



# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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](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 (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.

## **Parish 3-Day Lenten Retreat**

*Save the Dates –*

**Mon. Feb. 23 – Wed. Feb. 25**

each evening at 7 pm.

Mass and a Retreat Talk

with Fr. Dominic Borg, OCD

### **PARISH LENTEN POVERTY MEAL**



Our parish will introduce a Lenten Poverty Meal to be held each Friday from 5 pm. – 6:30 pm. featuring simply homemade soup and good bread. While tea and coffee will be served as well the emphasis is for individuals

and families to come together on a weekly basis and share and good but simple meal together which is in harmony with the many people who have little among us. There are no tickets for sale and there is no cost to anyone for this simple meal though people are encouraged to make a donation to our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Soup and bread will be served beginning at 5 pm. and will conclude by 6:30 pm. as the Stations of the Cross begin each Friday at that time. Mass follows at 7 pm.

*Please Note* – There will be no Poverty Meal on Friday March 6 as there is a previous booking of the hall.

### **Fr. John Boos: Taking Care of Mom**

For the past four years I have had the happy help of Fr. John Boos who is a retired priest having served in the missions in Africa. Fr. John has lived with and cared for his mother who is in her 90's and lives in Whitby. Nine or ten times a year Fr. John would kindly agree to come to our parish of St. Leo the Great and give me (and our parishioners) a break from preaching. It's nice for me to listen to someone else preach now and then and for our parishioners to hear and speak with this holy priest who has endeared himself to us over the past few years.

Fr. John's mother fell and broke her hip last year and spent some time convalescing in hospital. Upon her more recent return home, Fr. John's assistance in her daily living has made it impossible for him to assist at our parish and the many other parishes he has visited. He regretfully has informed me that he won't be able to come here any longer due to his need to be at home and take care of his mother – which is a child's duty to somehow, in some small way, repay a mother (or father) for the care they have given to us their children.

We will miss Fr. John and his good homilies that have always had the perspective of one living in the world and not a rectory. I ask our parishioners to gratefully remember him and his mother in your prayers before the Lord. *(Fr. C.)*

### **OTTAWA ARCHBISHOP SPEAKS OUT ON NEW EXPLICIT SEX ED PROGRAM FOR ONTARIO**

*(from article in LifeSiteNews.com, Feb. 2, 2015)*

Ottawa's Catholic archbishop has added his voice to the thousands of Ontario parents protesting the Wynne government's plans to impose a new explicit sex education curriculum.

Archbishop Terrence Prendergast is urging parents and concerned citizens to contact the government. "Tell them your concerns about this seizure of parental authority," he says.

In an address January 31 at the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala for Maryvale Academy, a private Catholic school in Ottawa, the archbishop warned that the government "appears willing to usurp" parental rights in imposing the new curriculum. Parents, he said, are the ones who are "best qualified" to offer children formation in this sensitive area.

The government has thus far withheld the curriculum from the public even though it is scheduled for implementation in the fall. It is modeled on a program the government pulled in 2010 due to parental backlash. That program would have seen children taught about.... *(Note: I have removed the description of what the Wynne Government is proposing for the various grade levels in their new sex ed program which is to be implemented in the fall of this year as it isn't fit to print in a parish bulletin or say publicly in church... let alone teach to children.)*

"We know that the proposed program threatens the fundamental right of parents to educate their children in the moral dimension of sexual behaviour," Prendergast said, according to his prepared text. "Mandatory instruction in the classroom will prevent parents from protecting their children from material they could judge age-inappropriate or immoral."

"Parents are best qualified and have the greatest interest in working with their own children to handle this serious topic at an age and developmentally sensitive time," he continued. "More notably, parents have the fundamental right to do so—a right the Province appears willing to usurp without due consideration."

Archbishop Prendergast also joined the criticism of the Wynne government's much-touted "consultation" on the curriculum, which has been pilloried for involving a few handpicked parents who must answer vague questions about sex education without being given a copy of the proposed curriculum. Additionally, the

archbishop said, the program looks to directly violate Catholic teaching, while at the same time, the Wynne government has said Catholic schools must teach it. "As currently proposed, Queen's Park will not allow Catholic educational institutions to use our own programs for teaching the moral dimensions of sexuality," he said. "Instead, the Provincial Government will force them to adopt its curriculum." "If experience is any guide, and from early indications, the government's program contains material that contradicts Catholic moral principles," he continued. "Furthermore, the government will decide how and when to teach this material. This decision will have no regard for an individual child's readiness for that discussion or her parents' wishes." "I strongly urge all of you who are parents to inform yourselves about this imminent curriculum," he added. "Please contact the Honourable Liz Sandals, Minister of Education, the Premier, and your local MPP. Tell them your concerns about this seizure of parental authority."

**Contact:**

*Education Minister Liz Sandals*  
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**CATHOLICS URGED TO SUPPORT  
PHYSICIANS' CHARTER RIGHT OF  
FREEDOM OF  
CONSCIENCE AND RELIGION**

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) in a proposed new draft document states: "Where physicians are unwilling to provide certain elements of care due to their moral or religious beliefs, an effective referral to another health care provider must be provided to the patient". Catholic physicians believe that a mandate for an "effective referral" is a violation of a physician's rights, as it compels the physician to violate his or her own conscience by being a participant in the very act, the very procedure to which he or she objects in the first place. The CPSO is accepting submissions from all Ontario citizens until February 20. We are all called to inform the CPSO in writing that we reject the proposed "effective referral" mandate for doctors whose Charter right of freedom of conscience and religion must be respected. The Catholic Civil Rights League (CCRL) is one Catholic lay group coordinating these efforts. Go to [www.ccrl.ca](http://www.ccrl.ca) to find out more and to get involved.

**MASS INTENTIONS – WEEK OF Feb.10 - 15, 2015**

Tues. Feb 10 – 8:30 am – Greg Crombie+  
Wed. Feb 11- 7:00 pm – Int. Linda & Tim Hutton  
Thurs. Feb 12 – 8:30 am – Linda Butler+ req. Busby Family  
Fri. Feb 13– 8:30 am – Stefan Sabala+  
Sat. Feb 14 – 5:00 pm – Mary Juliet Dias+ req. Iris Dias  
Sun. Feb 15 - 9:00 am – Int. Marjorie Pierre & Fr. John Boos  
11:00 am – Hector Anselmo+ req. Giardullo Family

**Cherub's Cupboard will be here next Sunday February 15**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 8  
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**"(The Common Good.....) It means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about." – Pope Francis**

Pope Francis encourages us to show loving concern for each other, and in so doing care for those who are often forgotten. As a Catholic community, how does the challenge to show this love for our neighbour manifest itself across our archdiocese? Through ShareLife agencies, we reach out to some of the most vulnerable and needy people in our community, helping our neighbours, friends and fellow parishioners as they work through difficult times. As we begin the ShareLife Campaign, please consider ways of supporting ShareLife, our annual Archdiocesan appeal, during this approaching Lenten season. – *Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.*

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 8, 2015**

Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997**

**Cardinal Collins Invites Feedback in Preparation for  
2015 Synod of Bishops.**


Cardinal Collins is inviting Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto to offer insights and feedback on issues that will be considered as part of the 2015 Synod of Bishops on "The Vocation and the Mission of the family in the Church and in the Contemporary World". Full details including background documents can be found at: [www.archtoronto.org/synod](http://www.archtoronto.org/synod) - deadline for feedback is February 16, 2015.




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