



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 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 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.

ST. LEO HEALING MASS

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9 at 7 pm.



Anointing the sick

February 11 is World Day of the Sick where in many places churches offer the anointing of the sick celebrated within Mass. Our parish will hold a Healing Mass on **Thursday February 9 at 7 pm.** which will include the anointing of the sick with the Oil of the Infirm

praying for God's healing and blessing upon those who are sick with various diseases, sicknesses and ills of mind and body.

Parishioners attending the Mass will be asked to *occupy every second pew in the church* beginning with the first pew so that I will be able to walk through the empty rows and administer the anointing on the forehead and hands of each person. Of course, anyone can attend this Mass and pray for those present and all others who are sick.

A THANK-YOU FROM BILL & KAY



Last weekend following the 11 am. Sunday Mass I had the difficult task of announcing to our parishioners (and did so at all of the Masses) that Bill Targett our Choir Director and his wife Kay, who have served in our parish these past 5+ years were retiring. Bill has been providing liturgical music in parishes for

the past sixty years and while they will certainly require some adjustment to being free to attend Mass without the need to provide the music, I am sure they will miss it and all in our parish whom they have come to know. We wish them God's blessing for their life-long faithfulness in using the God-given gifts they have been entrusted with to the work of and the Kingdom of God. Bill might just be seen at the organ again here at St. Leo the Great if Ted needs a break and a holiday or two. (Fr. Charles)

I wish to thank the CWL members who provided the tea, coffee and hospitality for the reception for Bill and Kay following the Mass and to the Tuzi family for their beneficence in providing the two lovely cakes.

A very big thank you to Fr. Charles for his kind words of farewell (last weekend) and to the CWL ladies who provided the tea and cake as Kay and I say farewell to the music ministry. We will miss St. Leo's as our full-time parish and thank all who helped us make music at the 11 a.m. Mass.

As mentioned last week at all Sunday Masses, Mr. Ted Schuck, who is a teacher and with his wife and three children, is a parishioner of St. Leo the Great parish here in Brooklin, has agreed to serve as the new Choir Director/Accompanist for the 11 am. Sunday Masses. Ted brings with him a wealth of musical experience having served in a north Toronto parish for over 2 decades following his St. Michael Choir school education and musical training. We welcome Ted to his new position with us. If anyone would be interested in joining the choir simply speak to Ted following any 11 am. Mass. The choir rehearses once a week on Thursdays in the church and sings at the one Mass on Sundays.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK WHAT IS IT?

Often enough when a parishioner or any Catholic for that matter tells me of some more serious illness or disease they have or informs me that they are going for some form of surgery, as soon as I recommend that they receive the Anointing of the Sick, they ask, "Isn't that for when you are dying?" Actually, in a word, no.

The sacrament for those who are dying was originally called, *Extreme Unction*, meaning that it was the anointing and prayers over those who are dying or close to or in danger of death. Today it is generally called the *Last Rites* signifying the ushering of the soul into the Kingdom of God with prayers, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, anointing and Communion, if possible. A Catholic who is dying (or a family member or friend) should request the Last Rites as soon as the possibility of death may be imminent but not at the very last minute. While in emergency situations the last minute retrieval of a priest to administer the Last Rites to a dying person may be necessary, outside of these cases it is more beneficial and prudent to request this last sacrament when the possibility of death is evident. Last Rites is a sacrament not intended for those who have already died but for the living to prepare them for the hope of heaven.

Anointing of the Sick, however, is a beautiful, powerful prayer of healing for those who are seriously sick in mind or body. If one is preparing for surgery, has become seriously ill or has been diagnosed with some form of disease or if they are experiencing serious mental trauma or affliction.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states in 1500 and 1501:

Illness and suffering have always been among the gravest problems confronted in human life. In illness, man experiences his powerlessness, his limitations, and his finitude. Every illness can make us glimpse death.

Illness can lead to anguish, self-absorption, sometimes even despair and revolt against God. It can also make a person more mature, helping him discern in his life what is not essential so that he can turn toward that which is. Very often illness provokes a search for God and a return to him.

