



# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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. Youth Mass

Sunday 9:00 a.m. (with Children's Liturgy JK, SK, Grade 1 & 2) & 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 download the Baptism Information Kit and Registration Form from the parish website, [www.stleothegreat.ca](http://www.stleothegreat.ca)

### 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 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 Pius Alejo* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If *Father Pius Alejo* 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.

FIRST COMMUNIONS



Congratulations to the children who celebrated their First Communion last weekend at the 5 pm. Saturday and the 11 am. Sunday Masses. I am sure their parents are proud of this landmark moment in their children's lives when by the great goodness of Jesus, He gave them Himself in this most holy and mysterious closeness. Now, they are eligible to be regular, every-Sunday partakers of the Lord's blessing and goodness for their lives that He loves them and all of us so much that He would actually feed us in giving us His very self. How incredible and how special for these young children to be admitted into the company of all those generations who were sustained in their faith by the Bread of Angels, the Bread of Life – Jesus!

(Fr. Charles)

TOTUS TUUS IS RETURNING  
TO ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH:  
SAVE THE DATES!

**July 17-21 for students entering grades 7-12**  
**July 18-22 for students entering grades 1-6**

For the sixth year in a row our parish has been privileged to host the annual Totus Tuus week-long youth camp. Totus Tuus is a unique and fun-filled program featuring a team of 4 college-age students who will engage our youth with a week-long program focusing on the Catholic faith. The week is packed with skits, songs, Daily Mass and inspiring teaching. **Registration will take place after all Masses on the weekend of May 14/15.** For more details please visit our parish website at [www.stleothegreat.ca](http://www.stleothegreat.ca)

NOTE: If you will be away the weekend of May 14/15 leaving you unable to register, please go to our parish website (see front of bulletin) and download the online registration form. Fill it out and drop it off at the parish office with your registration fee, or if the office is closed, leave it in the outside office mailbox.

What's behind the demolition of  
conscience rights in Canada?

Autonomy, choice, and tolerance are being used to justify euthanasia but these grand principles don't apply to opponents (by Ethicist Margaret Somerville from [Mercatornet.com](http://Mercatornet.com))

Margaret Somerville is founding director of the Centre for Medicine, Ethics and Law at McGill University in Montreal.

I've been puzzling about why Canadian "progressive" values advocates, particularly those passionately in favour of the legalization of euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide ("physician-assisted death" (PAD)), are so adamant in trying to force healthcare professionals and institutions who have conscience or religious objections to these procedures to become complicit in them.

Complicity would occur if objecting individual physicians were forced to provide "effective referrals" or objecting institutions were forced to allow PAD in their facilities. An "effective referral" is defined by the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons as "a referral made in good faith, to a non-objecting, available, and accessible physician or other health-care provider."

In general, progressive values advocates claim to give priority to rights to individual autonomy, choice, control over what happens to oneself, and tolerance for those who believe differently. Yet in relation to respect for the freedom of conscience and, where relevant, religious belief, of physicians or institutions who oppose PAD, none of these principles seem to be applied. Why?

The usual reason given by PAD supporters is that patients who fulfil the required conditions have a right to access euthanasia now that it's legal in certain circumstances, and that physicians have a duty to enable that access. In other words they argue that pursuant to the *Carter* case physicians have not only a duty not to prevent patients from accessing PAD, but also, a duty to facilitate patients' access to it. The latter would be complicity in PAD by objecting physicians and, consequently, like personally carrying out PAD, objectionable on conscience grounds.

With respect to institutions which refuse to allow PAD, its supporters argue that the receipt of public funding negates rights to freedom of conscience and religious belief. Yet, as the *Loyola School* case in the Supreme Court of Canada shows, the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* can protect private religious institutions from a breach by the state of these fundamental human rights.

It is also argued in support of overriding institutions' refusals to accommodate PAD that patients should not have to be transferred to another institution willing to provide this intervention.

But for reasons of efficiency, access to necessary expertise and its optimal use, and cost-saving, the transfer of patients between institutions which share services occurs on a regular basis. Treating PAD as such a service would be far from exceptional.

It's also noteworthy that up to the present no jurisdiction which permits PAD has forced physicians or institutions to participate, that is, physicians and institutions are free to opt out of any involvement.

