



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

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

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.

GOOD LEADERS, GOOD SHEPHERDS AND ME, FATHER CHARLES



Last week there were no weekday Masses or the Holy Hour on Wednesday and I wasn't available for appointments, though I put together this bulletin article the week before. I was attending the first group of days which are part of an 18-month program called *Good Leaders, Good Shepherds*, a program designed by the *Catholic Leadership Institute*. It's a new program being offered in the Archdiocese of Toronto and one that, it is intended, all priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto will end up taking.

One of the most common statements made by priests is that the seminary doesn't really prepare us for a life we will live in parishes. I would say that the statement is at least partially true in that we are well formed in philosophy, theology and liturgical practice through seminary formation but the day-to-day life of a parish and the many varied roles fulfilled by the priest as pastor demands that the priest be directly involved and responsible for the financial, pastoral and liturgical realities of a parish. The priest is expected to wear many hats as employer, organizer, counsellor, planner, delegator, facilitator as well as being the bishop's representative in the parish.

In so many ways, priests find themselves ill prepared to some, all or any of the above mentioned roles as well as the many other demands placed upon him in his duty as pastor. With each parish assignment and role each priest brings his own personality. Our human limitations, weaknesses, strengths and personal characters mean that we all will handle different applications and challenges in different ways for good or ill.

Some priests are strong and effective pastors who are able to easily raise funds for the various realities and needs of an individual parish. Other priests may feel more challenged or inadequate in these same areas and yet may feel more comfortable in the pulpit on Sunday in giving the homily. Some priests may be great visionaries and see the needs of a parish and a plan for its fruitfulness before their eyes and work effectively to mobilize the people and resources to this end while others again may find these same gifts lacking in themselves. As well, parish life is constantly in flux with the various liturgical seasons, the sacraments as well as the constant expectations put on the pastor for diocesan programs and initiatives as well as those imposed by the government.

Yet all priests as individual human beings bring their humanity and personalities to their role. The way we handle situations, challenges, emergencies, requests and the individual needs of

each distinct parish is determined in so many ways but what we're made of or what we are lacking. The program Good Leaders, Good Shepherds is designed to work with priests for the betterment of their being equipped to bring their personalities and their pastoral position to work better together both for the good of the priest and the people he is called to serve.

Using Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd as the ultimate model of leadership, *Good Leaders, Good Shepherds* is a world-class curriculum that celebrates and supports the ministry of Catholic priests. Given the demands of ministry and the complexity of running parishes—and for many priests, multiple parishes—effective leadership is paramount to creating and building authentic, vibrant Catholic communities. *Good Leaders, Good Shepherds* is designed to help priests overcome today's challenges of a diminishing number of clergy and more complex circumstances for priestly ministry.

Through formation in *Good Leaders, Good Shepherds*, priests can minimize the frustration and energy that they spend on their administrative roles, and instead, maximize the joy and time spent on the pastoral duties for which they were uniquely ordained.

Our mission is to help strengthen priestly identity, ministry, and fraternity. We believe this happens best when priests take time for themselves — in the company of one another — to learn, pray, socialize, and look to the future with hope.

Ultimately, the impact of this formation will be more holy, healthy, and happy shepherds of vibrant parish communities, leading more people to a deeper relationship with Christ.

Benefits of Good Leaders, Good Shepherds

- Vital, sustainable leadership skills and best practices designed for priestly ministry in the 21st century.
- Increased confidence and competence in pastoral leadership.
- Comprehensive pastoral formation in support of the Basic Plan.
- Regular fraternal support; strengthened presbyteral unity.
- Committed professional, prayerful assistance from the CLI team.
- Diocesan witness value; quality support, care, and training for priests.

As a priest for 23 years I am aware of the gifts I have and those I lack. Looking back over the years and the parish assignments I've had I am also mindful of the successes and the failures I've experienced largely due to my own personality and the way I see things and the way I try to get things done. I know I have not always chosen the right course of action or taken the right direction, and goodness knows the times I have not treated people and situations with the charity and understanding they deserved. It is my hope that this course, taken alongside other priests who like me are trying to put the universe together and make sense of things, will benefit me as a priest and all of you whom I am mandated by Christ to shepherd. Please pray for me and my brother priests who will walk this road of challenge, change and good experience.

In the 18-months ahead, understandably, I will have to cancel weekday Masses from time to time to attend the programs being held in various locations and venues. Thank you. (Fr. Charles)

MASS INTENTIONS – Apr. 26 – May 1/16

- Tues., April 26 – 8:30 am – Lucy Boire+ Req. DD friends
- Wed., April 27 – 7:00 pm – Domenico Giancola+ Req. Vince & Teresa Corvinelli
- Thurs., April 28 – 8:30 am – Mary Busby+ Req. The Busby Family
- Fri., April 29 – 8:30 am - Robert St. Denis+ Req. M. St. Denis
- Sat. Apr. 30 – 5:00 pm – Vincenzina Mammone+ Req. Anna Maria Tuzi & Family
- Sun. May 1 – 9:00 am – Minda Figuracion+ Req. Yatabe Family
11:00 am – Corinna McQuat+ Req. Rosary Apostolate

Fifth Sunday of Easter – April 24, 2016

Working wonders for our new arrivals in Canada...

"As an Iraqi Christian, the Office for Refugees (ORAT) has provided me with the opportunity to meet other people who have experienced the same thing that I have. We are able to help support each other in this new journey to Canada without ORAT, I do not know where I would be today. It is possible I would still be in Jordan, afraid for my life, unable to practice my religion, and under threat of deportation. The work that ORAT did truly gave me hope and a chance at life free from persecution and fear. ORAT has also invited me to volunteer with them, and I am even able to sponsor a new person or family to come to Canada with their help." *Sara, a Christian refugee from Iraq.* Since 2009, ShareLife-supported ORAT has sponsored over 2,500 families to be resettled in the GTA.

Next ShareLife Sunday is May 29, 2016

Please give generously. Together we can work wonders!

CWL Upcoming Events: Please mark these dates.

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter – April 24, 2016

The new commandment of love is required of everyone who follows the risen Lord. How do you fulfill the commandment? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997.

Catholic Education Week 2016 – May 1-6, 2016 – "Opening Doors of Mercy!"


We invite all parishioners to join in celebrating Catholic Education Week 2016, which runs from May 1-6. For more than 160 years, Ontario's publicly-funded Catholic schools have been integrating our faith into all aspects of school life, nurturing the gifts and talents of every student. We celebrate the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools provide, giving thanks and offering our prayers for all those who faithfully journey with our young people each day. For more information about Catholic Education Week visit ww.goodnewsforall.ca




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