



# 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.

**WEEKLY LENTEN POVERTY MEAL:  
SOUP & BREAD**



**SOUP & BREAD –  
5:30 – 6:30 pm.  
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CROSS 6:30 – 7 pm.  
MASS – 7:00 pm.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GENEROSITY**



Over the years the Knights of Columbus of St. Leo the Great Parish (Council 11528) has been an active part of our parish life, facilitating spaghetti dinners, dances and breakfasts along with their presence at important liturgies in providing a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree

Honour Guard. They are comprised of parish men who give of their time and efforts to provide a fraternity for Catholic men as well as serve the good of the Church and the local parish while being involved in the wider community as well. Whenever a clear need was made known to them they have stepped up to meet the challenge with their resourcefulness and genuine love and concern for their fellow man.

In the almost seven years I have served here as pastor the Knights have been most generous in assisting the parish with “holy hardware”, if I can call it that as the needs arose. When I first arrive back in 2009 we were in need of four new **Ciborias** – the gold containers with lids which hold the hosts to be consecrated at Mass and serve to store the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle. Communion is distributed to the faithful through these sacred vessels.



The parish was also in need of a suitable and more worthy **Processional Cross** than the homemade cross we had and the KofC provided the funding for the solid large cross we now use every Sunday. Only the taller, more experienced altar servers are able to carry this cross which weighs 12-pounds and is adorned with emblems of the four Gospel writers – Matthew, Mark, Luke and

John and features a silver corpus. The Processional Cross serves as far more than an ornament of the Mass but is used to plant the Cross of Jesus Christ firmly in the sanctuary where the saving work and sacrifice of Jesus will become manifest in the Eucharist.

Each week we hold a Holy Hour where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is removed from the Tabernacle and placed in a special vessel (called **a Monstrance**) which allows the faithful to view Jesus in the Sacred Host in adoration,

prayer and silence. The monstrance is placed on the altar for what is called Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (a Holy Hour). The monstrance we had was small for the size of our church and the luna it contained (the round glass piece which holds the Sacred Host) was not the size of our larger hosts. The Knights of Columbus made it possible for our parish to obtain a larger and simpler monstrance (not quite as pictured above) which lends well to a better focus on Jesus in the Eucharist. We have used the new monstrance over the past 4 months at every Holy Hour.



In the last year, through the beneficence of our Knights of Columbus we were able to purchase a new cope and humeral veil for use on Holy Thursday and each Wednesday at the Holy Hour. A cope is a long, draped vestment which hangs similar to a cloak and is fastened at the front with a metal clasp. It is used by a priest over an alb for the liturgy of veneration of the Blessed Sacrament and in Eucharistic processions. It is worn with a matching stole underneath signifying the priestly office of the cleric who performs the works of Christ as a shepherd of souls. The Humeral

Veil is a long cloth which matches the cope and it is placed on the shoulders of the priest just before he goes to the altar and, raising the monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament, he makes the sign of the Cross over the people with it.

The men of our Knights of Columbus put on several events within the parish and outside of the parish in order to raise funds to provide for their great charity work which has benefited greatly to our own parish community and also to Brooklin and beyond. Their stance in the defense of human life has been admirable and necessary as they use their worldwide presence to stand up for the dignity of human life and the human person. They have also assisted with help in local community projects serving the poor, the homeless and single mothers to name but a few.

Grand Knight, Larry Hallihan, has been a model of leadership for our Council and he is continually at the parish preparing and organizing the Brother Knights and the many roles they play here and in the surrounding area. Many of the Knights of our parish also serve within parish ministries and are visible in our community of faith each Sunday. The saying, “If you ate today, thank a farmer” could also be applied to our parish’s Knights of Columbus and their tremendous contributions. Why not thank a Knight? (*Fr. Charles*)

## INTO THE DESERT...

In so many of the great figures of salvation history—Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, David, etc.—a period of testing or trial is required before they can commence their work. We see the same thing in the initiation rituals of primal peoples, and you can see it in Luke Skywalker's initiation in *Star Wars*.

