

# St. Leo The Great

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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](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 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.

# LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY & THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Father John Boos will be celebrate the Mass on the weekends of the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sat./Sun. March 2/3) and the First Sunday of Lent (Sat./Sun. March 9/10) and Fr. Mark Kolosowski will preside at the Ash Wednesday Mass on Wed. March 6 at 7:00 pm.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

**7:00 pm. Mass only!** (No noon Mass this year)

## SOUP AND BREAD POVERTY MEAL



Once again, the CWL will organize and put on the weekly **Lenten Soup & Bread each Friday in the parish hall from 5 pm. to 6:20 pm.** featuring a variety of hearty homemade soups and bread

asking only a freewill offering from participants with all proceeds going to our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Again this year, our three elementary schools will participate which is a great way to see schools and the parish coming together in community and fellowship while identifying in our own small way our outreach to the less fortunate.

**EACH FRIDAY** the Soup & Bread will be followed by **6:30 pm. STATIONS OF THE CROSS** and **7:00 pm. MASS**

**Please note, there will be no 7 pm. Mass on the first Friday of Lent (following Ash Wednesday) and the NET Team will lead in the Stations of the Cross in the church following the Soup & Bread.**



## Lenten Evening Retreat Wed. March 20 at 7 pm.

As previously announced, we will be blessed to hear Bishop Christian Riesbeck of the Archdiocese of Ottawa give a one-evening Lenten talk in the church called "Missionary Servants". Please mark your calendars to attend.

## ABORTION AND MOTHERS

In the issue of abortion next to the fact that the unborn child is forgotten and modern society has switched from any emphasis on the child to the woman in talk of 'reproductive rights', 'my body, my choice' and a 'woman's right to choose' in general, seldom is there talk of the mothers, for a woman who is pregnant is in fact, a mother. I

have often thought that while it is important that we never let down our guard in defense of the defenseless and the innocent and as crucial as it is to continue to pray, particularly at Holy



Mass, for the unborn and for lawmakers and politicians to have a change of heart which defends the unborn baby boys and girls, we say little about help to the mothers.

The Catholic Church has put its money where its mouth is in that she has not only courageously spoken out against the holocaust of abortion but has led the fight to end abortion altogether. Some individuals within the Church have literally dedicated much of their life to the right to life of the unborn and many groups have organized to lead in a more collective form of battle in the war on words. Religious communities, such as the Sisters of Life in Toronto and elsewhere have dedicated their mission to assisting pregnant mothers who might be contemplating abortion while providing for their needs and supporting them with love, assistance and prayer.

It is important that both the unborn child and the mother herself, as well as the fathers, have a voice which speaks for them and hands that will help them when tempted to choose the easy, oft-travelled road which leads to the ending of the child's life and a life of heartache and remorse for the mothers who are forgotten and left alone long after anti-life forces have used them for their own propaganda and then ignores them when they are finished with them.

It would be difficult for those who have had an abortion to come to church and hear the intercessions with mention of children who have been aborted or to hear mention of abortion in homilies. Yet those who have come with heavy heart, remorse and true contrition to the beautiful forgiveness of Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and have received penance and absolution will become different people who have experience the healing power of Jesus as the priest prays with the mother and commits the child's soul to the loving embrace of Jesus.

## Diary of an Unborn Child

The following article was written about forty years ago by an unknown author but makes the personhood of the unborn child real and alive to us, though in more recent years many Church leaders have grown silent in speaking out on abortion while others more luke warm have cited that there are other more important issues at hand. But the constant rhythm of our own heart beats should be the drum that calls us to battle to work toward stopping this ugly affront to the human person which also greatly but so often unseen, affects the lives of countless women as well as men.

The child speaks to us from the womb.....

September 19:

*Today my life began. My parents do not know it yet, but it is I already. And I am to be a girl. I shall have blond hair and blue eyes. Just about everything is settled though, even the fact that I shall love flowers.*

October 3:

*Some say that I am not a real person yet, that only my mother exists. But I am a real person, just as a small crumb of bread is yet truly bread. My mother is. And I am.*

October 7:

*My mouth is just beginning to open now. Just think, in a year or so I shall be laughing and later talking. I know what my first word will be: MAMA.*

October 9:

*My heart began to beat today all by itself. From now on it shall gently beat for the rest of my life without ever stopping to rest! And after many years it will tire. It will stop, and then I shall die.*

October 17:

*I am growing a bit every day. My arms and legs are beginning to take shape. But I have to wait a long time yet before those little legs will raise me to my mother's arms, before those little arms will be able to gather flowers and embrace my father.*

October 27:

*Tiny fingers are beginning to form on my hands. Funny how small they are! I'll be able to stroke my mother's hair with them.*

November 4:

*It wasn't until today that the doctor told mom that I am living here under her heart. Oh, how happy she must be! Are you happy, mom?*

November 9:

*My mom and dad are probably thinking about a name for me. But they don't even know that I am a little girl. I want to be called Kathy. I am getting so big already.*

November 24:

*My hair is growing. It is smooth and bright and shiny. I wonder what kind of hair mom has?*

November 27:

*I am just about able to see. It is dark around me. When mom brings me into the World it will be full of sunshine and flowers. But what I want more than anything is to see my mom. How do you look, mom!*

December 8:

*I wonder if mom hears the whispering of my heart? Some children come into the World a little sick. But my heart is strong and healthy. It beats so evenly: tup-tup, tup-tup. You'll have a healthy little daughter, mom!*

December 12:

**Today my mother killed me.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Philip Jones

**Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. † George Khaliliyen

Intentions of pilgrims to the Holy Land

**Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Elio & Maria Pompilio

**Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Margaret Anne Bunker

**Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Michael Fedy

11:00 a.m. † Ruel Gabison



**Calling all students grade 9 to recent high school grads!**

Alpha has launched and it's not too late to join! Come, bring some friends, and ask life's biggest questions over food and hot beverages!

**Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 pm in the parish hall, all are welcome.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The Alpha Weekend, a retreat part of the Alpha program will be held March 22nd & 23rd, 2019. Please mark your calendars and book this weekend off.



Edge is continuing on  
**Thursdays 6:30-8:30 pm in the parish hall.**

For students grades 6-8.

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**Wanna keep up to date with all upcoming youth events? Follow us on instagram! @youthatstleo Also check out our new youth board at the back of the church.**

## VOCATION SEEDS

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, **Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997, [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org), [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)**




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