

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

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.****A BIG POT OF "THANK YOU"****TO THE WOMEN OF THE CWL****WHO WORKED SO LOVINGLY EACH WEEK****PREPARING AND SERVING THE SOUP &****BREAD FOR OUR LENTEN POVERTY MEAL.**

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

**Saturday April 22nd 2017 10 am. to 2 pm. with
lunch at 12 pm. in St. Leo the Great Parish Hall.**

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE VESTIBULE.

The Sign of Our Salvation

In the readings for this past Tuesday we had an excellent example of what is known in the scriptures as a "type", where a prophecy or an event from the Old Testament is so perfectly mirrored in the New Testament in the Gospels. This is not rare at all but abundant in the way the two sides of the scriptures reflect the promises in the Old Testament and their fulfillment in the New Testament. The reading from the Book of Numbers told of the people complaining against Moses and against God as they wandered in the wilderness and how God's punishment on their disobedience and complaining was for poisonous snakes to bite them. The people recognized the snake bites were as a result of their sin and complaining against God who had saved them, so they come to their senses and ask Moses to intercede for them before God. Moses prayed to God who in turn told Moses to make a serpent of bronze and hang it on the crotch of a tree so that anyone who looks on that serpent will be healed of the poison.

And in the Gospel of John Jesus himself states "the Son of Man must be lifted up". The serpent of bronze would not have belonged rightly to the serpent kingdom as Jesus didn't belong to this world. Yet looking upon the bronze serpent would bring about salvation – the cure, just as looking upon Jesus on the Cross heals us from the poison of sin and death.

This is why the crucifix, and not just the cross or the risen Christ, suffices to bring about the full meaning of what Christ has done for us in the work of redemption. It is Christ on the Cross that marks our being saved; not defeat but the highest form of victory possible. The crucifix does not simply signify a



defeated man but a victorious God who went to death in our place, taking upon himself the very sins of the world; past, present and future. St. Paul himself preached powerfully about the Resurrection of Jesus in Athens after it had occurred and only made a handful of converts who said, "We will hear you again on this." He had a long time to think about what he had said to the Athenians on the road back to Corinth and once he had arrived there, he wrote; "I am resolved from now on to preach *Christ and Him Crucified*". The Cross without Christ cannot save and Christ without the Cross cannot save. It is in the scene depicted above that we look upon the happiest man in the world in that Jesus came into this world for this very reason – to die for sinners. The crucifix is the old and yet ever-new symbol of sacrificial love, a love that only God in Christ can give – and did give to the world. Our Lent of forty days ends with this symbol and our Easter of Resurrection begins with it as well. Meditation before a crucifix helps us to think on our lives, our sin, our need for God and our need to see love realized. "Greater love than this no one has...". (Fr. Charles)

APRIL 9, 2017

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf community...

Taavi wasn't engaged at his school or in extracurricular sports and as a Deaf person, he faced obstacles trying to join his hearing peers. His mom encouraged him to try to participate in the Deaf community. His life changed when he joined a Deaf basketball fun day hosted by Silent Voice and met Mike, Director of the Silent Voice Child and Family Program. He joined a Deaf sports team, began a co-op position with Silent Voice in his 4th year of high school, and was hired as a counselor in the Silent Voice Sign Language Summer day camp. He continues to volunteer at Silent Voice and says, "I'm grateful to ShareLife –supported Silent Voice and want to be a role model for Deaf kids, like Mike was to me." **Last year more than 600 deaf children received help through ShareLife-supported Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer Camps. Next ShareLife Sunday is May 7, 2017. Please give generously.**

COINS FOR LIFE 2017

Bring boxes back to the parish on the weekend of April 22/23. Volunteers will be at the back of the church at all the Masses to receive the townies, loonies, quarters, nickels and dimes you have kindly contributed. *Campaign Life Coalition* thanks you for your generosity for God's preborn babies in the womb! Every coin makes a difference and helps CLC to run the annual National March for Life in Ottawa May 11, 2017. More than ever faced with such a strong 'culture of death' movement in our country, we must defend life from conception to natural death. Keep us in your prayers and join us if you can. We need more 'volunteers' for this work of God.

LEO'S LUNCH

Please save the date - **Monday, April 24 at 12:30.** Tickets just \$15 per person, available by calling 905-620-0724 or dshaddick@sympatico.ca Why not invite a friend to join you!

12 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE

The CWL of Canada calls all people of faith to join nationwide in **12 hours of Prayer for Palliative Care** on May 4, 2017 as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life. All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join St. Leo's Parish in prayer and solidarity any time between 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. at the church. For more information, please contact Cathy Duncan 905-430-1075 or Peter Hupka. Those unable to attend are encouraged to join in prayerful support. A detailed schedule for the day will follow at the end of April.

Senior Men's High School Retreat (Gr 11 & 12)

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Richmond Hill on Saturday, April 29, 2017 (from 9am to 5pm). Provides a time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians will deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. Day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. For more information please contact your pastor or call the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS

Holy Family Parish presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Monday April 10 at 7:00 pm. Father Carlos Martins 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


"Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org




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