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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.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 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 pick up a baptism package from Fr. Charles after mass.

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

LENTEN DATES TO REMEMBER

Every Wednesday – Holy Hour 6 -7 pm.
followed by Mass at 7 pm.

Parish Mission/Retreat – 4 Days
from Sunday April 6 – Wednesday April 9
at 7 pm. each evening with Fr. Paul Nicholson
Parish Confessions – Thursday April 10 at 7 pm.

PARISH MISSION SCHEDULE

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ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH MISSION

Sunday April 6 to Thursday April 10

Weekend of April 5th and 6th

Fr. Paul will preach at all Masses

Sunday April 6th at 7 pm. – 8 pm.

Parish's 4-Day Lenten Mission begins.

Mon., Tues. & Wed. Apr. 7,8, & 9, at 7 pm.

Parish Mission continued..... 1-Hour talk each evening

***Special* Wednesday April 9th at 6 am.**

**(For Men of the Parish) Catholic Minute Men Retreat –
½ Hour meditation on St. Joseph during the Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a light breakfast
at 6:30 am. provided by our parish's Knights of Columbus
in the Parish Hall.**

Thursday April 10, at 7 pm.

Parish Reconciliation (Confessions)
with several priests for confession

Weekday Mass Schedule – Week of Mission

Monday to Thursday – 8:30 am. Friday - 7 pm.

SO, WHAT IS A 'PARISH MISSION'?

For the last month we have been advertising our Parish Mission which will begin this weekend (Sunday evening at 7-8 pm.) and run for four consecutive evenings as our Mission director, Fr. Paul Nicholson of the London, Ontario diocese, presents a one-hour talk each evening covering what is known in the Church as The Four Last Things: (and taxes ain't one of them) Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell. Everyone on the face of the earth, save the Blessed Virgin Mary, experiences three of these four things as everyone will die, everyone will stand before the judgment of God, and everyone will either live forever in the blessedness of heaven or the pains of hell.

The purpose of a Mission is first of all to take time out of our everyday, work-a-day lives and stop to ponder the direction of our lives and where we are in relationship with Jesus Christ. The Sacrament of Reconciliation plays an important role in a Mission since it is the way back for Catholics into the love,

mercy and relationship we have with Christ. Our own sin breaks that relationship.

The Holy Spirit works powerfully in a Parish Mission in that the Spirit will give us a sense of repentance, bring comfort to the needs in our lives and lead us all the more to follow Christ more closely.

Each evening Fr. Paul Nicholson will make himself available in the confessional following his 1-hour talk to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with those so moved to do so. Our parish will also fittingly make the opportunity to go to confession even more available by hosting our Parish Reconciliations (Confessions) on Thursday April 10th beginning at 7 pm. with several priests on hand to hear confessions.

A retreat deals more with an individual or group getting away to reflect, pray and be open to the voice and movement of the Holy Spirit. A Mission differs in that it offers a parish or group through a visiting, incoming priest, the possibility of prayer, openness and a listening ear and heart to what Christ is calling us to do in and with our lives.

HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION

Many Catholics today aren't quite sure how to go about confessing their sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Many may also not be aware that we must go to confession at least once a year and if it has been longer than that we should refrain from receiving the Eucharist until such time as we have made a good confession. The Church has not done a good job of instructing Catholics in the faith these last few generations and many have not been raised in the practice of Catholic faith.

As our Parish Mission is about to begin and will offer us the opportunity to go to confession following the preaching each evening, I thought it might be good to put out an aid to preparing and celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

1. **PREPARATION.** Preparation is key to making a good confession. Using an Examination of Conscience helps to remind us of the various sins we may have committed, particularly if it has been a long time since we last went to confession. In an Examination of Conscience various sins against the Ten Commandments and the teachings of the Church are placed before our minds. Sacred scripture tells us that even a just and good person sins "seven times a day". Reviewing your sins and even writing them down on a piece of paper to take with you is a good way of remembering all of your reviewed sins you want the Good Lord to take away through His magnificent love and forgiveness.

2. **CONFESSION.** Confession should not be confused with counselling. You may be troubled by something that is going on in your life but it would be best to make an appointment with a priest to discuss that problem and seek advice. We want to also be mindful of others who might be waiting in line after us to go to confession.

We are to name our sins simply and give the frequency of times that we have committed that sin (to the best of our ability) which serves as an indicator of areas in our life we need to work on with the help and grace of God.

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3. **JUST THE FACTS** It is not necessary to confess each sin in story form but to simply state our sin to the priest. A person who has just been to confession two weeks prior should not need to take eight minutes to confess a couple of sins. Yet a person who has not been to confession for many years can, if prepared through a worthy Examination of Conscience, confess all their sins in just a few minutes. God already knows our sins and is waiting in the Sacrament to meet us and forgive the sins we bring before Him through His priest.

