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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 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (followed by 8:30 a.m. Mass)

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 4:30 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 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 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.

Two years ago our parish hosted Catholic evangelist, singer/songwriter, Mark Mallett for a three-day Lenten retreat. It was well attended and the comments I received afterward from both parishioners and visitors were very positive. Mark is a gifted orator whose speaking can range from gentle when talking of Jesus' great love and mercy to more commanding when he speaks of human mediocrity, luke- warmness and indifference. He is truly a prophetic voice in our time.

All of us hear in the news and see in our world evidence of our fallen state as human beings amidst technological advances accompany an ever-greater falling away from the things of God. The summons from God through the Church is always one to change our minds and hearts and return to the Lord.

YES, YOU

Excerpt from Mark Mallett's Feb. 3 blogpost on his website markmallett.com/blog called, This Is Not A Test

What is the point of saying all this? As Christians, we often say, "Unless the world repents, we are headed for disaster." But look, the "world" doesn't repent; *individuals* repent. Thus, this article today is not addressed to an abstract group but to you who are reading this. This is to say that, if you haven't, it is time to *prepare* for the labor pains at hand. The greatest, most important preparation is that you are in a "state of grace." This means foremost that you are not living in mortal sin, and if you are, to turn away from it, go to *Confession*, and objectively place yourself again in God's free gift of mercy and salvation: ie. a "state of grace."

Brothers and sisters, I have rarely spoken in the following terms because few can process it: events are here and coming upon this world that will literally come like a "thief in the night" catching some *literally* by surprise. Millions will be gone from one moment to the next in the "blink of an eye" — and I'm not speaking here of the false teaching of a "pre-tribulation rapture." If you want to understand this in the context of God's love, read *Mercy in Chaos*. Or consider this exchange of St. John Paul II with some German pilgrims:

If there is a message in which it is said that the oceans will flood entire sections of the earth; that, from one moment to the other, millions of people will perish . . . there is no longer any point in really wanting to publish this secret message [ie. the "third secret of Fatima"]. Many want to know merely out of curiosity, or because of their taste for sensationalism, but they forget that "to know" implies for them a responsibility. It is

dangerous to want to satisfy one's curiosity only, if one is convinced that we can do nothing against a catastrophe that has been predicted.... (At this point the Holy Father took hold of his Rosary and said:) Here is the remedy against all evil! Pray, pray and ask for nothing else. Put everything in the hands of the Mother of God!" —ST. JOHN PAUL II; from Flood and Fire, Fr. Regis Scanlon, ewtn.com

Yes, this is the second thing you and I must personally do aside from putting our spiritual lives in order: take "responsibility" for what is happening by assuming our dignity as part of the royal priesthood of Christ, and engage in fasting, prayer, intercession and reparation. The last word is not evil; the last say is not that of the wicked. Every bead you thumb, every word you pray, every act of intercession and little sacrifice you offer is *one more victory, one more soul, one more defeat* over Satan. Neither the labor pains nor the new birth that are coming can be averted now; but the loss of individual souls *can*. That's where the battlefield lies.

The words of many seers appear to be coming true and are on the verge of being fulfilled. The corruption has run too deep; nearly every public institution is rotten to the foundations for the reason that people have behaved as if God does not exist.

...the foundations of the earth are threatened, but they are threatened by our behavior. The outer foundations are shaken because the inner foundations are shaken, the moral and religious foundations, the faith that leads to the right way of life. —POPE BENEDICT XVI, first session of the special synod on the Middle East, October 10th, 2010
If foundations are destroyed, what can the just one do? (Psalm 11:3)

A cosmic surgery is needed. A divine purification. Understand, it is not only because God exists, but because *God is love* that these days are upon us: *If God turns nations' poisonous joys into bitterness, if He corrupts their pleasures, and if He scatters thorns along the path of their riot, the reason is that He loves them still. And this is the holy cruelty of the Physician, who, in extreme cases of sickness, makes us take most bitter and most horrible medicines. The greatest mercy of God is not to let those nations remain in peace with each other who are not at peace with Him.* —St. Pio of Pietrelcina, *My Daily Catholic Bible*, p. 1482
Are you ready? This is not a test.



