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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

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.



Our Parish 3-Day Lenten Retreat is

HERE... *this week!*

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.

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

WHERE? St. Leo the Great Parish Hall (Donations to SVDP)

(Please enter through the Carson Street doors.)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held every Friday in our parish throughout Lent beginning at 6:30 pm. followed by Mass at 7 pm.

Come, join in this weekly communal reflection and prayer on the Mystery of Christ's suffering and Death.

Fifty Shades of Grey in Black & White

In every age there is always some controversial film or exhibit which is an affront to Christian principles and values and contrary to the Gospel of the One we follow. Sometimes the Church has only served to stir up more attendance at such things it condemns so she has learned that sometimes to say little is best and doesn't help to line the pockets of those who would benefit from the free advertisement over the controversy.

However, there has been much talk on blogs, websites and in the media over the recently released movie, *Fifty Shades of Grey*. The American Catholic Bishops have spoken out against the movie but not only to warn Catholics not to go and see it but more importantly that they should be very concerned about the message the movie is making. Sadly, some people have desensitized themselves to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to such a degree that there's no point in really arguing with them.

You might want to check out some or all of the multitude of good online articles I've read about this sad portrayal of anything but true love.

megmeekermid.com

A Psychiatrists Letter to Young People About Fifty Shades of Grey

bonbonbreak.com

A Letter To My Children About Fifty Shades of Grey

mercatornet.com

Violence Dressed Up as Erotica: Fifty Shades of Grey and abuse

liveactionnews.org

Why Fifty Shades of Grey Sends the Wrong Message

Archbishop Denounces *50 Shades of Grey* as 'Destructive' Porn

A Catholic archbishop is among those who have spoken out about the sadistic movie *Fifty Shades of Grey*, which debuted over the weekend, breaking box office records. The Cincinnati prelate posted a message on Facebook, warning the faithful against falling for the controversial film's duplicitous marketing.

"The story line is presented as a romance; however, the underlying theme is that bondage, dominance, and sadomasochism are normal and pleasurable," Archbishop Dennis Schnurr said. "The movie is a direct assault on Christian marriage and on the moral and spiritual strength of God's people."

The archbishop wrote to his pastors February 4 and also took to the archdiocese's Facebook page with a February 10 post on the film's harmful message.

"In the story line, a young Miss Steele is urged to sign a contract becoming a sex slave and agreeing to an abusive and degrading relationship," he said. "This movie is in direct contrast to the Christian message of God's design for self-giving and self-sacrificing love, marriage and sexual intimacy."

"We need to inform our people about the destructive message of this movie," said Archbishop Schnurr. "and to highlight the beauty of God's design for loving relationships between a husband and wife in the bond of marriage."

Fifty Shades of Grey has met with opposition from diverse corners, with social conservatives and feminists alike calling the film's producers out for its theme of domestic abuse of women passed off as romance. Many have called for a boycott of *Fifty Shades of Grey*.

The U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops was also critical of the movie's promotion of a degrading sexual relationship.

"This is an opportunity for us to remind the faithful of the beauty of the Church's teaching on the gift of sexual intimacy in marriage, the great dignity of women, and the moral reprehensibility of all domestic violence and sexual exploitation," Buffalo Bishop Richard Malone wrote to the nation's Catholic bishops as chair of their Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth.

The USCCB is offering a constructive alternative to the demeaning message of *Fifty Shades of Grey* with its *50 Hues of Holiness* initiative, which contains 50 passages from either Scripture or USCCB resources on light, marriage and love.

Archbishop Schnurr is one of several individual bishops all taking additional steps to speak up about *Fifty Shades of Grey*.

He endorsed a statement by the Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP), according to a *Catholic Herald* report, which had been signed by Kansas City Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Arlington Bishop Paul Loverde and San Francisco Archbishop Emeritus George Niederauer.

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“The contrast between the message of *Fifty Shades of Grey* and God’s design for self-giving and self-sacrificing love, marriage and sexual intimacy could not be greater,” the RAAP statement said. “The books and the movie undermine everything that we believe as members of the faith community.”

San Angelo Bishop Michael Sis endorsed the RAAP effort as well and said in a February 10 opinion piece that pornography is not a victimless vice but undermines marriages, impedes the capability for healthy relationships, harms work productivity, and “preys on human frailty and wounds.”

El Paso Bishop Mark Seitz communicated to the people of his diocese in a column that he wasn’t going to tell them they may not go to see *Fifty Shades of Grey*.

“I’m just going to tell you to do so would be a sin,” said Bishop Seitz. (*Article from LifeSiteNews.com Feb. 16, 2015*)

MASS INTENTIONS – WEEK of FEB. 23 – March 1, 2015

Mon Feb 23 – 7:00 pm – Parish Mission Mass & Talk

Tues Feb 24 – 7:00 pm – Parish Mission Mass & Talk

Wed Feb 25 – 7:00 pm – Parish Mission Mass & Talk

8:00 pm – Confessions (8 priests)

Thurs Feb 26 – 8:30 am – John Forget+

Fri Feb 27 – 5:00 pm - Poverty Meal – Hall

6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm - Mass

Sat Feb 28 – 5:00 pm – Mary J. Dias+ req. Norma Rodrigues

Sun Mar 1 - 9:00 am – Members of The CWL

11:00 am – Rocco & Vincenza Romagnuolo+

Req. Maria Morra

There will be **NO 8:30 am morning Mass on Tuesday February 24 because of the Parish Mission Mass which is at 7:00 pm.**

First Sunday of Lent – February 22

Lent: the springtime of the soul ... is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997

SHARELIFE SUNDAY MARCH 1

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

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

6th 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 at 905-279-7702 or visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

23RD Annual Catholic Renewal Ministries Lift Jesus Higher Rally - The Happiness Factor

Be inspired, encouraged and healed: Come celebrate the **23rd annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally on Saturday, March 7** at 9:00 am – 5:30 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building 255 Front St W. The Keynote Speaker, Al Kresta & the Renewal Ministries Team, Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck.

As always, there will be uplifting music, prayer, confessions and a Divine Mercy celebration and a Eucharistic Procession. His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will once again be the celebrant and homilist of the closing Mass.

ST. PATRICK ANNUAL MASS


Annual Mass in honour of St. Patrick will be held on **Tuesday March 17 at 10:00 am at St. Michael’s Cathedral, 65 Bond St, Toronto.** Principal Celebrant, His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. Music Alumni Choir, St. Michael’s Choir School.




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