The goal of the Biblical initiation rituals is to convey this simple truth: your life is not about you. It is about God and God's purposes for you.

This was the purpose of Jesus's forty-day sojourn in the desert, which we model during Lent. The desert represents a stripping away of our attachments, so as to make the fundamental things appear. In the desert, there are no distractions or diversions or secondary matters. Everything is basic, necessary, and simple. Either one survives or one doesn't. One finds in the desert strengths and weaknesses he never knew he had.

So are you ready to visit your desert? Are you prepared to deal with your particular temptations to pleasure, power, money, and honor? Even if, in the past, you have not succeeded in the ways you wanted, remember that our God is a God of second chances. It's never too late to start again.

On this Ash Wednesday, let's recommit ourselves and together journey into the desert.

*(Bishop Robert Barron)*

### Hearing the Whispers in my Heart The Art of Discernment

A Day to Reflect on Making Choices in Life: This will be held on Saturday March 5 from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm at Loretto College, 70 St. Mary St (South of Bay/Bloor Subway). Suggested donation \$25 which includes lunch. To register contact Frances Harrison-Atell, 416-429-7921 ext. 2691. Registration deadline is February 26.

### Praying with Icons – A Reflection on Our Mother of Perpetual Help

On Sunday February 21 at 11:00 am or 1:15 pm and again on Wednesday February 24 at 1:00 pm or 6:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church 131 McCaul St, Toronto. The Redemptorists throughout the world are celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the restoration of public veneration of the original Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help in Rome. Join us as we reflect and pray with the Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help in the Byzantine tradition. Bishop John Pazzak C.S.R., Bishop for the Catholic Slovaks of the Byzantine Rite, will lead us in this reflection and prayer. Come and learn more about this Icon of Love that has been such a part of the spiritual life of the faithful throughout the world.

### Mass Intentions – Feb.16– 21, 2016

Tues. Feb.16 8:30 am - Ints. Bette Riddle+ req. Marg Wesley  
Wed. Feb. 17 7:00 pm-Fernanda & John Costa+ req. E. Ferreira  
Thurs. Feb. 18 8:30 am – Helen Perry+ req. Helen Freve  
Fri. Feb. 19 - 5:30 pm – Poverty Meal – Hall  
6:30 pm – Stations of the Cross  
7:00 pm – Mass Ints. Betty & Larry Hallihan  
Sat. Feb.20 5:00 pm-Raymond Rodrigues+ req. Iris Dias  
Sun.Feb.21 9:00 am – Valerie Hotner+ req. M. St. Denis  
11:00 am Ints. Nadia & Giselle Ghofari req. Karam Family

Family Day – Monday February 15 the Office will be Closed

**Reminder to all Grade 7 children preparing for Confirmation that Sponsor Forms need to be signed and handed in no later than Wednesday February 24.**

### First Sunday of Lent

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, please contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997.

### For Lent - Coins for Life 2016- “Deny Yourself and Give to Life”

Would you, your family and friends put aside your toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes during the next 4-6 weeks, and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a Culture of Life in Canada? If so, coins for life boxes will be handed out at the back of the church the weekend of **February 20/21**. The project helps Campaign Life Coalition continue to run the National March for Life in Ottawa on May 12, 2016.

**Thursday May 12, 2016** will be the date this year of the annual **Canadian National March for Life in Ottawa**. I have been to two March for Life marches over the past two years and have found it to be not only encouraging but a tremendous spiritual experience that is beyond words and description.

### St. Leo St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Leo St. Vincent de Paul Members welcomes new members to our Council or anyone interested in finding out what's involved in membership. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the church. Please call one of the council members: President Peggy Primeau, 905-655-9692, Vice President Larry Hallihan, 905-620-0351, Secretary Maureen Kerr, 905-655-5150, Treasurer Anabela Wardell, 905-447-5486.

### ST. PATRICK ANNUAL MASS


Annual Mass in honour of St. Patrick will be held on Thursday March 17 at 10:00 am at St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power Street, Toronto. The Celebrant and Homilist is Bishop John A. Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto.




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