



# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 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.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**HOLY THURSDAY**

*(Thursday of the Lord's Supper)*

**Mass at 7 pm. with procession of Bl. Sacrament**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

*(Friday of the Passion of Our Lord)*

**3:00 pm. Holy Communion & Veneration**

**Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.**

**EASTER VIGIL**

*(The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night)*

**8:00 pm. Highest Liturgy of the Year**

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**

**9:00 am. and 11 am.**

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT AT ST. LEO the GREAT

*LENTEN POVERTY MEAL*



**SOUP & BREAD – Donations only accepted with all proceeds going to our SVDP. 5:00 – 6:15 pm.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:30 – 7**

**pm.**

**MASS – 7:00 pm.**



**INTRO TO THE BOOK OF REVELATION: GOD'S MESSAGE OF HOPE IN A DIFFICULT TIME**

**Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 10 am. to 2 pm. with lunch at 12 pm. in St. Leo the Great Parish Hall. *The sign-up is filling up fast.***

**There is no charge for the day and lunch will be provided along with coffee, tea, juice and water throughout the event. *Free will offering only.***

**To Register, put your name on the clipboard sign-up list in the vestibule.**

**Note:** Now is the time to read the Book of Revelation in preparation for this upcoming presentation. It is tough slogging, to be sure, but it is the only book in all of the 73 books of the Bible that comes with a blessing to the one who reads it.

*"Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it; for the time is near." (Rev. 1:3)*

**IT'S NEVER TOO LATE.... UNTIL IT IS.**

We are now entering the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent which is past the midway point of this penitential season and next Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week with Palm Sunday. Perhaps you may find yourself totally unprepared for Lent let alone Easter and you're saying to yourself, "I haven't done anything since Lent began". But there is hope. It is never too late to renew your faith in a faith that is renewable. Lent is for the benefit of the people of the earth, not heaven, and there is still time to do

the work Lent calls us to do within ourselves: to fast, to pray and to do works of charity.

**FASTING**



Fasting means to go without something – a meal, a luxury, something we are fond of in our tastes that induces some level of hardship in order that we might draw our attention to the fact that emptying ourselves of self interest and self desires creates a space – for God to fill. and this is the point of "giving up" in order that we might be "filled up" with God!

However, Lent should never be reduced to merely material things or food but with what we are willing to take on. A decision to go out to another with whom we desire reconciliation or forgiveness or to someone who needs our forgiveness is far more important than bread or money because it pertains to relationships which are part of the great commandment of Jesus to "love one another".

**ALMSGIVING**



This is an admittedly strange word which only seems to appear in the scriptures referring to giving money to the needy. All of us know, however, just how many hands there are reaching out in legitimate need for that commodity of trade which allows things unattainable to the poor to

be purchased. Jesus told Simon that "the poor you will have with you always", which isn't in any way, shape or form to be construed as Our Lord's prediction that poverty among people will be a norm of life among humans. Rather, Jesus, knowing the human heart, knew that there is this part of us that wants to hold on to things, to covet and to not share our goods, our money, our 'stuff'. Babies come into the world with their little hands clutched together as if to suggest that through original sin we have a selfish desire to hold onto things rather than to let go of them. The decision to part with money which represents our labour is to recognize our own blessing and be a blessing to others. And yet, as in all things spiritual, we discover in our giving that we receive something far greater, the logic and blessing of which scripture tells us "It is better to give than to receive". (Acts. 20:35b)

**PRAYER**



There are literally hundreds of thousands if not millions of books that have been written on the subject of prayer but they are all meaningless if they don't convey and we don't understand the truth that prayer is communing with God and allowing God to commune with us. It is pure privilege and the great giving and gift of our God that He chose to communicate with us through

the prophets, through the scriptures, the Church and most especially through His Son, Jesus, who taught us to pray to His Father, allowing us to do what had been up until that time the unthinkable – to call God, *our Father!* Jesus told us to ask for anything in prayer, yet prayer should never be reduced in our relationship with divinity as just asking but of seeking truth, discerning and even questioning. To thank the Lord for all His many, many blessings and gifts in our being and our hope in living with Him forever!

Yes, it is never too late.... provided we respond to God now, today, in this moment, for that is all any of us have. *"If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts."* (Fr.C)

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue, Apr 4	8:30 a.m.	Int of Evelyn Mullaney
Wed, Apr 5	7:00 p.m.	Int of Madge St. Denis Maria Lazzaro +
Thu, Apr 6	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
Fri, Apr 7	7:00 p.m.	Int of Joanna Sabala
Sat, Apr 8	5:00 p.m.	Johnny & Franco Tamburro +
Sun, Apr 9	9:00 a.m.	Armenio Medeiros +
	11:00 a.m.	Fedele Cavallari +

### SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

“The ShareLife campaign provides for the needs of our social service agencies, helps to evangelize the Gospel to brothers and sisters in Christ across the world, and supports the education of our clergy. It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they’re invisible but, always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. **Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday.**”

—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

**Today is ShareLife Sunday – April 2, 2017**

**Please give generously.**

### TOTUS TUUS – SAVE THE DATES

Totus Tuus is returning to St. Leo the Great Parish for the seventh year in a row! These are the dates to save:

Sunday July 23 – Thursday July 27 will be the Evening program for students entering grades 7 -12;

Monday July 24 – Friday July 28 will be the Day Program for students entering grades 1 – 6.

### CWL REGIONAL MEETING

Just a reminder that there is a CWL Regional Meeting this coming Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 with Mass at 7:00 p.m. meeting to follow in the hall. All CWL members welcome!

### PAUL DAVIS SAFETY TALK

The Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee is hosting Paul Davis on safety of the internet on April 20, 2017 at 7 pm at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary in Ajax. This is a very valuable and important talk for ALL parents and youth 13+. It is a FREE event, child minding is available and there will be refreshments.

### SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS

Holy Family Parish, located at 91 Ribblesdale Dr. Whitby presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Monday April 10 at 7:00 pm. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be there with his very special ministry to teach about these holy objects. He will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church’s history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

### LAY PASTORAL VISITORS TRAINING

Office of Formation for Discipleship will be offering the Lay Pastoral Visitors Training beginning on April 20, 2017. This training is designed to prepare lay persons to provide pastoral visits and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins of our parish communities. Participants are required to attend all 5 days. New and seasoned volunteers are welcome to attend. This training will be held at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Whitby on Thursdays April 20, May 4, 18, 25 & June 8, 2017 – 6:30pm to 9:00pm. There is no cost to attend, however registration is required. For further information, please call (416) 934-3400 ext. 523 or visit: <https://www.archtoronto.org/our-catholic-faith/programs-and-workshops>

### VOCATION SEEDS

“Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe that your plan is God’s plan? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

#### **St. John of the Cross said ...**


“The Lord measures out perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them.”




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