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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.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 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 pick up a baptism package from Fr. Charles after mass.

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 Manuel Duterte* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If Father Manuel 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.

The Catholic View

The Catholic View is a weekly, one-hour series we are putting on in our parish every Thursday from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. and features a 25-minute talk by Fr. Charles or a guest priest on various topics that are of interest to inquiring Catholic minds.

The Catholic View will next resume on **Thursday March 6** when the subject will be --

The Catholic Church in the Media Age

THE HOUR THAT WILL CHANGE YOU



For the past two years our parish has held what is called a Holy Hour – a time when a larger host contained within a round glass holder (a luna) is taken from the Tabernacle by the priest and placed in the monstrance – an ornately decorated receptacle which serves to show the Sacred Host – and is displayed for all those who come with faith and devotion to pray in silence before the Lord Jesus Christ.

The purpose of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is meant to lead us to a greater appreciation of Jesus whom we receive in Communion in the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus.

Okay, now I know that everything I just said above sounds very “churchy”, the stuff of religious talk from a priest, but believe me, Jesus is REALLY there in the monstrance during Adoration during a Holy Hour and is REALLY present and there in the Tabernacle and when we receive Him in Holy Communion. How do I know? I’ve seen Him!

Yes, that’s right. I’ve seen the Lord in a way that only confirms what I have always known and believed about the Eucharist. And the way that I saw Jesus on one particular occasion has also been seen by other priests who have also shared their personal experience with me and others.

It was years ago when I was pastor of St. John Vianney Parish in Barrie. Following a school Mass that was celebrated in the church a parishioner came to me holding a host they said they found in the parking lot. Shocked (but not so shocked) at the fact that someone would be so ignorant (def. – not knowing) of the reality of Jesus truly in the Sacred Host or why someone

who doesn’t believe would take the Host in the first place, I carefully took the Host from the parishioner and put it in a container with water and placed it in the Tabernacle so that it could dissolve. A few days later I opened the Tabernacle to examine the Host but could not believe what my eyes beheld – the Host, which had partially dissolved in the clear water, had visible tinges of red, the colour of blood, on it. One cannot take a piece of bread (of the same ingredients as an unconsecrated host) and by placing it in water find the colour red. There is nothing in bread alone that will produce this colour except that it was no longer ‘bread’ following the consecration of the Mass when that Host was consecrated. As St. Thomas Aquinas so beautifully said, “For those without faith, no explanation is possible; for those who have faith, no explanation is necessary”.

But why should we be surprised by this? The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist wasn’t an invention of the Church, though a good chunk of Christianity dropped it along with priesthood and sacraments and the authority of the Pope. No, the Eucharist was given to us by Jesus’ own words of command uttered and remembered by first the Apostles and then written down forever by the Gospel writers as well as St. Paul.

The night before Jesus’ death, he had gathered his Apostles in the place where he told them He would share the Passover meal with them. But at this Jewish ritual meal he changed the words of the Passover by adding “This is my body” and “This is my blood” over bread and a cup of wine, adding, “Do this in remembrance of me.” Do what? Keep this memorial of His Death until He comes again. That’s why for 2 millennia the Church has been celebrating the coming of Jesus in His Real Presence in the Mass ‘from the rising of the sun to its setting’ all over the earth, everyday, everywhere.

There is something you’re not going to ever hear on the news much less talked about among Catholics, though we should – the staggering number of baptized Catholics who never receive the Eucharist. What we do talk about particularly in the sacramental life is the number of people who don’t go to Mass but that sounds more like a failure to show up at a weekly meeting than it does for not receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus himself said,

6:27 “Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.”

6:35 “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

6:51 “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

6:53-56 “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.”

Notice how much emphasis Jesus places on the direct and unifying link between ‘his body’, ‘himself’ and ‘the bread’.

Jesus is saying something so astounding, unbelievable and yet absolutely essential for our lives. Yet it is not magic bread that if distributed will do miraculous things to the recipients. Some knowledge of "Who" this Bread of Life is is necessary. We know that many of the people who heard this teaching from Jesus walked away from it, literally [6:66] "Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him". Seven-year-old children receive the Eucharist for the first time at this age so that they may receive, with some understanding, 'Who' it is they are receiving. And this reception is reinforced in the child's mind by parents who see to it that this Eucharistic reception is made a reality in both the child's and the family's life each week. Jesus is made central.

