



November 10 is the Roman Catholic Church's liturgical memorial of the fifth-century **Pope Saint Leo I, known as "St. Leo the Great,"** whose involvement in the fourth ecumenical council helped prevent the spread of error on Christ's divine and human natures.

St. Leo intervened for the safety of the Church in the West as well, persuading Attila the Hun to turn back from Rome.

Leo's origins are obscure and his date of birth unknown. His ancestors are said to have come from Tuscany, though the future pope may have been born in that region or in Rome itself. He became a deacon in Rome in approximately 430, during the pontificate of Pope Celestine I.

During this time, central authority was beginning to decline in the Western portion of the Roman Empire. At some point between 432 and 440, during the reign of Pope St. Celestine's successor, Pope Sixtus III, the Roman Emperor Valentinian III commissioned Leo to travel to the region of Gaul and settle a dispute between military and civil officials.

Leo, away on his diplomatic mission at the time of the Pope's death, was chosen to be the next Bishop of Rome. Reigning for over two decades, he sought to preserve the unity of the Church in its profession of faith, and to ensure the safety of his people against frequent barbarian invasions.

Leo used his authority, in both doctrinal and disciplinary matters, against a number of heresies troubling the Western church – including Pelagianism (involving the denial of Original Sin) and Manichaeism (a gnostic system that saw matter as evil). In this same period, many Eastern Christians had begun arguing about the relationship between Jesus' humanity and divinity.

As early as 445, Leo had intervened in this dispute in the East, which threatened to split the churches of Alexandria and Constantinople. Its eventual resolution was, in fact, rejected in some quarters – leading to the present-day split between Eastern Orthodox and the so-called "non-Chalcedonian churches".

As the fifth-century Christological controversy continued, the Pope urged the gathering of an ecumenical council to resolve the matter. At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, the Pope's teaching was received as authoritative by the Eastern bishops, who proclaimed: "Saint Peter has spoken through the mouth of Leo."

Leo's teaching confirmed that Christ's eternal divine personhood and nature did not absorb or negate the human nature that he assumed in time through the Incarnation. Instead, "the proper character of both natures was maintained and came together in a single person."

"So without leaving his Father's glory behind, the Son of God comes down from his heavenly throne and enters the depths of our world," Saint Leo taught. "Whilst remaining pre-existent, he begins to exist in time. The Lord of the universe veiled his measureless majesty and took on a servant's form. The God who knew no suffering did not despise becoming a suffering man, and, deathless as he is, to be subject to the laws of death."

In 452, one year after the Council of Chalcedon, Pope Leo led a delegation which successfully negotiated with the barbarian king Attila to prevent an invasion of Rome. When the Vandal leader Genseric occupied Rome in 455, the Pope confronted him, unarmed, and obtained a guarantee of safety for many of the city's inhabitants and the churches to which they had fled.

Pope St. Leo the Great died on Nov. 10, 461. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XIV in 1754. A large collection of his writings and sermons survives, and can be read in translation today.



Thank you... from Cambridge Right to Life

The Board members of Cambridge Right to Life would like to thank St. Ambrose parishioners and Deacon Nick Cherri for your financial, physical & prayerful support toward our Walk for Life again this year! We were not sure what to expect as we were planning these year's walk so, we were overwhelmed by the 10 different groups that walked and the 6 different churches that were represented this year. We raised a total of \$11,790, an increase of \$531 from last years walk.

Thank you so much for "**your**" contribution to this worthwhile event – funds will be used to continue to educate the public on the precious gift of life from God, from conception to natural death!

Visit this website for Catholic educational bulletins for children:

<https://thekidsbulletin.com/>



NO MASS ON MONDAYS

Tuesday, November 10

8:00 am + EUGENIO & PALMIRA PEREIRA – DeAlmeida family
7:00 pm + ALBANO BARBOSA – his family

Wednesday, November 11

8:00 am + for those who died in wars and conflicts
7:00 pm + JORGIANA MELO, JAIME TEIXEIRA, WILLIAM FURTADO; JOAO, LUIS and EDUARDO – from Tina
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Thursday, November 12

8:00 am + GEORGE ANDREWS - Maria
7:00 pm – In honour of San Quintino – Cetra family

Friday, November 13

8:00 am – In Thanksgiving – from Purita Avilla
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURGATORY
Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory begin at 6:30 pm

Saturday, November 14

8:00 am – intentions of Vanessa Pontalba
CONFESSIONS at 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Saturday, November 14

5:00 pm + MARK VALENTINO CHAVES – Maria & John Correia
ANTONIO, JOE and ANA FIGUEIREDO – Maria & Sandy

Sunday, November 15

9:00 am – For the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + DEOLINDA LARANJEIRO – Bill & Marilyn