In 1503 it states: *Christ's compassion toward the sick and his many healings of every kind of infirmity are a resplendent sign that "God has visited his people" and that the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Jesus has the power not only to heal, but also to forgive sins; he has come to heal the whole man, soul and body; he is the physician the sick have need of. His compassion toward all who suffer goes so far that he identifies himself with them: "I was sick and you visited me." His preferential love for the sick has not ceased through the centuries to draw the very special attention of Christians toward all those who suffer in body and soul. It is the source of tireless efforts to comfort them.*

At the Mass of Anointing and Healing on Thursday February 9th in our parish (7 pm.) in the highest form of prayer in the Church – the Mass – we will pray for and anoint all who desire God's healing power for sickness, disease, addiction and any area where the healing of God is desired. Be open to this 2000 year old prayer for Christ's healing power. (Fr. Charles)

Mass Intentions for the Week



Tue, Feb 7	8:30 a.m.	Ann Brooks +
Wed, Feb 8	7:00 p.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thu, Feb 9	8:30 a.m.	Dino Dias +
	7:00 p.m.	Healing Mass
Fri, Feb 10	8:30 a.m.	Helen Sweenie +
Sat, Feb 11	5:00 p.m.	Michele Huinink +
Sun, Feb 12	9:00 a.m.	Jacqueline Lett +
	11 a.m.	Sister Marjory Gallagher +

VALENTINE'S DANCE – February 11, 2017

Sponsored by St. Leo Knights of Columbus in the St. Leo Church Hall complete with a full hot meal followed by a variety of music by D.J. and dancing. Cash Bar throughout the evening. Door prizes will be awarded. Tickets will be \$30.00 single and \$50.00 per couple. Refreshments at 6:30 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM and Dance at 8:00 PM. Enjoy!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling. Upcoming Weekend: March 17-19, 2017 Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. For more information and application, please go to www.wwme.org or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - 50th Anniversary

Did you know that Development and Peace was founded in 1967 by the Canadian Catholic Bishops after their participation in Vatican II where they listened to the concerns of the Bishops from the Global South about poverty, hunger, etc? To find out more about the work of Development and Peace or to become a member or donor, visit the website at <http://www.devp.org/en/get-involved>

VOCATION SEEDS

“You are the light of the world.” Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email at vocations@archtoronto.org

ART SOCIAL & FUNDRAISER

Join us for a fundraising event for the Theology of the Body Ministry. At our Art Social, learn the basics of watercolour painting, including the use of watercolour brushes and various techniques such as making washes and painting wet-into-wet. No drawing skill is necessary. This event will take place in St. Bernadette's Church Hall, 21 Bayly St. S, Ajax, on Saturday, February 11, 2017, starting at 9:30 a.m. and running until 1:00 pm. The cost is \$40.00. Proceeds: provide material for children in our parish schools. Please register, either by email: gsmlministry@gmail.com, or by phone: Jan at 905-420-8696. Come have some fun.

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

Dynamic Women of Faith will be hosting its 8th annual conference for Catholic women on Saturday March 25, 2017. Topics include: Call to Holiness, Why Minister to Moms? Finding your Catholic Voice, Marriage & Sanity How does CatholicMomsGroup.com Work? Speakers include: Dr. Josephine Lombardi, Deacon Robert & Gabrielle Suthers, Tanya Granic Allen, Cheryl Thompson, and Dorothy Pilarski. Cardinal Thomas Collins will be celebrating the opening Mass. There is a mother -daughter event Calling ALL Girls the evening before! For more information including registration fees and location visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com or call 905 279-7702

SENIOR MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 24 Cheritan Avenue Toronto on Saturday, February 11, 2017 (from 9am to 5pm). Provides a time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. Day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. For more information please call the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS


Oshawa Little Theatre is proud to present the Robert Bolt classic play about the life of St. Thomas More *A Man for all Seasons* on February 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17 at 8:00 p.m. and a 2:00 p.m. matinee on February 12th. The theatre is making a special offer to church groups who might wish to attend by offering a 15% discount to all orders of 10 seats or more and a 20% discount on orders of 20 seats or more. In addition, orders of over 20 seats will also receive a complimentary ticket (the regular ticket price is \$25). The theatre is located at 62 Russett Ave, Oshawa, phone number (905) 723 0282.




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