Therefore, what are we saying to our children when they receive Jesus for the first time (with much celebration and congratulations heaped on the child) but it is followed by a total neglect of Jesus in the subsequent Sundays? Would not the parents be teaching their children that the Eucharist is optional, unnecessary and certainly not central? Sadly, yes. Practiced non-belief in the centrality of the Eucharist among Catholics has become epidemic and has been increasingly passed onto children for the past four decades. Our first pope, Saint Peter, spoke for all of the disciples when he said about Jesus' revelation of the Eucharist –

"Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." (John. 6:68-70)

Come to the Holy Hour
with Jesus in the Sacred Host,
the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday's from 6 – 7 pm.
followed by Mass.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE:

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

- Envelopes, Loose bills and change - \$4567
 - Pre-Authorized Giving (PAP) - \$1535 (January)
- ➔ TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK: \$6102

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Feb. 25 – 8:30 am – Theodora Yambot+ Req. by Rosenie Reyes
Wed., Feb. 26 – 7:00 pm – No Intention
Thurs., Feb. 27 – 8:30 am – No Intention
Fri., Feb. 28 – 8:30 am – No Intention
Sat., March 1 – 5:00 pm – Antonio Tamburro+ Req. by Yolanda
Tamburro & Family
Sun., March 2 – 9:00 am – Tomasina Parente+ Req. by Lucy & John
Caruso & Family
Sun., March 2 – 11:00 am – Joan Morris+ Req. by Knights of Columbus

Nine Words – **SELF-CONTROL** – Why is **self-control** the hardest fruit of the Holy Spirit to enjoy?
Join us for an evening of discussion centred on the book **Nine Words** on Thursday, Feb. 27th, 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the parish hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 5th. MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES AT NOON AND 7:00 PM.

Knights of Columbus – St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 1st at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Tickets are \$20/adult.

Offertory Envelopes 2014

The 2014 offertory envelopes are available for pick up from the table in the Chapel. **DO NOT USE 2013 ENVELOPES.** Parishioners who are currently on the Pre-Authorized Plan please pick up your envelopes at the Welcome Table.

CATECHIST CORNER

Why was Jesus killed?

A: Two reasons.

The mainline Jewish response to Jesus was that He was saying and claiming things that only God can rightfully say and claim. And since they did not believe Jesus was God, their words 'You are making yourself equal to God!' presented a death warrant for Jesus.

As Israel was under Roman occupation, the Jews could not inflict capital punishment on any citizen, Jewish or otherwise. According to the New Testament, this is why the antagonistic, Jewish authorities focused on the charge of kingship when they brought Jesus to Pilot.

The Roman response was at first indifferent to Jesus, but when He was forcefully accused of claiming kingship and a competitor to the Emperor, Rome had more than enough reason to put Jesus to death.

The parish recently purchased CDs from **Lighthouse Catholic Media.** The CD by Jason Evert called Detox was reviewed by parishioner Francesco.

Jason Evert is an evangelist at Catholic Answers and is specially known for his work on the virtue of chastity. In this particular talk, he focuses on pornography and its devastating effects on the viewer and even those who create pornography. With the use of scripture, humour and true stories, Jason underlines the point that love involves sacrifice and commitment, while lust deteriorates the ability to commit and value oneself and the dignity of another. I found his talk powerful and relevant to both sexes because the effect of treating another person as an object is devastating for all of humanity. Pornography has devastated individual lives, marriages and the culture.

EDGE NIGHT

On February 11th, we had our first EDGE night for 2014 and we had a great time! We welcomed a few new EDGE leaders and a new EDGE member this week. We were all refreshed after a relaxing Christmas break, and were ready to once again have fun and learn about Jesus and the Church.

Patrick kicked the year off with an engaging talk, reminding us that Jesus loves us so much that he died for us and that we should keep the seriousness of that in our hearts every time we go to mass. It was a great start to the year, and we look forward to more amazing EDGE nights as we all work to become the best versions of ourselves with the help of each other and God's guidance.


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