



# 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](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 (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 Victor Amole* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If Father Victor 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.

**SAINT LEO THE GREAT PARISH'S  
FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN**  
*We're there... and climbing!*

St. Leo the Great Parish

Family of Faith Campaign Update



Campaign Goal – \$390,000.

Pledges received (as of Wed. Dec. 2) – **\$480,500.**

That's over **123%** of our goal!

This last week has seen many pledges come in which has driven our reported total from last Sunday from \$323,500 to meeting and now exceeding our goal. This is truly amazing, just like the generosity of our parishioners.

Now that we've reached our goal just remember that our campaign isn't over yet. For all the money raised above our target amount of \$390,000. our parish will keep 75% to be used toward our hiring of a full-time Youth Minister, replacement of our current church lighting for LED lighting as well as paying down the debt on our parish.

For full information about the Family of Faith or to speak to one of our parish campaign team members, visit the Family of Faith table located in the vestibule. There you will find brochures, information pamphlets as well as pledge forms.

Also, at all of the **Masses the weekend of December 12/13** I will give a brief homily followed by an explanation of the Family of Faith campaign along with the distribution of Pledge Cards among the pews. There will be an opportunity for anyone who hasn't heard about the campaign or hasn't had the opportunity to make a pledge to do so there and then. And don't worry, if you have already made a pledge to the campaign, there will be a box for you to tick off on the pledge card to indicate "Amen! I've already given."

Thanks be to God for this campaigns continued success and for all of the generous hearts who trust in the Lord! (Fr. Charles)



**CHRISTMAS**

## MASS TIMES

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday December 24

5:00 pm. & 8:00 pm. only

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday December 25

9:00 am. & 11:00 am.

\* Incense will be used at all Christmas Masses.

## PREPARED?

It seems that no matter how most people lived or the circumstances of their death, many of the dead become canonized upon their departure from this world in the remembrance of those who eulogize them. Perhaps this is a strange form of mercy from the living toward the dead. Or perhaps our memories sometimes fail us when taken over by grief and the finality of human death or we're ready to give the benefit of the doubt.

The readings for the past few Sundays have spoken to us about the importance of being ready whether the Lord comes for us in the night or day or on the last day. Never mind the details, the essential thing is that we come to understand that the Lord will return to the earth one day, as He said. Therefore, since no due-date is given us, it is crucial we understand the significance of this present moment preparation; being prepared to meet Jesus one day, face to face, which, for all we know, could be today.



I just read a news story this past week about a young man named Matthew Jackson who was a former native of Ontario and was living in California. I say 'was' because 28-year-old Matthew died in a tragic car accident on November 11th. But his tragic death wasn't the reason he was in the news. Just the day before, less than

24 hours before the accident that claimed his life, Matthew was in a store checkout line when a woman in front of him, whose child was cranky and crying, realized she had forgotten her debit card at home and her credit card was declined. Matthew asked if he could pay and, at first, she refused but he insisted he pay for her items which totaled around \$200. He only asked that she pay it forward. The woman inquired later about him and learned that he worked at a nearby gym. When she called to ask about him she was met with tears and knew something was wrong. Matthew's employer said Matthew was engaged to be married and that he was just that kind of a person every day – thoughtful, considerate and kind.

It seems Matthew's good deed is already coming full circle. Jackson's sister and brother-in-law were on their way to his

memorial service when they stopped at a restaurant. When they went to pay the bill someone had already covered it.

Jesus said, *“Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you did to me.”*

Now the woman in the store who was helped by Matthew’s generosity is encouraging others to pay it forward to others. She said, *“This is what the world needs to hear - this is what I want my kids to see. I want my kids to recognize that there are still really, really good people out there.”*

In his relatively short 28 years of life on this earth Matthew Jackson lived his last day as he seems to have lived them all with love and care for his fellowman.

Matthew, may you receive the reward for your life on this earth in God receiving you as you received so many others in his name.

*(Fr. Charles)*

### Mass Intentions – Dec. 8 - 13

Tues. Dec. 8 - 8:30 am – St. Leo School Mass –

For the Ints. of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the School Community

Wed. Dec. 9 - 7:00 pm – Morris Van Bommel+ req. M. Vonk

Thurs. Dec.10 - 8:30 am – Thomas Creron+

Fri. Dec. 11 - 8:30 am - Gerard Czuczman+ req.

The Knights of Columbus

Sat. Dec. 12 - 5:00 pm - Eugenio Spina+ req. The Spina Family

Sun. Dec. 13 - 9:00 am – Paul Ponce de Leon+ req. The Family  
11:00 am – Ken Wesley+ req. The Frank Family

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Christ Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997.

**PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION:  
Tuesday December 15 from 9:00-11:00 am  
and from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**REMINDER: 2016 WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES  
ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP IN THE ‘QUIET ROOM’**

### Knights of Columbus News

Campaign Life Christmas Cakes \$15.00 for small and \$25.00 large, “Keep Christ in Christmas Lawn Signs” \$15.00 and Magnets \$2.00 as well as Christmas Cards \$8.00 package are available to purchase after all weekend masses.

**Parish Breakfast - Sunday December 6** following the 9:00 & 11:00 am masses. All money received from the Breakfast will go to The St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you.

### Christmas 2015 – Cornerstone Men’s Hostel

Once again this Advent Season, St. Leo the Great Parish will be collecting items for the Cornerstone Men’s Hostel in Oshawa. Items necessary to the men who live on the streets include: **new-only socks, underwear**, toothbrushes and deodorant, shaving cream, foot powder, lip balm, and Kleenex tissues. We cannot accept used clothing. Please drop off these items in the bins located in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

### CWL NEWS

**Christmas Cookies** will be available to purchase after all masses on **December 19 & 20** in the vestibule of the church.

Christmas Pot Luck on Thursday December 17 at 6:30 pm in the parish hall.

### NEW YEAR’S MASS TIMES 2015/16

**Thursday Dec.31 (New Year’s Eve) 5:00 pm Mass only  
Friday Jan. 1 (New Year’s Day) 11:00 am Mass only**

*Reminder: In Canada, New Year’s Day is the Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and is a Holy Day of Obligation.*

### Inspiration from the Saints: Living Hope

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.  
*Saint John XXIII*

### Election Notice: A Calling for Catholic Parents

Are you passionate about your child’s Catholic education? The Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC) is seeking a parent representative that will help advance Catholic education and parent engagement in your community. To be eligible Parent Members must have a child attending a DCDSB school. The nominations deadline is January 5, 2016, with the election to be held on January 7, 2016. For more details visit [www.dcpic.ca](http://www.dcpic.ca) or email [Lorrie.MacIntosh@dcdsb.ca](mailto:Lorrie.MacIntosh@dcdsb.ca)

### Christian Life Program- St. Bernadette’s Parish, Ajax

A Seminar Invitation to all Christians will be held on January 22 from 8 – 10 pm, January 30 from 10 am – 3 pm and Jan 31 from 2 – 7 pm. Sessions – Who is Jesus, Growing in the Spirit and Transformation. Call 905-683-1533 for more details.




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