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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Closed for Lunch from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.
Friday Office Closed.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Mass: 7:00 p.m.
Rosary prayed 20 minutes before weekday masses.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
or anytime by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please pick up a baptism package from Fr. Charles after mass.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you contact your parish priest at least one year in advance of the planned date of your wedding and that you participate in a marriage preparation course. Please call the Parish Office.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

All families attending St. Leo's are requested to register with the parish.
Registration forms (Welcome Cards) are available in the vestibule of the church.

LOCAL HOSPITALS AND EMERGENCY PASTORAL VISITATION

If you or someone in your family is in the Oshawa, Whitby or Port Perry Hospitals and would like to have a priest (for serious reasons) visit the person who is sick for Anointing of the Sick, Last Rites, Confession or Communion, please note that there is a full-time Catholic Priest assigned to these three hospitals at various times of the week. Simply ask hospital staff to inquire as to whether *Father Manuel Duterte* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If Father Manuel is not available and there is an emergency requiring a Catholic priest, please call St. Leo the Great Parish at 905-655-3286 and when prompted, press "8" and leave your message. Fr. Charles will receive your message (if he is available) and return your call. If there is no emergency but you would like to speak to Fr. Charles, please call the parish office and leave a message with the parish secretary at 905-655-3286 x 101.

ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Tuesday April 15 – **NO MASS** (Father will be attending the Chrism Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral, where he also obtains the Blessed Oils (Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens, and Oil of Sacred Chrism) which are blessed by the Cardinal at the Mass and are used throughout the year in all parishes.

Wednesday April 16 – 6 pm. Holy Hour followed by 7 pm. Mass.

THE GREAT THREE DAYS

Thursday April 17 – HOLY THURSDAY 7 pm.
Mass with washing of the feet. (No other Masses this day.)

Friday April 18 - Good Friday Service - 3 pm.
with veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

7 pm. Stations of the Cross

Saturday April 19 - Easter Vigil – 8 pm.

Easter Sunday – 9 am. & 11 am. Masses

Please note, there are no confessions heard during the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

Pray for Jamie Rogers

Once again this past year we had no one come forward for RCIA in our parish except for Jamie Rogers, husband of Shannon Rogers. Jamie joined the RCIA process at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Whitby, through the graciousness of Fr. Damian Ali, and for the past months has been undergoing discernment, prayer and catechesis to be admitted to the Easter Sacraments this year. We congratulate Jamie and his family in this last leg of his RCIA journey which will see him become a fully-initiated member of the Catholic Church. Welcome Jamie! I invite all our parishioners to remember Jamie in your prayers this week as he will be fully initiated at the Easter Vigil. (Fr. C.)

REMEMBERING LIAM

Our parishioners will remember well the story of little Liam Janssen who was born with Trisomy 18 in April of last year. I had the privilege of baptizing him into the Family of the Church while he was at Sick Kids Hospital and against all odds and every hope he was not expected to ever go home. He did, however, make it home if only for a week and a half when suddenly and in his sleep he slipped from their arms and lives to be with Christ. Last week, April 2nd, marked the one-year anniversary of Liam's birth and it also just happens to be John Paul II Day in Ontario, for the Holy Father died on April 2nd 2005. John Paul II was a champion for the voiceless, particularly children and the unborn. It is fitting that Liam would have come into the world on the anniversary of the death of one of its greatest popes who would most certainly have spurned Kevin and Wendy on in their fight for treatment for their little son. The following is a letter Wendy wrote to Liam on his first birthday, though he will be celebrating in heaven. (Fr. C.)

Hi Everyone,

We wanted to do something in memory of Liam since today would have been his first birthday. It's a sad day for us as we had hoped we could have been celebrating, but instead we are remembering him and the wonderful memories we have. I wrote a message to Liam and decided to email it at the exact time he was born. We will also be blowing bubbles outside, one for each day he was with us, which was 186 days. We thought it was a great way for the kids to do something special for Liam on this day.

Dear Liam,

We can remember clearly the day you were born, how scared we were, not knowing what the future was going to bring us. I wasn't ready for you to come into the world because I knew you were comfortable and safe where you were, and we knew what you were going to have to endure.

When you finally arrived you were 4lbs 6oz. You were blue and in distress and we sensed something was wrong. I didn't even get to hold you, I just kissed your tiny head as they whisked you off and out of sight. We saw you for only a few seconds, but long enough to see what a beautiful baby you were. I remember how small you looked, especially after Adam who was 9lbs. When we finally got to see you again, it was agonizing to see you hooked up to so many monitors. We knew you had a heart condition but we weren't prepared for the news that we would soon get.

When we found out you had *Trisomy 18* we were devastated. Being told you were incompatible with life and not worth treating were the toughest words we had to hear. Despite all the recommendations to choose comfort care we wanted everything possible to be done to help you. We wouldn't have chosen anything else for you. You are our baby, a precious life God gave us, and we were prepared to do whatever it took to try and get you home.

You faced so many trials, struggling to survive for 6 months, undergoing what no one should ever have to, but you were in the best place possible with amazing nurses and doctors looking after you. We have to give them credit for the tremendous care you received. You were resilient, fighting the entire time to make it home, and you did. Your persistence accomplished what most thought wasn't possible. You're our wonderful miracle.