So why this insistence that all physicians and institutions must be complicit in PAD? Might the media stories about the cases of PAD carried out in the last few weeks pursuant to specific judicial authorization give us a clue? Pro-euthanasia advocates are reported as having welcomed the deaths occurring in this way, indeed celebrated that this was possible and legal.

I suggest one trigger for this reaction was that they saw their values and beliefs as being affirmed by these deaths.

And, if correct, that insight might help to explain why pro-euthanasia supporters will not allow respect for freedom of conscience and may even welcome the opposition to their values and beliefs which claims to freedom of conscience manifest. This would be the case when overriding such opposition provides pro-euthanasia advocates an opportunity to establish and affirm, first, that PAD and their "progressive" values have become societal norms governing how we die, and, second, that PAD is an acceptable exception to upholding the value of respect for life at the societal level.

There may also be something even deeper at work here, especially in the case of physicians who support imposing a duty on their colleagues with conscientious objections to PAD to refer for it.

Conscientious objection to PAD is a direct and palpable challenge, not only to the views and values of those who support it, but also to the conduct involved in undertaking it. The graver the moral issue involved in any given conduct, the greater is the impact on its ethical acceptability of a challenge to it. Since, hitherto, especially in medicine, the gravest moral issue has been killing people (since *Carter*, it is failure to relieve suffering), PAD proponents will react with particular vehemence to suppress the challenge. Forcing physicians who object to PAD to become complicit in it through referral waters down the impact of those physicians' objections.

Similarly, the formal approval associated with the court rulings authorizing PAD and media attention and applause for providing it helps proponents to confirm the correctness of their views and could assuage lingering doubts about the rightness of their conduct.

To repeat a warning I've delivered before, it must be kept in mind that respect for physicians' freedom of conscience is not only necessary to respect them, it is also required to protect patients and can be the last such protection against doing them serious harm or other serious wrongdoing. We must maintain respect for all physicians' freedom of conscience in general, including with regard to PAD, to maintain this protection of patients.

Finally, the warning in *Freedom of conscience and new LGBT rights* (Mercatornet) that recognizing claims that "gay rights" should override rights to freedom of conscience undermines the entire human rights structure, is equally applicable to recognizing that claims to PAD override freedom of conscience.

## MASS INTENTIONS – April 19 – 22, 2016

**Daily Masses this week of Tuesday April 19 – Friday 22 are cancelled** as Fr. Charles is attending an

Archdiocese of Toronto Good Shepherds Program Course.

Sat. Apr. 23 – 5:00 pm – Maria Tuzi+ Req. Benedetto &

Tuzi Families

Sun. Apr. 24 – 9:00 am – Ronald Martino+ Req.

The Vachon Family & Mrs. Cornwall

11:00 am – Rosario Morra+ Req. Maria &

Rocco Morra

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, 416-968-0997.

### CWL Upcoming Events: Please mark these dates.

**Family Fun Night** – Sat., April 23 – 6:15 – 8:00 pm. \$5 per family. Pizza served at 6 with cold drinks and desserts available. Fun, games and trivia with fun for all and prizes to be won. Fun for the whole family. Call 905-620-0724 or see the ladies selling tickets in the church foyer.

**Coffee Sunday** – April 24 after 9 & 11 am masses.

**Spring Fashion Show**, Fashions from Ava Gray New York, will take place in the parish hall on Sunday, May 1 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.

**Mother's Day Basket Raffle** tickets are \$2 each or 3/\$5. The Draw will be on May 8.

Tickets for both these events can be purchased after all the masses.

### Recycle Your Electronics–April 23

Do you have electronics that you would like to recycle?

**St. Leo Catholic School** will be hosting an electronics **Recycling Day on Saturday, April 23**. Simply drop off any unwanted electronics to the school between the hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. At St. Leo Catholic School, we are proud to be Stewards of Creation! Accepted items: Portable Computers, Display Devices, monitors & TV's Desktop computers, Telephones & Answering machines, cellular devices, audio and video devices, etc.


**Durham's County Town Singers** presents **Curtain Up** – a concert featuring Broadway tunes on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm and Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm Durham Christian Homes – 200 Glen Hill Drive, S. Whitby, ON. Tickets: Adults \$20, Seniors (65+) \$15 and Children (12 & under) \$5. Tickets available at the door or by calling Maureen Holly (905-655-3286 Ext. 101).




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