Tuesday, November 17

8:00 am + SOULS IN PURGATORY – Maria Chaves
7:00 pm + ANNA MARIA URBANO – Fatima and Tony

Wednesday, November 18

8:00 am – for the intentions of Sandra Scarfone
7:00 pm + DIANE TAYLOR – Mary Lopes
+ MARK VALENTINO CHAVES – Mom, Dad and Jason
+ VINCENZINA SCATURRO – Mala D'Angelo
+ VICTORIANO HERRERA – his family
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Thursday, November 19

8:00 am + OLIVA TERSIGNI – Emily Boyd
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURGATORY - Rosa

Friday, November 20

8:00 am + JOSEPH TRAN – Theresa Tran
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURGATORY
Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory begin at 6:30 pm

Saturday, November 21

8:00 am + JOHN FARIA – Manuel Figueiredo & family
CONFESSIONS at 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Saturday, November 21

5:00 pm + HARRY and MADELINE MERRALL – their family
+ MILDRED KAVANAGH – Dale
+ TONY ROSA - Laudalina

Sunday, November 22

9:00 am + AVELINO TOSTE – his family
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners



The final First Communion Masses will take place this week for students who were unable to receive the Sacraments in the spring while the Church and schools were closed.

Saturday, Nov. 14 – St. Vincent de Paul (Group 1) at 2pm
Sunday, Nov. 15 – St. Vincent de Paul (Group 2) at 2pm

Advent Wreath



Advent begins on November 29! We invite families, couples or individuals to take part in lighting the candles on the Advent wreath for weekend Masses during Advent. **To sign-up please contact the parish office by phone or email. Thank you! (no sign-up in the Church this year)**

New 2021 Sunday Missals

While the parish is unable to provide Sunday Missals in the pews, we did purchase some copies of the 2021 Sunday Missals for parishioners to buy for personal use.

Please contact the parish office to reserve your copy for \$5.00.

These should be available within the next two weeks.

Women in leadership roles in the Church – Video #10

Watch the video on this YouTube link

[The Pope Video –](#)

FORMED.org

Catholic Faith on Demand

We are excited to announce that St. Ambrose Church has purchased for all our parishioners a one-year subscription to Formed.org **FREE for parishioners to sign-up**

Formed.org is a website that offers hundred and hundreds of hours of faith-based programming.

On the website you will find:

- Audio talks on faith and life issues
- Bible study programs
- Daily reflections
- E-books
- Full length movies for the whole family
- Lives of the saints
- Children's programs and cartoons
- Religious education for children and adults
- Sacramental preparation videos
- Devotional prayers and much more !

Formed.org is an excellent resource for people who want to learn more about their faith and who want to enjoy entertainment that has a healthy faith based and virtuous content. Families can build good faith habits and develop healthy prayer life for their home.

It is easy to use, just:

- Go to formed.org or click on the icon on our parish website or can be downloaded as an app on an iPad
- Click "sign-up", then sign up as a parishioner
- Enter the parish postal code **N1R 2P4**
- Click on "St. Ambrose Parish Cambridge"
- Click next, then enter your name and email address and then click sign-up and begin using.

We are excited to be able to offer our parishioners access to this wonderful website and pray that it will help deepen your love for Jesus and our Catholic faith.

Father Gary, Pastor

Society of St Vincent de Paul of St. Ambrose Parish

IMPORTANT UPDATE:

Our St. Ambrose SSVP Conference has resumed delivering emergency food assistance to people in need in our parish area.

We will also be providing help at Christmas again this year, although it will look different. In the past we were able to provide a sizable box or hamper of non-perishable foods, a turkey or ham and a voucher for Food Basics for families to purchase perishable items for Christmas dinner.

Because of the current COVID precautions, food drives we depended on at our area schools did not happen at Thanksgiving this year, which was a major source of the non-perishable foods we were able to give out at Christmas. Also, it would be unrealistic to ask all the wonderful volunteers we had each year to go out and deliver the food, turkeys and vouchers under the current circumstances. Your SSVP conference will instead be giving grocery store vouchers only. Depending on how much funds there is available before Christmas, we are hoping to provide voucher amounts which would be enough to purchase a turkey or ham or chicken, and the non-perishable food items a family could use. Typically, what was given to families in past years was enough to feed a family for a few days over Christmas.

We are asking our generous parishioners to consider the extraordinary circumstances many of our neighbors and families in our parish area are in, and for who knows how long!

Your SSVP conference volunteer team is ready and willing to do their part to help others in need.

Thank you on behalf of the

St. Ambrose Parish SSVP conference

Answering the call to the Priesthood

A new series hosted by Father Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation at the Diocese of Hamilton.

Each episode will feature an interview with a Diocesan priest and explore their journey towards priesthood.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/answeringthecall>