During the time you were in the hospital you had thousands of people praying for you. The support we had was tremendous and it gave us incredible strength. We wouldn't have been able to cope without the help we were given. It was a long journey for us with not much sleep, but it was all worth it to have the time we were given with you. We would go through it all again if we had to.

The week and a half you spent at home with us was phenomenal. We enjoyed every moment with you, creating as many memories as we could. You were so happy, as were we, to be able to all be together. If only

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you hadn't left us so soon. Now we only have those memories to hold on to, memories we are very grateful for. Six months wasn't long nor was the 1 1/2 weeks we had with you at home, but God had a plan for you that we have to accept and we are at peace knowing you are with Him in heaven, and we have to thank Him for the time He gave us.

We know you now have everything you need and are the happiest you could possibly be, for you couldn't be in a better place. Now you can celebrate in the perfect way. You get to have your first birthday cake with Jesus, and who could ask for a better friend to have at their party. I hope the angels sing for you since we can't, I'm sure the music would be beautiful. I know you don't need any gifts because you have everything you need. So we only have one wish for you today and that is for you to be able to see us again someday. We love you and miss you.

Happy 1st Birthday Liam!

God Bless. *Wendy Janssen* (Liam's mom)

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE:

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

- Envelopes, Loose bills and change - \$3599
 - Pre-Authorized Giving (PAP) - \$1962 (March)
- ➔ TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK: \$5561

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Apr. 15 – 8:30 am – MASS CANCELLED

Wed., Apr. 16 – 7:00 pm – For the intentions of Madelaine Vonk
Req. by the Hotner Family

Thurs., Apr. 17 – 7:00 pm - HOLY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER & PROCESSION

Fri., Apr. 18 – 3:00 pm – Good Friday Service
7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

Sat., Apr. 19 – 8:00 pm – Easter Vigil

Sun., Apr. 20 – 9:00 am – Easter Sunday Mass

Sun., Apr. 20 - 11:00 am – Easter Sunday Mass

**PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 21st.
HOWEVER, BAPTISM INSTRUCTION CLASS WILL BE HELD ON
MONDAY EVENING AT 7 PM IN THE PARISH HALL.**

Palm Sunday – April 13, 2014

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ShareLife provides for everyone in our archdiocese to have access to a Catholic Family Services counselling office, regardless of their background or religious affiliation. Housebound seniors receive care from Society of Sharing volunteers. Our brothers and sisters in Christ receive assistance overseas through Development & Peace, Canadian Food for Children and the Pastoral Mission Fund. Immigrants and refugees are helped through Catholic Cross-cultural Services and the Office for Refugees. ShareLife supports the education of our priests and deacons at Serra House, Redemptoris Mater and St. Augustine's seminaries. ShareLife creates a happier, brighter and safer community for us all.

Next ShareLife Sunday – May 4, 2014

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

The C.W.L. are asking for parish support for their Fashion Show on April 27. All Canadian clothes made right in Markham. Partial proceeds going to Rose of Durham and St. Vincent de Paul. Show starts at 1:00 pm. Lunch will be served and lots of door prizes. Bring a friend and have a ladies day out. No tickets available during Holy Weekend. Call 905-620-0724. **WE** need your support to keep things working in the parish.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK – PORT PERRY

All Christian Churches invite you to attend the Good Friday Walk on Friday, April 18th, 9:30 am to 10:30 am gathering at the gazebo in Palmer Park.

CATECHIST CORNER

**If the bread we receive at Church is Jesus,
Then how come no apostle taught it?**

Answer: They did.

While the New Testament writers taught as much in many and diverse ways, St. Paul (who calls himself an apostle) was very plain about the whole matter: *The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? And the bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?* – 1 Cor. 10:16

Of course, Jesus Himself speaks at length about how He is the bread of life and how we literally have to eat Him, but you wanted the writing of an apostle. I hope that helps!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (Brooklin Conference) will have their annual "Bundle Sunday" on Saturday, April 26 (4 pm to 6 pm) and Sunday, April 27 (8:30 am to 1 pm). There will be a truck parked in the Parish parking lot to receive your donations of clothing, shoes, and linens (only these items, please) in support of the charitable work of the Society. Please remember to bring your gently-used clothing, shoes and linens. We ask that no bags with items be left on the sidewalk, please take all items to the truck. We thank all the parishioners for their generosity.

The Lamb's Supper - Dr. Scott Hahn - This is one of the most profound and powerful CD's in the Lighthouse Media collection. After listening to "The Lamb's Supper," all I could think of was: I need to share this with everyone I know! Of all things Catholic, there is nothing that is so familiar as the Mass. Yet most Catholics sitting in the pews fail to see

the powerful supernatural drama occurring before them...Heaven on Earth! In his usual passionate and inspiring way, Dr. Hahn examines the early Christians' key to understanding the mysteries of the Mass - the Book of Revelation. Dr. Hahn engages the listener by unpacking the bizarre imagery, the visions, and end of time prophecies and revealing the sacrifice and celebration of the Holy Eucharist. After listening to this CD, I guarantee you will never experience the Mass in the same way again. Francesco Bianco (Parishioner)


**REMINDER – "BUNDLE SUNDAY" ON SAT., APRIL 26
(4 PM TO 6 PM) AND SUNDAY, APR. 27 (8:30 AM TO
1 PM). TRUCK IN PARISH PARKING LOT.**




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