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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 (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 Victor Amole* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If Father Victor 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.

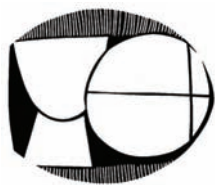
A BELATED RECOGNITION

In the busyness of Easter I neglected to recognize and thank those parishioners who with me transformed the church from the starkness of Good Friday to the splendor of Easter: Andrzej, Magda, Matthew, Kuba and Helena Nowak; Ferma, Stephanie and Adam Collings. Great involvement and beautiful job done! Thank you.

**TOTUS TUUS IS RETURNING TO ST. LEO
SAVE THE DATES!**

**August 9-13 for students entering grades 7-12
August 10-14 for students entering grades 1-6**

For the fifth 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 information was issued in a special insert in last Sunday's bulletin. If you missed it, please call the parish office at 905-655-3286.



**St. Leo the Great Parish
Congratulates the
First Communion
Recipients**

On behalf of all our parishioners we pray God's blessing on the children who this weekend will have received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. With their parents they have covered the beautiful materials in the *Jesus Brings Us Life* book which helped to prepare them with catechesis for their First Reconciliation (last December) and their First Communion now. They have been nourished these many past months with the Word of God in the midst of this Catholic community as they attended Sunday Mass. We thank God for His gift of His Son, Jesus, who feeds them with His Body and Blood, our spiritual food for the journey of life. God bless them and their families.

A 23-YEAR-OLD INSPIRATION



(From MSN online)
A 23-year-old student in Australia has been inundated with messages of support and praise after taking in his homeless, pregnant cousin when she had no one else to

turn to. Tommy Connolly, an aspiring athlete at the University of the Sunshine Coast, said he hadn't seen his 17-year-old cousin for

more than a decade when he moved to resume his studies and decided to get in touch.

Student Tommy Connolly has worked extra shifts selling fruit and vegetables to help his cousin and her baby get by, after he brought her in off the streets.

He found out that his cousin had been sleeping rough on the streets on the Gold Coast, was 32 weeks pregnant, had no shoes or phone and was almost illiterate.

With the baby's father in jail and her parents not on the scene, Mr. Connolly said he took his cousin in "to make sure she'd keep the baby, stay off the streets and have a better life".

Writing on Facebook, he said: "This was her only option. She's spent more time on the streets than anywhere else, and knows the police better than she knows her own family."

"She could write the book on traumatic experiences. Not many people know her story. It's very intense. Nobody deserves the life she's had."

Between studies and his track athletics training, Mr. Connolly worked selling fruit and vegetables to cover the cost of moving into a new home and preparing for the arrival of the baby.

Then, in mid-March, he posted a picture to his Facebook page showing both mother and baby healthy in hospital and said: "Well... I just filmed a birth and cut the umbilical cord!"

Mr. Connolly's older brother Liam has since set up a Gofundme page where people can donate up to a target of \$50,000 (AUS) to help the unlikely new family get started, and Facebook posts tracking their progress have been shared thousands of times.

In an interview with Daily Mail Australia, Mr. Connolly said he was aware he'd done a "really good thing" but "felt guilty getting all this attention".

"We've had all these messages which has made us realise there are so many other people in this situation, I don't want people to think it's a unique thing," he said.

Mr. Connolly admitted he had taken on "the father role as you'd imagine," but added: "[My cousin] does 90 per cent of the work – and if it's one or two years of my life I have to put on hold to make sure two lives are going to be saved it's nothing at all."

On Facebook, the cousin said she was "the luckiest girl in the world".

"Since carrying this gorgeous boy, all of my friends kept telling me that he would be taken away from me," she said. "This made my pregnancy very difficult. All I wanted was to give this little man a better life than I had – a second chance was all I wanted. Thank-you, Tommy for everything, and for helping me with my spelling."

Mr. Connolly has previously cycled from Brisbane to Sydney to raise money for underprivileged school children in Ecuador, and on the Gofundme page his brother said he had "always been the most generous one".

"I set this page up to give Tommy the kick start that he needs and to try and give this little baby boy the life that his mum never had," he wrote.

"If everyone out there gave just a small amount it could create a life for a new born baby boy that almost missed out had it not been for my brother Tommy stepping in to rescue him from an uncertain future with no family there to protect him."

Catholic Teachers' Guild (Durham) Hosting Dr. Moira McQueen on Euthanasia: Moral or Legal?

