

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 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

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.

PARISH LENTEN EVENING RETREAT

Save The Date

Wednesday March 20, 7 pm.

Bishop Christian Riesbeck



On Wednesday March 20 in the church at 7:00 pm., we have invited Bishop Christian Riesbeck, Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa, to give us an evening Lenten talk entitled "MISSIONARY SERVANTS".

Bishop Riesbeck is a Companion of the Cross and an excellent speaker. I know him from my seminary days at St. Augustine Seminary in Toronto when we were in formation for the priesthood. Please mark your calendars to attend this evening of inspiration and Lenten spiritual preparation.

CHANGING WORLD, CHANGING PEOPLE

Over the past fifteen years or so the proponents of 'global warming' changed their subject matter to 'climate change', most likely because there was much debate over the issue of whether the globe was in fact warming, switching to using the phrase climate change which made it to appear more obvious and agreeable to the general public because everyone not only has knowledge that the climate changes but we see it. Few would dispute that the climate changes – it always has and it always will from ice ages to hotter and drier periods. But in some ways, talking about the changing of the climate is a distraction to the human reality that the world peopled by human beings has changed drastically, for good and for ill, in recent decades and as this change is so often moving and drawing people away from the things of God, there is the serious reality that we need to change.

The danger comes from being swept along with the rapidly changing times without noticing that we are accepting things we otherwise never would have. We can get used to the 'climate' of the worldly which wants to redefine everything and anything and doesn't have a lot of time for "religion".

I have often spoken of the standard of the world which is very different from the standard of the Gospel. The world is the secular, the nameless, the group-think with the mantra "everybody's doing this". It views change from tradition as progress for the sake of change and holds that there are no consequences to the decisions we make. We're just alive and living in the moment with little sense of others, the good and the need for God. Living with a worldly standard

puts myself at the center of the universe and everything revolves around me, my wants, my desires and my will. I have no one to answer to but myself and my future is a mere distant thing that will remain for me, distant and in the future. The worldly standard puts little emphasis on truth and facts but invests heavily upon feelings. Something is determined as right or wrong according to the way I feel about it on an emotional level, yet there are no moral absolutes. I am at one with the world in which I live not realizing that if I "marry the age I am doomed to become a widow in the next". No, for the worldly, change is necessary for survival and it is married to thoughtless tolerance and acceptance of pretty much anything. It is a philosophy that times are changing and therefore I must change and accept the change happening all around me. "Live and let live", for the worldly means I don't care about what anyone else does just as long as it doesn't affect me.

The worldly person accepts the latest redefining of institutions which had largely remained unchanged over the centuries and happily and without much thought accepts the redefinition of marriage, family, gender, human sexuality and pretty much any longstanding structure that has endured to the present.

Living, however, according to the standard of the Gospel is entirely different. The road is not horizontal but vertical and seeks after the things of God and heaven. The world, in this sense, is seen as the place where I have been planted and willed into being by God my Creator who wills that I would come to know, love and serve Him and be with Him forever in the life He has prepared for me and all who have come to believe. It is clinging to the One who in a world constantly changing, never changes but is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. It holds that there is such a thing as truth itself and accepts from revelation the reality that the Truth is a person, Jesus Christ, God in the flesh. The Gospel reveals that there are moral precepts and God demands that we avoid those things that lead us to sin and to cling to those things that lead us to life.

Living according to the standard of the Living God leads to an inner peace not easily shaken. It places God at the center of all things and not myself. It acknowledges that God can do all things yet I am called to be personally responsible for my actions and that there are things that God will always do and things God will always ask me to do for myself. In this way, the one who lives by the Gospel truths will love God, neighbour and self, continually seeking the beautiful, freeing, unfolding will of God.

The reality of both the worldly and the Gospel-centred obligates the person faithful to the Lord to realize that if left unchecked, I can easily accommodate my life to the world. Yet Christ said, "I take you out of the world; I pray not for the world". It is Christ, therefore, whom we must serve. (FrC)

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 29th
 8:30 a.m. Intentions of Innocenzo Mammone
Wednesday, January 30th
 7:00 p.m. † Stefan Danielewski
Thursday, January 31st
 8:30 a.m. † Vincenzina Mammone & Attilio & Maria Tuzi
Friday, February 1st
 8:30 a.m. Private intention
Saturday, February 2nd
 4:30 p.m. † Tomasina Parente
Sunday, February 3rd
 9:00 a.m. † Maura Tierney
 11:00 a.m. † Maria Bianco

**10th Annual
 Dynamic Women of Faith**

Catholic Women's Conference

Opening Mass celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Mississauga
Saturday, March 23 – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre
 4300 Cawthra Road, Mississauga, Ontario

Speakers & Topics:

Dr. Ray Guarendi – from EWTN *Laughter: The Sanity of the Family Life*

Mary Wagner – *Jesus Won My Heart*

Fr. Eric Mah – *Lawyer to Priest – The Journey*

Dorothy Pilarski: *Motherhood Matters*

Register at <http://dynamicwomenfaith.com/>

Questions? CONTACT: 416-907-1042

Calling ALL Girls

Mother Daughter Event

Friday, March 22 - 7 pm to 10:00 pm

Speakers & Topics:

Dr. Ray Guarendi from EWTN - *The Logic of Being Catholic*

Katarzyna Ryba - *Straight From the Heart*

Isabella & Natalie Bruno - *Three Tips for a Great Mother Daughter Relationship*

Dorothy Pilarski - *The Truth About Work*

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MOMS!

Join our Mother's Ministry! Mothers of all ages are invited to join us on **Wed February 13th at 8pm in the Quiet Room**. We meet once a month to discuss different topics but most importantly we laugh, learn and share with likeminded Catholic women.

Contact annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com or visit www.catholicmomsgroup.com for more information. New members are always welcome!



Be inspired, encouraged and healed at the largest single day Catholic event in Canada, the 27th annual **Lift Jesus Higher Rally!** The theme of this year's rally is **"Hope In the Midst of Suffering"**.

Saturday, March 2nd, 2019, 9 am – 5:30 pm
Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W.

- c Inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields and guest speaker Fr. Mark Goring.
- c The adult high mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins
- c There will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits.
- c The youth mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by Fr. Mark Goring.

For Ticket: \$25 for adults and \$15 for the youth. For additional information, please see our website www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca or kindly contact us at 647-243-9441.



**St. Leo Knights of Columbus
 Annual Valentines Dance**

will be held on **February 9, 2019**. Everyone is invited for another enjoyable evening with friends and family.

Location - St. Leo Church Hall, Doors open at 6:45 P.M.
 Refreshments at 7:00 P.M., Dinner at 7:30 P.M. Full meal with desert, Cash Bar, Music - by D.J. Door prizes and draws during evening. Price - \$30.00 individual, \$50.00 couple



St. Leo Knights of Columbus

will serve Breakfast in the Church hall on **February 3rd**. following the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. Masses. Everyone is invited to enjoy a **full Breakfast** of eggs, sausages, baked

beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice. Adults - \$5.00, Children ages 4 - 12 - \$3.00, and Children under 4 - free. Hope to see you there.

All monies will be used to fund a bus trip to Ottawa for Parishioners to attend a ProLife assembly on Parliament Hill.

VOCATION SEEDS

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, **Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997**, vocations@archtoronto.org, www.vocationstoronto.ca




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