Tuesday, February 11th

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 12th

7:00 p.m. † Ana Deak

Thursday, February 13th

8:30 a.m.

Friday, February 14th

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 15th

4:30 p.m. † Attilio & Maria Tuzi

Sunday, February 16th

9:00 a.m. † Ellen Kane

11:00 a.m. † Intentions of Catholic Mothers Group

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the intentions of
Maria Mastropietro
Week of February 7 - 13**

The 11:00 a.m. choir is inviting you to join them

The Sunday 11:00 am choir would like to invite members of the congregation to join our amazing group. We are currently looking for new members, particularly tenors and basses but all are welcome. All ages and vocal abilities are wanted. Music is taught on a weekly basis in a fun and simple way to those who don't read music so don't let that stop you if you have been thinking about joining us. We are in a new calendar year and with that comes new schedules and new opportunities. We hope that you will strongly consider coming out and giving the choir a try. You will be glad that you did. The choir sings at the 11:00 mass on Sundays and we rehearse on Thursday nights from 7:30 - 9:00 pm. For more information about joining this notable group of singers, please see Ted, the director, after the 11:00 mass or come out to the church on Thursday night at 7:30 pm. Ted can also be reached by phone at 647-302-6996. Thank you.

ALTAR TALK MINISTRY – TRAINING SESSION

As a follow up of our altar talk ministry volunteer blitz two weeks ago, we are having a training session in the church hall on **Feb 13th at 10AM**. Please feel free to come out and observe what we do. This is open to everyone whether you signed the Volunteer Registration List or not. As Cradle Catholics, you will be surprised and amazed at the real symbolic reasons for everything we do at Mass!

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS 50 +

St Bernadette Parish , Ajax (Harwood and Bayly)
Guest Speaker: Fr Peter Marr, Director of Pastoral Formation, St Augustine Seminary
Topic: " The Spiritual Preparation for a Good Death"
When : Tuesday February 18 @ 10:00 – 12:00 lunch



SNACKS ON SNACKS:

The NET Team needs snacks for their impact youth night on Tuesday's and Edge Youth night on Thursday's. Please consider supporting the NET Team through donating snacks. Thank you!!

Calling All Youth Grades 6-12:

The NET Team has open office, which is a time to hangout with the NET Team, play games, eat snacks and enjoy some good company! We have our open offices on Wednesday's 3-5pm, Friday's 3-5pm, and Saturday's 1:30pm-4pm, 5pm-6:30pm. We would love to see you there!



St. Leo Knights of Columbus will serve a **FULL BREAKFAST** on **February 16, 2020** following the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses complete with Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausages, Baked

Beans, Biscuits, Coffee and Juices; all for \$6.00 Adults, \$4.00 Youth, 4 to 10 years, and Free for under 4 years of age. Hope you can join us.

Funds from this Breakfast will be donated to support the Pro Life bus transportation to Parliament Hill in May.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MOMS!

Join our Mother's Ministry and make some new friends! Our next meeting is on Wed Feb 12 at 8pm. We continue with the Momnipotent program which validates the dignity and importance of motherhood by recognizing uniquely feminine strengths, and how to use those strengths to find peace, purpose, balance, and joy in being the woman God created us to be.

Contact annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com or visit www.catholicmomsgroup.com for more information. New members are always welcome!

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS HERE IN DURHAM!

Yes, it's true. You are invited to attend an evening with our guest speakers from Victim Services - Durham Region. They will give you information on Human Trafficking in Durham; what it looks like; as a parent what should I be looking for; what can I do. Please join us on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. in the St. John the Evangelist Parish Centre. All are welcome, light refreshments. Admission is free, however a good-will offering is appreciated to help defray costs.

VOCATION SEEDS

"You are the light of the world." Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca**




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