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Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Mass: 7:00 p.m.

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Saturday 5:00 p.m. Youth Mass

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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.

Powerful Funeral Homily for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia

The funeral Mass for Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia made headlines and received high praise throughout the media, though initially there was much general negativity in reports about Justice Scalia's death since he was an outspoken, conservative and Catholic Justice of the Supreme Court. He and his wife Maureen had raised nine children and were a devout Roman Catholic family. One of Justice Scalia's sons is a Catholic priest, Fr. Paul Scalia, and he delivered a most exquisite homily about his father's past, present and future in Jesus Christ. What I found most amazing was how Fr. Paul began the Homily after his initial thanking of the people for their prayers and for the opportunity to celebrate the funeral Mass for his father in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.



(Fr. Paul D. Scalia gives the homily at his funeral of his father, Supreme Court Justice, Antonin Scalia, Sat. Feb. 20, 2016)

"We are gathered here because of one man, a man known personally to many of us, known only by reputation to even more, a man loved by many, scorned by others; a man known for great controversy and for great compassion. That man, of course, is Jesus of Nazareth. It is He whom we proclaim. Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, born of the Virgin Mary, crucified, buried, risen, seated at the right hand of the Father." While many if not most of the hearers of that funeral homily would have initially assumed Fr. Paul Scalia was talking about his father, he was talking about Jesus, the Saviour, the one in whom his father's past, present and future belonged. The entire homily itself was superb, as one priest called it, "remarkable in its moving profundity". It hit home on every note and wasn't filled with syrupy sentiment and emotion but on the truth of who Jesus Christ is for those who live in Him, die in Him and hope to live with Him in the life that He has prepared for His faithful.

While President Obama spoke well and fittingly of the late Justice Scalia in response to the news of the death of Justice Scalia, many were disappointed that the president did not attend the funeral, the first sitting U.S. president not to have attended the funeral of a Supreme Court Justice. All I can say is, President Obama missed a great funeral. The Catholic funeral is one of the most profoundly meaningful liturgies of the Church and, as Canadian Gordon Sinclair once said, "I think one of the most beautiful things I have ever witnessed is a Catholic funeral."

Justice Antonin Scalia on Family Life

by Ashley McGuire



In his remarks upon the shocking and unexpected death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, President Obama paid tribute to his many professional accomplishments, but he ended his statement with a

comment on Scalia's personal life. He remarked on Scalia's "loving family," which he called "a beautiful symbol of a life well lived." And he thanked them "for sharing Justice Scalia with our country."

Indeed, there was much sharing to be done, as Scalia was the father to nine children and grandfather to thirty-six. Revered on the right, and respected on the left, Justice Scalia was considered by many on all sides of political issues to be one of the greatest legal minds of his day, possibly in American history. Most of the coverage of his life has focused on that or on the brewing political storm that will inevitably surround the process for eventually replacing him.

But amid all that, we should not lose sight of what Justice Scalia had to teach us about the family. Here are seven lessons we can draw from his full and vibrant family life:

1. Family is an accomplishment in its own right. It was actually Justice Scalia's wife, Maureen, who responded to the question in a CBS *60 Minutes* [interview](#), "Why so many children?" by joking that she and her husband are "both overachievers." Her joke contained an important point: raising a family is noble work, and children are a magnificent accomplishment. Mrs. Scalia's answer was brilliant; she matched him by placing the work of childrearing on par with sitting on the highest court in America. No doubt, she and Justice Scalia would agree with what Leon Kass put so magnificently in a [2012 speech](#) to the American Enterprise Institute, when he said:

We human beings are at work not only when we are occupationally working. We are also deeply at work in the activities of love and friendship, and especially when we are actively engaged in family life, the domain of private life in which Americans find the most meaning.

Couples like the Scalias help today's couples to re-think the meaning of work in their lives by reminding us that a couple's most intimate and important work is to build a family.

2. You don't need to be over-involved. Despite having nine children, Justice Scalia [said](#) he "didn't go to the soccer games and the piano recitals and things." He said, "You know my parents never did it for me. And I didn't take it personally. 'Oh Daddy, come to my softball game.' No, I mean, it's my softball game. He had his work. I got my softball game." He turned out just fine, as did his own children, who count among them multiple lawyers, a poet, a priest, and a lieutenant colonel in the Army. Helicopter parents, take note.

