



# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Pastor: Rev. Charles T. Forget**

**Parish Secretary: Magda Nowak 905-655-3286 x 101**

### 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 7:00 p.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](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 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.

ALTAR TALK MINISTRY

...needs YOU!



For the past several years members of our parish have served in the Rosary Apostolate, trained individuals who go into our three Catholic schools and teach children of all

ages about the Rosary and how to pray it. Originally this ministry was only available to serve in one of our three Catholic schools as there weren't enough volunteers in this ministry to bring it to all of our schools. However, after appeals through the parish enough people came forward and by teaching the Rosary to children has made it possible into the future for many people to be people of prayer through Mary's help and intercession.

Now, we have been approached about another group called ALTAR TALKS MINISTRY which serves to teach children about the Mass, its parts, its vessels and furniture and what it really means. This ministry is so greatly necessary and a blessing to our young people who largely wouldn't understand many of the parts of the Mass or its history. And since the Eucharist is the 'Source and Summit' of our Catholic faith it is the highest and most important sacrament of the Church since it is Christ Himself who is made present at every Mass.

On the weekend of Saturday and Sunday January 25 & 26, current members of the Altar Talks will be available in the vestibule before and after the weekend Masses to provide information and registration to those who may be interested. What is most necessary is a love for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and a desire to teach it to our children. Training will be provided. So, stay tuned.....

DISCOVERING THE MASS (Part II)

After serving here at St. Leo the Great Parish these past 10.5 years I no longer remember what I have preached about over the span of this decade plus and what topics and questions I have covered in the writings of the parish bulletin.

PRAYING FOR THE DEAD IN THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

I would like to address here the Eucharistic Prayers and their common address in praying for the dead, both for Christians who believed in Christ and held the hope of the Resurrection and all other people in the world as well. Our prayer in the Mass isn't to only pray for ourselves and all who believed in Jesus alone but for all people, Christian or otherwise.



The most common of the several Eucharistic Prayers for weekday use is Eucharistic Prayer II, which is also one of the oldest Eucharistic Prayers dating back to the second century. Nearing the end of this prayer we pray to the Heavenly Father for all who died in friendship with Jesus:

*"Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection..."*

This first line clearly finds us praying for the members of the Church, the members of the Body of Christ who were baptized in the name of the Trinity already either in infancy or as an adult. What is the salvific will of Jesus? That all people, of every nation, language and culture would be saved and to be found in the Kingdom Jesus came to establish.

Following the intercession for the believers in Christ who have died, we then add

*"...and all who have died in your mercy"*

This line of prayer addresses the great and tremendous mercy of God the Father toward all people within Christianity and outside as well. We believe that as God wills that all people might be saved we also know that not everyone will be saved by many of the sayings and teachings of Jesus, including Matthew 7:13-14:

*"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it."*

A few years ago when Pope Francis had called for a Year of Mercy, I placed a sign at our front doors to the church stating:

**MERCY precedes REPENTANCE:**  
**FORGIVENESS follows REPENTANCE**  
**Mercy, + Repentance, = Forgiveness**  
 (God) (Us) (God)

God's mercy comes first for mercy is one of God's great attributes but is also that which God holds out to all people. Our response to that mercy is to change our lives and attune them to the commands and teachings of God which is to repent, to turn around and live our lives before the reality and face of the One true God. When we do this, God comes to us with His loving and saving forgiveness. Since only God knows the mind and heart of the sinner – every person on earth – He also is the only one who knows definitively who will be saved and those who won't because He knows those hearts at their center and core.

Near the end of the Eucharistic Prayer we say or sing, *"Lamb of God, your take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us."*

We ask the mercy of God to Jesus the Lamb, who takes sin away from the world by uniting it with His Passion and Death. In the former Eucharistic Prayers of the Roman Missal we used to pray "and all whose faith is known to you alone." Our great God can do all things and anything and His truth pierces even the darkness of death with mercy. Mercy is God's free gift of Himself to us because God knows the human heart and loves it, even when it goes wrong.

Parishioners will remember the story I shared a few months ago about Venerable Fulton J. Sheen who was approached by a woman concerned about her husband who had been a sinner corrupting the minds of youth and who had taken his own life by jumping from a bridge into water and drowning. "Madam, it is the distance between the bridge and the water which makes you unable to judge." Since we are unable to know the mind of God, save what He has revealed to us, it is fitting and beautiful that we should pray for all the dead at every celebration of Holy Mass. FrC



**Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Margaret Forget

**Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00 p.m. † Stefan Danielewski  
Intentions of Catholic Mothers Group

**Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † John Power

**Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Andrew Steen

**Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Daniel & Catherine McAvoy

**Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † David Raines

11:00 a.m. † Tony Vonk

**Sanctuary Lamp intention for Evelyn Mullaney  
Week of January 24 to 30**

**St. Leo Knights of Columbus**

**Annual Valenti ne's Day Dance**

will be held on February 8, 2020. Everyone is invited for another enjoyable evening with friends and family.

Location - St. Leo Church Hall

Time- Doors open at 6:45 P.M.

Refreshments at 7:00 P.M.

Dinner at 7:30 P.M.

Dinner - Full meal with desert

Cash Bar

Music - by D.J.

Prizes - Door prizes and draws during evening

Price - \$30.00 individual, \$50.00 couple

**The 11:00 a.m. choir is inviting you to join them**

The Sunday 11:00 am choir would like to invite members of the congregation to join our amazing group. We are currently looking for new members, particularly tenors and basses but all are welcome. All ages and vocal abilities are wanted. Music is taught on a weekly basis in a fun and simple way to those who don't read music so don't let that stop you if you have been thinking about joining us. We are in a new calendar year and with that comes new schedules and new opportunities. We hope that you will strongly consider coming out and giving the choir a try. You will be glad that you did. The choir sings at the 11:00 mass on Sundays and we rehearse on Thursday nights from 7:30 -9:00 pm. For more information about joining this notable group of singers, please see Ted, the director, after the 11:00 mass or come out to the church on Thursday night at 7:30 pm. Ted can also be also reached by phone at 647-302-6996. Thank you.

**CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MOMS!**

Join our Mother's Ministry and make some new friends!

Our next meeting is on Wed Feb 12 at 8pm. We continue with the Momnipotent program which validates the dignity and importance of motherhood by recognizing uniquely feminine strengths, and how to use those strengths to find peace, purpose, balance, and joy in being the woman God created us to be.

Contact [annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com) or visit [www.catholicmomsgroup.com](http://www.catholicmomsgroup.com) for more information. New members are always welcome!

**VOCATION SEEDS**

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? **Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)**

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Contact [exodus90brooklin@gmail.com](mailto:exodus90brooklin@gmail.com) for any questions and to join a group with other men in the community. We will be starting the program on January 13<sup>th</sup> and ending on Easter Sunday. Even if you decide at a later date to start the 90-day program, please feel free to contact us for support and fraternity.

**11th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith  
Catholic Women's Conference**

Saturday, March 28 – 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Le Tre Port Banquet Hall

1075 Queensway E, Mississauga, ON L4Y 4C1

Speakers: Kimberly Hahn, Colleen Carroll, Dorothy Pilarski.

Closing Mass celebrated by Fr. Edward Curtis, Rector St. Michael's Cathedral

Mass will be celebrated at Le Treport Banquet Hall

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