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THE MOVIES WITHIN!

I'm a bit of a movie buff. No, I don't know most actors by name - as I do well just to remember my own some days - but I do love a good movie and would have to admit that I've seen plenty of them. As I tend to watch movies alone, I used to like the idea of renting movies and watching them at my leisure when the day is done and there's nothing else I'm supposed to do, (though there's always something that needs doing). I see myself as one who has a relatively good sense of humour but I don't care much for comedies as most of them wouldn't catch the lone movie watcher laughing out loud even once through a whole flick. Rare is the film that can make me laugh out loud in the midst of my solitary movie gazing. I also don't care much for sci-fi stuff because much of it is way too far out there. Heck, the strangest stuff we could ever imagine makes the daily news not the box office.

My preference in movies tends to be in the area of drama for these are more often than not based on real-life stories and situations and draws me the viewer into the story. Drama's make me think and have the potential power to have me continue to reflect upon the issues and the principals portrayed. I will never forget the way I felt when I first saw the movie *The Mission* way back in 1986, a movie the IMDb described as *Eighteenth century Spanish Jesuits try to protect a remote South American tribe in danger of falling under the rule of pro-slavery Portugal*. The story and the cinematography combined with Ennio Morricone's hauntingly beautiful musical score left me and the whole audience motionless and speechless as the movie credits ascended the blackened screen at the movie's end.

There was the movie *Romero* which came out in 1989 about the life of Archbishop Oscar Romero who peacefully sought to resist and fight against the tyranny of the repressive military regime in El Salvador which in the end cost him his life. The Archbishop was shot to death as he celebrated Mass. Again, the music of this film lingers in my memory still as it supports the sense, the feeling left from the movie of the high cost of human suffering in the world and the heroic holiness of those who resist the current of evil which costs them their life.

Yet another more recent film was the movie from 2012, *For Greater Glory*, with an all-star cast which covered the true story of the 1920's Cristero's war that took place in Mexico when the state turned against the Catholic Church, murdering priests and punishing anyone who would not submit to the military forces. The movie exposes a young boy who joined in the pursuit of truth and faith and was in fact killed for it, making him in time a recognized, canonized Saint and Martyr of the Catholic Church, Jose Sanchez del Rio. Our own Cardinal Archbishop, Thomas Collins, has stated that this young Saint from the last century is one who has won his admiration for his great suffering and heroism in not betraying Christ. His final words before they executed him were, "Long live Christ the King!"

Gone are the days of going out to rent a movie which included walking up and down the aisles of some considerably large stores in hopes of choosing a movie or two for home viewing. When the big stores began to close I remember thinking, "What will we do now?" Yet in time one venue is replaced by another and now there is Netflix and others who supply or oversupply our appetite for movie

watching to the point where whole series of TV shows can be watched in what is referred to as a 'binge'. DVD's are already becoming a thing of the past.

What gives me pause for contemplation and some concern is the high volume of "Horror" movies. There are plenty of movies among both the new releases and the 'oldies' films that I would classify as replacements for our pent up frustrations as a society. Why would people pay to go to the show or rent a movie that would scare the living daylights out of them or put you, the audience, in the midst of some truly creepy scenes the likes of which bad, bad dreams are made of?

Movies about catastrophes, evil, the devil, murder, war and mayhem, darkness personified and you pretty well name it, are the stuff so many movies are made of today. And it makes one wonder what the movie makers and the movie goers are looking to achieve or satisfy. Obviously the movie makers are out to make a buck - that is, after all, their business - but what of the watchers. If a truly good movie can inspire what is the point of one which fills us with images of terror, violence and evil? Fulton Sheen once said that if we have finally denied hell and the reality of the devil and evil, then evil had to go somewhere, so it went into human hearts and came out in the movies we watch about catastrophe, disaster, murder, violence, gore and a sense of hopelessness.

I realize that movie watching is subject to personal taste and that a movie I would love and appreciate would be considered as boring by someone else. However, when one looks back at the great movies of all time, their timelessness comes from the impact of the eternal truths they reflect of beauty, goodness, decency, loyalty, courage and faith. (Fr. Charles)



Upon receiving the prestigious American Film Institute Life Achievement Award, film legend Gregory Peck, in his later years said in his acceptance speech:

"There's been a lot of glamorous financial news in the papers lately, multimedia conglomerates, billions of dollars in assets, and much more such mergers are to come, so we are told. Well, I would like to hear some

glamorous talk about elevating the quality of films and television. Entertainment that, in the words of T.S. Eliot, 'enlarges the sympathies, that stimulates the mind and the spirit, that warms the heart, punctures the balloons of hypocrisy, greed and sham, tickles the funny bone, and leaves us with a glow that comes when we have been well entertained'.

