



# 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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**



The season of Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. Our parish will have

**Two Masses:**

**12:00 noon and 7:00 pm.**

Ashes will be distributed during the Mass itself. All three of our parish elementary schools will also receive the distribution of ashes at

Liturgies designed for them. Once again I will be offering 'Words For Lent' to help us focus on some area or idea pertaining to our lives that God might want to assist us in looking at or bringing to our attention.

**Our Parish 3-Day Lenten**

**Retreat is Coming *in 8 more days!***

**Mon. Feb. 23 – Wed. Feb. 25**

Each evening at 7 pm. Mass followed by a Retreat Talk with Fr. Dominic Borg, OCD in the parish hall.

**PARISH LENTEN POVERTY MEAL**



Good home-made soup and fresh bread will be served at our parish's Lenten Poverty Meal. The idea is to bring our parishioners together for a

common simple meal of hearty soup and fresh bread to truly be

one with the poor in this time of Lent when God calls us to give alms, which is to say, take care of the needs of the poor. There is no cost to the meal, which will include tea and coffee, but we simply ask for a donation of your choosing which will in turn be given to the poor on all our behalf.

**WHEN? Each Friday from 5:00 pm. – 6:15 pm.**

**WHERE? St. Leo the Great Parish Hall**

*(Please enter through the Carson Street doors.)*

**Canadians Should Brace for the Coming Tsunami** *By Johanne Brownrigg*

On February 6, the Supreme Court of Canada found the current prohibitions against euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide (PAS) to be violations of our Charter of Rights and Freedoms. It charged the Canadian federal government with drafting a law to permit the practice.

Our current majority-Conservative government has actually stood firmly against moving in this direction, and was not alone in its opposition. Only four years ago, in 2010, our Parliament voted 228 to 59 against a Private Member's Bill to legalize euthanasia.

Despite this, in 12 months, Canada is expected to legalize it and PAS, with all the "necessary safeguards" that sold this solution to pain and suffering of citizens around the world.

On the night of the decision, I couldn't help but remember the 2004 tsunami that devastated Thailand. Those who were curious and unaware walked out onto the ocean bed to marvel at the spectacle of a receding ocean, caused by an earthquake. I'm sure their cooing and gasping must have added to the sheer excitement.

We learned afterward that elders in some of the tribes read this sign correctly and instructed their people to head for higher ground. There was no time to marvel. This earthquake was about to unleash a disaster that had been unknown in the current cultural memory, save for the few. Most of those tribes' people survived the disaster that took approximately a quarter of a million people.

The Campaign Life Coalition is the largest pro-life organization in Canada. Our primary focus has been advocating for the unborn, which has led us to lobby against embryonic stem cell research, cloning, and other scientific practices that contribute to the killing and dehumanizing of the unborn at the earliest stage.

We of course stand firmly against euthanasia and PAS. CLC was a vocal opponent to all the bills that have attempted to change Canada's absolute prohibition.

In 1969, Canada's absolute prohibition against abortion was cracked slightly in a bill that allowed for abortion in cases of rape and incest, and when the life of the mother was in jeopardy. Not only were those exceptions the "safeguard," the woman's case also had to go before a panel of three physicians, two of whom would have to approve the procedure.

Now that, ladies and gentlemen, is how it began in Canada. In 1988, the Supreme Court decided these safe guards were a rights violation, according to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and threw out that section of the Criminal Code. What the justices didn't expect was that Parliament would attempt to redress this vacuum — but the attempt was feeble, and failed to pass a bill.

Thus, the unborn were left with no protection at any stage of a woman's pregnancy. In Canada, we have publicly funded abortions for any reason, at any time of gestation. Just find the doctor to do it.

In response to doctors who object to abortion, and to doing other procedures they find repugnant, the conscience rights of physicians have repeatedly come under attack in various provinces. The latest skirmishes are right now occurring in Ontario and Saskatchewan. In Ontario, the pressure has been strong, relentless, and deeply disturbing.