3. **Children are not an impediment to success.** Admittedly, the pull between professional aspirations and raising a family looks different for men and women, but these days, the notion that kids are a drag on career is a line doled out without any gender discrimination. In fact the opposite has been found for men: having children correlates with higher earnings for men if they share a household, and one study found that men with children are the most sought-after job applicants.

4. **It matters who you marry.** The findings that a man's career is often boosted by having children requires an important caveat: it also depends on that man's wife. It's important to marry someone who views the marriage as a partnership, both the professional and the personal aspects of it, and Justice Scalia clearly chose a woman who was his match. They met while he was a Harvard Law School student, and she was a student at Radcliffe, which was the women's arm of Harvard at the time. Their shared faith, intellect, and commitment to certain issues in the American political and legal realm gave them a strong foundation for a long and happy marriage. Of his wife, Justice Scalia once joked that, "[Maureen] says she could have married so-and-so... And of course the reason she didn't was that 'so-and-so [was] wishy-washy.'" To which she replied, "This is absolutely true. He will say, 'You would have been bored.' I say, 'Oh, that's right!' I would have been bored."

5. **Have a sense of humor.** It's impossible to imagine a boring moment with Justice Scalia, who will be forever remembered for his wit and humour. His sense of humor did not stop with his family. He famously joked, "In a big family the first child is kind of like the first pancake. If it's not perfect, that's OK. There are a lot more coming along." An ability to laugh seems a prerequisite for having a large family, or a family of any size, which is bound to run into road bumps along the way.

6. **Faith matters.** Justice Scalia and his wife shared a commitment to their Roman Catholic faith. He ardently defended the important role that religion plays in public life, but he was also clearly committed to nurturing it in his private life. His faith shaped his family culture, about which he once said, "We had our own culture. The first thing you've got to teach your kids is what my parents used to tell me all the time: 'You're not everybody else. We have our own standards and they aren't the standards of the world in all respects, and the sooner you learn that the better.'" Faith offers a family cohesion around which to build that culture; it clearly did for the Scalias.

7. **We are not bound by our own childhoods.** Little attention is given to the fact that Justice Scalia was an only child. He grew up with no siblings or cousins. And yet he leaves behind a very large family. He a reminder of the human freedom we have in forming families of our own, and he and his wife are an example of great generosity with that freedom.

The life of Justice Antonin Scalia leaves an enormous mark on so many aspects of American public life. The noble family life he lived ought to be included in the list of qualities that make him a man worth emulating. His family is indeed a symbol of a life well-lived, one we can all aspire to.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Mass Intentions – Feb. 29 – March 6, 2016

Mon. Feb.29 - 7 pm – Lenten Retreat
 Tues. Mar. 1- 7pm - Lenten Retreat – V .Hotner+ The Franks
 Wed. Mar. 2- 7 pm- Antonio Tamburro+ The Tamburro Family
 Thurs. Mar. 3 - 8:30 am – Bridget McNeill+ – The Holly Family
 Fri. Mar. 4 - 5:30 pm – Poverty Meal – Hall
 6:30 pm – Stations of the Cross
 7:00 pm – Mass- Ints. Rev. Taras- req. Maria
 Sat. Mar. 5- 5pm – Francis & Rose Gordon+ Joan Fernandes
 Sun. Mar. 6- 9:00 am – Tomasina Parente+ The Caruso Family
 11:00 am – Imelda Gotell+ The LeBlanc Family

Please note: There will be no Tuesday Morning Mass

Important: All Grade 7 children preparing for Confirmation - Sponsor Forms need to be signed and handed in to the parish no later than Wednesday February 24. Confirmation Retreat Day–Wednesday March 2

Reminder: The Parish Evening Lenten Retreat will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 29, Tuesday March 1 and Wednesday March 2, with Fr. Dominic Borg, OCD. The Parish Lenten Day of Confessions will be on Tuesday March 8 from 9:00 am – noon and from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Third Sunday of Lent

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. . If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997.

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Dynamic Women of Faith Conference March 19/16


The Dynamic Women of Faith Catholic Women's Conference is on Saturday March 19 8:30 am – 5:00 pm at John Paul 11 Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd, Mississauga. Limited Seating. Keynote Speaker Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle. Light Breakfast, Lunch and Free Parking included in registration fee, \$60. For more info call 905-279-7702.




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