Making millions is not the whole ball game, fellas, pride of workmanship is worth more, artistry is worth more; the human imagination is a priceless resource. The public is ready for the best you can give them. It just may be that you can make a buck and at the same time encourage, foster and commission work of quality and originality." Gregory Peck

Since I am not preaching this weekend and therefore won't be regaling you with more of my Easter jokes, here is one to tide you over until next weekend.

We were so poor when we were young that we didn't even have a television. Our form of entertainment came from our pet rooster named Gregory. Every Saturday night after supper we'd sit around and watch Gregory peck. (Fr. C)

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 17th

8:30 a.m. † Robert St. Denis

Wednesday, April 18th

7:00 p.m. † Margit Pinn
† Vinko Korosec

Thursday, April 19th

8:30 a.m. † Philip Launay

Friday, April 20th

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Barry St. Denis

Saturday, April 21st

4:30 p.m. † Mary & Harold Forbes

Sunday, April 22nd

9:00 a.m. † Lamberto Miel
11:00 a.m. † Rosa Ferrara

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Camp Ozanam is for boys ages 7-12 and is located near Sunridge Ontario north of Huntsville. Campers may attend one of five, seven day sessions.

No fees are charged.

KofC BREAKFAST

St. Leo Knights of Columbus will serve Breakfast on April 29th. following the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. Masses. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a **full Breakfast** of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice in the Church hall. Adults - \$5.00, Children ages 4 - 12 - \$3.00 and Children under 4 - free. Hope to see you there.

SPRING FASHION SHOW

Featuring fashions from Alia / Tan Jay. Save the afternoon of Sunday, April 22. Tickets \$15 per person. Lunch included Tickets available after Easter. Sponsored by CWL to assist their foster child in Haiti

Inaugural 40 Cans For Lent Food Drive: A Huge Success!

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

The Knights of Columbus would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who donated to the 2018 **40 Cans For Lent** food drive. The food drive collected just over 1000 lbs. of non-perishable donations. Your generous support will provide food assistance to individuals and families experiencing poverty and food insecurity in Durham Region.

FATHER CHARLES' 25th ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

A committee of Parishioners has met to plan a parish celebration for Father Charles' 25th Ordination Anniversary to be held on **May 6, 2018** after the 11 Mass. We hope to have as many parishioners as possible attend.

Each of our 3 weekend Masses will develop their own Spiritual Bouquet of Masses, Holy Communion, prayers etc for the intentions of Fr. Charles. A sheet for you to indicate your prayer offerings will be available in the foyer after Mass on the next few weekends.

A Reception is being planned by the ladies of the CWL for after the May 6, 11 Mass. If you and your family can attend we need you to complete the Attendance Form so that we have lots of delicious food for all. This form will be available at the back of the church.

There will be no parish gift however we will have a box in the vestibule available on the weekends of Apr 21/22, 28/29 & May 5/6. This box would be for cards of congratulations and any monetary gifts you would like to give Father which might assist his future plans for retirement.

Let's make this a great St. Leo Parish celebration in thanksgiving for our beautiful church, the goodness of our people and for God's providing us with Father Charles to guide our spiritual growth.

TOTUS TUUS IS COMING BACK!

The children and youth of the parish are invited to join us once again for *Totus Tuus* this summer from July 22nd to the 27th. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and college/university students travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechetical instruction, mass, confession, adoration songs and games. More information is available at www.totustuutoronto.ca

**Children entering grades 1 thru 6,
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More news and information on how to register will be announced in the coming weeks! Also if there are any adults interested in helping out as missionary assistants for the week please contact me personally at the church **(905) 655-3286 ext. 109** or by email youth@stleothegreat.ca. Thank you for your continued prayers and support, *(Dennis Wardle, Youth Director)*




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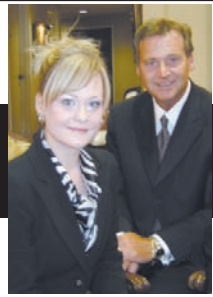


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