

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 OVER THE NEXT SUNDAY'S

This weekend and the following two weekends will be the First Communion Sundays in our parish. We welcome those children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion and their guests. For some reason, parents avoided the 9 am. Mass when making their selection at what Mass their child would receive their First Communion. The Saturday 5 pm. Mass is less crowded than the Sunday Masses, so this will really only leave our Sunday 11 am. Mass extra crowded. We have put all of the chairs from the parish hall into the church and will leave them here for the duration of the First Communion Sunday's which will provide much more seating for our parishioners and the guests of the families with children making their First Communion.

I would suggest for those who want to avoid the crowds at the 11 am. Masses over the next few weekends to consider going to the 9 am. Sunday morning Mass as there are no First Communion's booked.

Admittedly, we will have to look at and rectify this situation for next year. I thank all of our parishioners for their cooperation and understanding at this first occasion of our young children receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. *(Fr. Charles)*

A SAD PASSING

I was surprised and saddened to hear of the death of 44 year-old Jason Joseph Mercer, the son of the late Kathleen and Joe Mercer of our parish. Jason was a police constable in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and gave the eulogies at the funerals of first his mother in September and then his father in November of 2015 here at St. Leo the Great Parish. Jason leaves behind his wife, Tina, and their three boys Kaleb, Easton and Maguire.



Be near, O Lord, we pray, to your servant

Jason Joseph Mercer.

Should any stain of sin have clung to him

or any human fault have affected him,

grant that it may, by your loving gift, be forgiven and wiped away.

Keep his family in your care with your loving consolation and peace.

Through Christ our Lord.

TRIDUUM THANK YOU'S

The Great Three Days (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil) were once again fitting remembrances of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection in our parish. But it's thanks to the many individual people who either assisted with the set up for each of the very different liturgies or by their participation in the liturgies through the ministries they serve in.

ALTAR SERVERS AND THEIR PARENTS

Our Altar Servers assisted at the altar well at all of our liturgies but it was more than just their showing up for the individual services or Masses. The servers attended practice sessions to go over the details of each particular liturgy and their parents

dropped them off and picked them up again. Thank you for the commitment of the Altar Servers' parents to the importance of the Triduum liturgies and to the servers themselves who so beautifully and faithfully served the Lord at the altar.

LECTORS

Many lectors (readers) are needed to proclaim the Word of God which serves as the spoken word recalling and retelling the suffering but great love of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Their efforts bring to life the truths of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection which, in all liturgy, leads to Communion with Him.

USHERS

Through their greeting of parishioners and visitors at the door to their activities in assisting the crowds of people who attended the Great Three Days, our ushers offered hospitality and help, and contributed greatly in the various stages of the services and the Mass. They are the face of the welcome our parish gives.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Assisting in the distribution of Holy Communion each Sunday and through the Three Days our Eucharistic Ministers served in the ministry and the Source of their ministry they love so much – Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. From Holy Thursday to the massive crowds of Good Friday and Easter Sunday they brought Jesus from the altar to the assembly with great love and devotion.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Liturgy without music would still be liturgy but it would be lyrics without a song. Our music for the Triduum featured assembled musicians, cantors and singers from our three Sunday Masses (along with a few visiting guests) to come together as one for the individual liturgical celebrations throughout the Great three Days. Under the direction of Bill Targett, along with his faithful assistant and wife, Kay, the music ministers, choir members, cantors and musicians came together to provide the moving musical pieces. On Holy Thursday as 12 feet were washed there was the singing of the thought-provoking *Song of the Lord's Command*, and at the Easter Vigil, the Exsultet and the beautiful psalm responses to the corresponding readings were wonderfully contemplative as they echoed God's creation, His call to His people, His eternal call to us and the gift of baptism. The joy of Easter continued in the music of Easter Sunday and at the 9 am. Mass May and Johann Manzano were accompanied by organ and keyboard talents of parishioner Ted Schuck and the added voice of his daughter, Teagan. The 11 am. Mass was faithfully and joyfully celebratory with the 11 am. choir which had already served over the previous three days.

LITURGY SET-UP HELPERS

Perhaps the most hidden group involved in the Triduum is also the most obvious group in the sight of the fruit of their labour. The set-up and take-down for each of the very different liturgies of the Triduum was accomplished with the great help and time of the following who helped me:

Ferma, Stephanie and Adam Collings;
Magda, Andrzej, Matthew and Kuba Nowak;
Tom & Joan Barker.