So though some Canadians are running toward this Supreme Court decision in great delight, it doesn't inspire joyful reveling in us. In our eyes, it does not meet the standard for compassionate care. Rather, like the elders, we can read the signs. We have connected all the dots that have brought Canada to this sad and sorry state of affairs. We are staking out higher ground for the vulnerable. The tsunami is coming. *Johanne Brownrigg from Careful Blog Feb. 10/15*

## FEBRUARY 15, 2015

### MASS INTENTIONS – WEEK of FEB. 17 – 22, 2015

Tues. Feb 17 – 8:30 am – Int. Marty Hotner req. Hotner Family  
Ash Wed. Feb. 18 – noon – Mary Fox+ req. Catherine Duncan  
7:00 pm – Arthur Chai+  
Thurs. Feb 19 – 8:30 am – Joan Rouse+ req. J & F. Martin  
Fri. Feb 20– 7:00 pm – Int. Rev. Taras CSSR req. Maria  
Sat. Feb 21 – 5:00 pm – Margaret Bunker+ req. Jack Bunker  
Sun. Feb 22 - 9:00 am – Members of St. Leo's Knights of  
Columbus  
11:00 am – Luis Raposo+ req. Maria Raposo

### OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 16 – FAMILY DAY

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 15 Working Wonders in our Community

We are all called to care for those who are vulnerable in our community. The ShareLife parish campaign gives us an opportunity to reach out in justice and love. Last year, ShareLife's 42 agencies and grant recipients provided over 381,000 services to over 114,000 people here in our archdiocese, and assisted countless others in developing countries around the world. In 42 municipalities, and in more than 20 languages, those in need received support and care as a result of our generosity. My prayer is that you will join me as together we work wonders to lovingly care for those who are in need around us.

Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

**FIRST SHARELIFE SUNDAY – MARCH 1, 2015**

**Please give generously. You can work wonders!**

### CFS of Durham – Heart to Heart Gala

Catholic Family Services of Durham are celebrating 10 years. Our Heart to Heart Gala will take place on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility. Join us for an elegant evening including a 3-course dinner with wine, dance, silent/live auction, draws. Tickets: \$100 each. The monies raised allow us to support the members of our community, including victims of domestic violence, with counselling and programs to aid in their psychological, relational, emotional and spiritual healing. To purchase tickets contact Tania McClean – 905-725-3513 ext. 121 or email: [t.mcclean@cfsdurham.com](mailto:t.mcclean@cfsdurham.com)

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 8, 2015

Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, 416-968-0997.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS- DURING LENT

We will hold the Stations of the Cross every Friday through Lent at 6:30 pm followed by the 7:00 pm Mass.

There will be no Friday 8:30 am Mass during Lent.

### Is God on Your iPod? *Matt Smith*

One of the hottest songs at the moment is "Take Me To Church" by Irish recording artist Hozier. The music is hauntingly beautiful with a very soulful, hymn-like sound (after hearing it, you'll surely start singing the chorus). Unfortunately, the lyrics to "Take Me To Church" are very anti-Catholic. If you read over the lyrics you'll realize that Hozier takes rich Catholic sacramental language and changes the imagery to a sexual encounter. In an interview Hozier stated:

"Take Me to Church" is essentially about sex, but it's a tongue-in-cheek attack at organizations that would... undermine humanity by successfully teaching shame about sexual orientation — that it is sinful, or that it offends God... But it's not an attack on faith... it's an assertion of self, reclaiming humanity back for something that is the most natural and worthwhile."

With the use of modern music examples, Matt Smith discusses how we can judge all different types of music to determine whether or not it is going to lead us closer to The Good, The True, and The Beautiful... which is ultimately closer towards God. I'll admit that my workout playlist has many songs that sound beautiful (to my ears anyway), but they surely do not guide me to the good or the true. I'm working on fixing that. I recommend you take a listen to Matt Smith's talk and take a more critical examination of the music you and your family listen to.

*Francesco Bianco*

### DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH – CALLING ALL GIRLS

**A special Evening for Mothers & Daughters!** on Friday March 13 from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm at the International Plaza Hotel, 655 Dixon Rd, Toronto.

This is an evening of short high powered talks geared for High School & University Student Girls. Well known speakers, such as Moira Noonan, International speaker and Catholic author, flying in from California. Also Gary Zimak, Catholic author, radio host and regular on EWTN flying in from Philadelphia. Covering topics such as The Prayer Power of Youth, Dealing with Anxiety, Professional Success etc. For more info call 905-279-7702 or email to [dynamicwomenfaith@yahoo.ca](mailto:dynamicwomenfaith@yahoo.ca)

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference – Saturday March 14 also at the International Plaza Hotel.**

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. **Thomas Cardinal Collins** is the main speaker. For more info call Dorothy Pilarski 905-279-7702 or visit [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com)




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