4. **FORGIVENESS** There is nothing so bad that we could have done that God cannot forgive and that's why we should confess everything. Properly prepared and disposed to confess our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Good Lord Jesus will come to us with His forgiveness which will wipe away our sins and set us out on the road of life again, freed, renewed and forgiven.

As Sister Mary Jacqueline taught my grade one class so many years ago:

"When God forgives your sins, He takes them and He throws them into the 'Sea of Forgetfulness', and He puts up a sign that reads, "No Fishing". (Fr. Charles)

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE:

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

- Envelopes, Loose bills and change - \$3856
 - Pre-Authorized Giving (PAP) - \$1962 (March)
- ➔ TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK: \$5818

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Apr. 7 – 8:30 am – Intentions for Peace in Ukraine Req. by Maria
Tues., Apr. 8 – 8:30 am – intentions of Fr. Taras, CSSR Req. by Maria
Wed., Apr. 9 – 8:30 am – Dolcino Alimonti+ Req. by Maria Mastropietro
Thurs., Apr. 10 – 8:30 am – Robert St. Denis+ Req. by Madge St. Denis
Fri., Apr. 11 – 6:30 pm – Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm – For the intentions of John vander Wyst
Sat., Apr. 12 – 5:00 pm – Tollio Caprio+ Req. by the Caprio Family
Sun., Apr. 13 – 9:00 am – For the intentions of James & Aileen Gallagher
& Family Req. by the Gallagher Family
Sun., Apr. 13 – 11:00 am – Dolores Driscoll+ Req. by Tim & Linda Hutton

Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 6, 2014

Working wonders for children with special needs...

We have always tried to expose our deaf children to both communities. As their parents, we have talked to them and tried to answer their questions when they saw someone using sign language and they had basic sign language books. Then one day our oldest son, Ethan, said he would like to learn sign language. We discovered Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer camp and enrolled him in the program. The following year Gavin joined his older brother and they both want to go again. We also put our name in for the Family Communication program because we wanted to support our children. These opportunities increased the boys' awareness of the deaf community and also helped them gain respect for different ways of communication. They enjoyed both experiences as did we. We all hope to take part in the Family program again. Last year more than 600 deaf children received support through Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer Camps.

Next ShareLife Sunday – May 4, 2014

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

C.W.L. Quilt Raffle – tickets on sale (proceeds to the parish) and Spring Fashion Show, Sunday, April 27 – Tickets \$20 (includes light lunch) are available after all the masses.

Dynamic Women of Faith – Catholic Women's Conference
Sat., April 12, 2014 – 8:30 am to 5 pm at the International Plaza Hotel (655 Dixon Road, Tor., Ont.). GET INSPIRED, REFRESH YOUR SPIRIT, MEET NEW PEOPLE, RENEW YOUR MIND, LEARN ABOUT NEW SAINTS. **For detailed information, please see the poster on the Church bulletin board**

CATECHIST CORNER

Can we trust the Bible's accuracy?

Answer: Yes.

A lot of people look at the transmission of the Bible in the same way we all have played 'broken telephone.' One person whispers a message into the ear of her neighbour, and that neighbour whispers the message as she hears it to another and so on. By the end of the exercise, it becomes very obvious that the message has been changed dramatically.

But there are certain problems with this comparison. For example, the contents of the Bible were not merely whispered to one or two individuals privately, but they were told aloud, to children, in public worship and then they were written down.

Try this version of 'broken telephone' and see what happens. The first person tells a message out loud to an entire group of individuals. They hear it, can ask questions about it, and clarify the message if need be. Some even write it down. Then before leaving, the originator of the message picks some from the larger group to safeguard the message, to keep it in tact, and to keep telling it and so on. The one who began the message then leaves the room.

Let another person enter the room who has not heard the previous conversation and what will we find? The newest person will not only get the original message but will be amazed at how deep, thought out and clear that original message is.

That is how the Bible was transmitted. That is how you got the Bible that sits on your shelf.

Catholic Chapter House Event - Join hundreds of Catholics to be renewed and inspired to live your faith to the fullest!

The theme of the event is *"Put on the Armour of God – Understanding & Defending the Faith Event"*. The topics of the day: Ephesians 6, learning & defending our faith, and how we can live out our faith in today's culture.

The event features 3 talks by Steubenville & Lighthouse Catholic Media speaker, **Steve Ray**. And 1 talk given by Allan Smith, of the Fulton Sheen Mission Society.

Location: 50 Gervais Drive, Toronto (Don Mills & Eglinton),

Date: Saturday April 12, 2014.

All info and to order tickets :

<http://www.catholicchapterhouse.com/armourofgod>,

info@catholicchapterhouse.com or 1-888-522-2070. Student &

Group rates available.


The St. Vincent de Paul Society (Brooklin Conference) will have their annual "Bundle Sunday" on Saturday, April 26 (4 pm to 6 pm) and Sunday, April 27 (8:30 am to 1 pm). There will be a truck parked in the Parish parking lot to receive your donations.




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