The Catholic Teachers' Guild of Durham has invited Doctor Moira McQueen to St. John the Evangelist Parish to speak to the issue of Euthanasia. As Canada deliberates on the Supreme Court Ruling, the Catholic teaching community will take this opportunity to look at the legality and morality of this decision. Dr. McQueen will address the issue and provide material for reflection. As a part of her presentation, Dr. McQueen will be available to answer any questions the audience may have.

Date: Wednesday May 20th Time: 7:00 pm.

**Place: St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Whitby
903 Giffard Street, Whitby**

Cost: Free of charge!

Dr. McQueen is a professor at St. Michael's Faculty of Theology at the University of Toronto and serves as the Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute and is a member of the International Theological Commission approved by Pope Francis. On the topic of Euthanasia Dr. McQueen said:

"The real danger with legalising euthanasia and assisted suicide is that people take the law to be truth: if it's legal it's okay. If it's illegal it's not okay. And as long as killing is acceptable under certain circumstances, the slippery slope (that dreaded expression!) has begun."

MORE JOKES.....

A woman asked her husband to take out the garbage and he replied, "Why should I? You cooked it!"

Following a physical examination the doctor told his male patient that he should walk ten kilometers a day and then call him in a week.

The man called the doctor a week later and said, "Hey doc, I'm 70 kilometers from home; now what do I do?"

A man whose cat had just died called the local parish to inquire of the priest whether he could give the cat a Catholic funeral. The priest, astonished that this man would make such a request replied, "Are you crazy? Funerals are only for humans not animals."

The man replied, "But Father, the cat left a small fortune and wanted to give the money to the Church."

Said the priest, "Well, why didn't you say the cat was Catholic?"

A woman coming out of church, passed by the parish priest saying to him, "Father, I just love your homilies. Each one you give is better than the next one!"

Mass Intentions – April 28-May 3

Tues. 8:30 am – Tim Hutton+ req. M. Vonk

Wed. 7:00 pm – Rose Elizabeth Johnston+ req. M. Vonk

Thurs. 8:30 am – Rose Elizabeth Johnston+ req. Hotner Family

Fri. 8:30 am – Brent McDowell+ req. Larry Tozer

Sat. 5:00 pm – Int. Kathleen Holly req. M. Holly

Sunday 9:00 am – Int. Maria & Joe Karam req. Karam Family

Sunday 11:00 am – Frances Piazza+ req. V. & E. Murphy

FASHION SHOW AND FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The CWL will be hosting a **Spring Fashion Show on Saturday May 23 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm** with doors opening at noon for a sneak peek, here at St. Leo the Great being held in the parish hall. The Fashion Show will be featuring all Canadian made clothing from Peachtree Originals of Markham.

Coffee, tea and desserts will be served. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and can be obtained by calling Jeananne 905-6118 or Donna 905-620-0724. This would be a great gift for mom on Mother's Day.

The parish **Family Fun Night has been rescheduled to Saturday May 30 at 6:30 – 8:00 pm** in the parish hall. Just \$5.00 per family. Please plan to come and join other families for an evening of Trivia and other fun challenges. Pizza, beverages and desserts will be provided. Please register your family by calling Jeananne at 905-579-6118 or Donna at 905-620-0724 as they need to know how much pizza to order.

MARCH FOR LIFE IN OTTAWA

On **Thursday May 14th the National March For Life** will take place in **Ottawa** on the front lawn of the Parliament Buildings and will weave through the streets of Ottawa. Last year there were 23,000 people who attended and it attracts men and women, children, families, grandparents, clergy and people of all stripes who wish to stand for the unborn child in this country. It is not a protest but a peaceful yet powerful witness to our country in our nation's capital of our defense for the right to life of all people here and in the world.

We have hired a coach to take people from our parish to Ottawa on that day, leaving in the morning and returning in the evening. The coach will accommodate 56 people and in order to cover the cost of the bus to the parish we are charging \$35.00 per person, not a bad price for a comfortable bus ride to and from Ottawa.

Tickets will be on sale after all the masses and once the bus is full, it's full.

Doors Open Whitby Sites – May 2

On Saturday May 2 between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm Doors Open Whitby sponsored by Ontario Heritage Trust will be featuring Brooklin United Church at 19 Cassels Rd East. There will be music, vintage clothing display and video and light refreshments in the Hall. The church choir and other musicians will provide an hour concert at 1:00 – 2:00 pm and it's FREE. To find other sites check your local papers.


**Last Confirmation Session Wednesday April 29.
Confirmation: Wednesday May 13 at 7:00 pm Mass
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Bp. Nguyen**




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