls on the last Sunday of October, just prior to the Great Solemnity of All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), when we remember the Church's beautiful proclamation that "with death, life is changed not ended" (Roman Missal, Preface I For the Dead). This proximity is fitting, because palliative care is ultimately about life not death, transition not termination.

I would suggest that palliative care represents one of the most humane developments in modern healthcare. At its heart, it seeks to improve quality of life by addressing the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of individuals living with serious illness—needs that the Gospel has always insisted belong together (cf. CCC 362-365). While often associated with the final stages of life, palliative care can be offered earlier as well, helping people live as fully and meaningfully as possible throughout the course of an illness. It focuses not simply on illness, but on the whole person, including their transcendent and spiritual dimensions.

Furthermore, the importance of palliative care extends far beyond hospitals and hospices. It reminds society, our contemporaries, that healthcare is not only about curing disease but about honouring the dignity of every person created by God in his image and likeness and saved by Christ. By helping persons manage symptoms, maintain independence, and participate in family and community life, palliative care enables people to continue pursuing what gives their lives purpose and joy and provide the space for God's grace to intervene. By encouraging meaningful conversations and fostering a culture of attentiveness to one another's needs, families often discover new opportunities for gratitude, reconciliation, and mutual support as they navigate the challenges of illness together.

At a time when many people are concerned about suffering, loss of independence, and difficult end-of-life decisions, palliative care offers a positive and compassionate path forward. Rather than focusing solely on the limitations imposed by illness, it seeks to maximize comfort—neither hastening death nor prolonging dying—and help individuals live each day as a gift from our loving God, as fully as possible, so that they can face serious illness with confidence, peace, and hope, not to mention openness to supernatural faith and the reality of eternity on the other side of the death experience.

As faithful in the Archdiocese of Toronto, we proclaim our conviction that every human life possesses an enduring dignity that neither illness, frailty, nor age can diminish (cf. CCC 2276). By placing human dignity, personal well-being, and meaningful relationships at the centre of healthcare, palliative care helps build communities marked by hope, solidarity, and genuine care for one another. Please join me in praying for all those touched by palliative care—recipients, families, friends, medical personnel, Christian communities and those who shape law and policy—that we may together be witnesses to Christ's redeeming love, life-giving care, and limitless compassion (cf. Mt 25:36). In doing so, we will renew our communities with a faithfilled and supernatural vision that builds up and never tears down.

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