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Tuesday & Thursday 8 am to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday by appointment only.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 8:30 a.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 *Hospital Chaplain* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If the Hospital Chaplain 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. Mounir 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. Mounir, please call the parish office and leave a message with the parish secretary at 905-655-3286 ext. 1001.

Saints of the Day for February 20
Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto



Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese shepherd children from Aljustrel, received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria, near Fátima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. At that time, Europe was involved in an extremely bloody war. Portugal itself was in political turmoil, having overthrown its monarchy in 1910; the government disbanded religious organizations soon after.

At the first appearance, Mary asked the children to return to that spot on the thirteenth of each month for the next six months. She also asked them to learn to read and write and to pray the rosary “to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war.” They were to pray for sinners and for the conversion of Russia, which had recently overthrown Czar Nicholas II and was soon to fall under communism. Up to 90,000 people gathered for Mary’s final apparition on October 13, 1917. Less than two years later, Francisco died of influenza in his family home. He was buried in the parish cemetery and then re-buried in the Fátima basilica in 1952. Jacinta died of influenza in Lisbon in 1920, offering her suffering for the conversion of sinners, peace in the world, and the Holy Father. She was re-buried in the Fátima basilica in 1951. Their cousin Lúcia dos Santos, became a Carmelite nun and was still living when Jacinta and Francisco were beatified in 2000; she died five years later. Pope Francis canonized the younger children on his visit to Fátima to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first apparition—May 13, 2017. The shrine of Our Lady of Fátima is visited by up to 20 million people a year. franciscanmedia.org

Our Lady of Fatima's Importance Today
by Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle

Through her Fatima messages, Our Lady requests a number of sincere actions from us that will benefit our own souls and the souls of others as well.

The Rosary

The Blessed Mother desires that we pray the rosary. “Pray the rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the rosary to obtain peace in the world...for she alone can save it” (The Blessed Mother on July 13, 1917).

In all six of her apparitions at Fatima, the Blessed Mother emphasized the daily recitation of the rosary. Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR, believes that everyone can and should fulfill the Blessed Mother’s requests by committing to praying the daily rosary. He also believes that Mary needs our prayers. Specifically, he wrote, “Our Lady told the children of the rosary’s power to end wars, bring world peace and convert sinners. Everyone who wants to fulfill our Lady’s requests at Fatima must make the resolution to pray the rosary every day. Remember, Mary wants our prayers; Mary needs our prayers for the triumph of her Immaculate Heart.”

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Our Lady of Fatima asks us to become devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. “Jesus wishes to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart in the world. I promise salvation to those who embrace it” (The Blessed Mother on June 13, 1917).

Professor Americo Pablo Lopez-Ortiz, international president of the World Apostolate of Fatima, explained the Immaculate Heart of Mary as one of the greatest gifts from heaven and the spiritual presence of Mary with us through her Immaculate Heart. He said:

The Immaculate Heart of Mary represents the spiritual motherhood of Mary over humanity. When she appeared to Sr. Lucia, Our Lady had the Heart in her hand and she offered her heart to Lucia. Lucia was representing all human beings when Our Lady said: “My heart will stay with you till the end.” Our Lady was risen and assumed to heaven in body and soul, by her Son, Jesus Christ, but she left the Heart with us on earth: the heart is the spiritual presence of Mary. The spiritual action of the Mother is so much needed by her children. She wants to save her children. She has given us her heart. So her Immaculate Heart is with us on earth. We have two wonderful gifts from heaven. The most important one is the divine and real presence of Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament: His body, blood, soul and Divinity, till the end of times. The second greatest gift is the spiritual motherhood of Mary given over humanity given to us by Jesus Christ on the First Good Friday, when Jesus said to his beloved disciple: “Behold your mother.” From that moment on, John the beloved disciple of Christ, received Mother Mary in her Heart and in his own house.

A Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

We are encouraged to consecrate our lives to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Any formula can be used as long as it is sincere and confides oneself without reserve to the Blessed Mother.

Five First Saturdays

The Blessed Mother asks us to do our part and make the commitment to the Five First Saturdays devotion, which include: reception of Holy Communion and confession (within eight days before or after), to pray five decades of the rosary, and to spend fifteen minutes in meditation on the mysteries of the rosary to be offered up in reparation for sins and ingratitude against the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady.

Conversion

Transforming the world and establishing the Kingdom of God on earth begins with our own conversion of heart. We pray daily for graces to convert our hearts, to receive those graces and allow God to dwell in us in our interior life. Conversion of heart is an ongoing process. It is not just once in a lifetime. We need to pray every day for the conversion of our hearts so that we can become a brilliant light of God's love in a darkened world. We are all called to conversion and holiness, not just the children at Fatima or someone else. St. Teresa of Calcutta often said, "Holiness is not the luxury of a few, but a simple duty for you and me." With regard to the Fatima messages, in an interview on EWTN Live, Prof. Lopez-Ortiz said, "It is a great mistake to focus on the prophecies or what could happen at any moment in history...we would not be giving importance to what really matters. The same information available to the children is available to us too." Host Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ, responded, "We need that kind of intimacy with God that they experienced."

Reparation and Sacrifice

Our Lady of Fatima asks that we offer in reparation our own personal crosses and trials of life and to make sacrifices for the conversion of sinners, especially those sacrifices involved in keeping God's commandments, in patiently accepting God's will, and in fulfilling the duties of one's state in life. We are to offer them through the Immaculate Heart of Mary in reparation to God so offended by sin, and for the conversion of sinners. This instruction made a lasting impression on the young visionaries and should on us too. "Sacrifice yourselves for sinners and say often whenever you make a sacrifice: 'O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary'" (The Blessed Mother on July 13, 1917). "Pray much and

make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because there is no one to make sacrifices for them" (The Blessed Mother on August 19, 1917).

In My Own Life

Our Lady of Fatima speaks to us about our responsibilities to prayer and to love. Are you loving your family members enough to care about their eternal salvation? It is truly our indispensable role in the family. What about your neighbors? Do you walk or drive by them but don't take time to get to know them? Do you pray for their salvation? Do you pray for your community? Do you make sacrifices and take time to pray for the needs of others? Our Lady of Fatima is calling us to a renewed fidelity to penance and prayer. We need to step up to the plate. Now is the time. Our Lord and his Mother are counting on us.

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, I want to give my life to you. I want to help to save souls with my sincere, loving prayers, sacrifices, penance, and actions. Dear Our Lady of Fatima, open my heart, my eyes, and ears to see the needs around me. Please pray for me and grant me the graces I need. Saint Joseph, all of the angels and saints, please pray for me. Amen!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 19th

4:30 p.m. † Joyce & Norman Gay

Sunday, February 20th

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo

11:00 a.m. † Marie O'Donnell

Tuesday, February 22nd

8:30 a.m. † Innocenzo & Vincenzina Mammone

† Attilio & Maria Tuzi

Wednesday, February 23rd

8:30 a.m. † John Michael White

Intentions of Olga Horazak

Intentions of Jean & Mike Cowan – 50th

Wedding Anniversary

Thursday, February 24th

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Anna Maria & Benedetto Tuzi

Intentions of Veronica & Christopher

Duarte

Friday, February 25th

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Geraldine Sullivan

Saturday, February 26th

4:30 p.m. † Joyce & Norman Gay

† Margaret Ann Bunker

Sunday, February 27th


9:00 a.m. † Giovanna Russomano


11:00 a.m. † Deolinda & Everisto Medeiros



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