The flowers of Easter were and are spectacular and like never before fittingly and well served to remind us of the splendor and the great gift of the Lord's Resurrection, our victory. *(Fr. Charles)*

Mother Mary Angelica

1923 – 2016



The Foundress of the world renowned Catholic media giant, EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) died on Easter Sunday.

Mother Angelica had been in declining health since suffering a severe cerebral hemorrhage on Christmas Eve 2001. Accordingly, she brought to the fore prayer, liturgy, the sacraments, sacramentals, the saints, adoration of the Eucharist,

spiritual warfare, etc. And as someone who worked in the seminary world for twenty years, I can testify that this is precisely what made her talks and programs attractive to a younger generation of Catholics, who found much of liberal Catholicism indistinguishable from secular political and self-help programs.

Mother Angelica was born in Canton, Ohio in 1923. She established a monastery in Alabama, and after initially supporting the community by producing religious pamphlets, she decided to make a venture in broadcasting.

Mother Mary Angelica has died at the age of 92. She joined a convent in 1944 and later founded Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Irondale in 1962, with her nuns selling fishing lures and books to buy land and build. She started *EWTN* in 1981 in a garage next to the monastery after she got her start buying *time* on local TV and radio shows. She was disliked by all the right people, and recognized as the genuine article by the Catholic faithful the world over.

With only \$200 in the bank, she began broadcasting her show out of that rural Alabama garage in the southern U.S. The network has radio platforms, including a shortwave broadcasting network, online and digital media outlets, global news services and a publishing group.

When WHNT News 19 visited her after her recovery from a stroke, she had this message to share with our viewers: "I love them with all my heart".

Mother Angelica, one of the most significant figures in the post-conciliar Catholic Church in America, has died after a fourteen-year struggle with the after effects of a stroke. We thank God for Mother Angelica and for the gift of her extraordinary life. Her show grew into *Eternal Word Television Network*, which has long had the blessing of the Vatican. EWTN blossomed, transmitting 24-hour-a-day programming to more than 264 million homes in 144 countries. To date, *EWTN* is deemed as the largest religious media network across the globe.

(Sylvester Abbott)

*"God wants you to be in the world,
but so different from the world that you will change it.
Get cracking!"*

"Boldness should be the 11th Commandment."

"The Father wants to look down and see His image on your soul. This is the purpose of Christianity."

MASS INTENTIONS – April 5 – 10, 2016

Tues. Apr. 5 – 8:30 am – Bonnici Family+ req. J. Boland

Tues. Apr. 5 – 9:15 am – St. JP II School Mass (Church)

JoAnne Racioppo (nee Fice)+ req. by School

Wed. Apr. 6 – 7:00 pm- Sacrament of Confirmation Gd 7

Ints. of Confirmation Candidates

Thurs. Apr. 7 – 8:30 am – Deceased Members Boland Family

req. J. Boland

Fri. Apr. 8 – 8:30 am – Deceased Members of Mamo Family

req. J. Boland

Sat. Apr. 9 – 5:00 pm – Valerie Hotner+ req. M. Wesley

Sun. Apr. 10 – 9:00 am – Raphael Bravo+ req. Bravo Family

11:00 am – Valerie Hotner+ req. M. Vonk

Reminder: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Wednesday April 6 at 7:00 pm in the Church. All Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors please be at the church at least 20 mins before Mass begins.

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.

The Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast has been cancelled this month due to First Holy Communion celebration weekend masses. Thank you for your understanding.

Second Sunday of Easter

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's Call to priesthood or consecrated life? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Arch. Of Toronto 416-968-0997.

Working wonders in our community


Terry obtained his Master's Degree in music and philosophy earlier in life and was successful in careers in spirituality with the Carmelites as well as in the hospitality industry. While working, he became addicted to alcohol. Recognizing the seriousness of his problem and in order to return to work successfully, Terry would need to be involved in a long term recovery program. He chose the spiritually enriched program St. Michael's Homes offered and as a result, Terry became focused and deeply connected with the staff at St. Michael's and was able to continue on the right path. He looks forward to the day soon when he can confidently leave and be successful once again in the hospitality industry, and an inspiration to those around him. ShareLife funded agencies like St. Michael's Homes helps many men suffering from substance abuse get their lives back on track through life-changing counselling and extensive support. Next **ShareLife Sunday is April 17**. Please give generously.




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