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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.

Thank You One and All

Andrzej, Magda, Matthew, Kuba & Helenka Nowak
 Ferma, Stephanie & Adam Collings, Tom & Joan Barker
 Paula Podesta, David Forget, Robert, Elia & Michael LeBlanc
 Cherie & Olivia Shaddick, Juanita Peters, Bob Mott,
 Sandy Yatabe

In recognition of the people named above who assisted with the decorating and un-decorating of the church for Christmas this year. Thank you for your devotion to your parish and your hard work.

Also, thank you to **our three parish choirs** who had to provide music for the Masses 10 days out of a 15 day period;

to all of our **ushers and 'guest' ushers** for Christmas Eve and Day;

to our parish secretary, **Maureen Holly**, who worked loads of extra hours to get things done for Christmas and Year-end;

to the **Knights of Columbus** who set up and took down all of the extra chairs in the church for the Christmas Masses;

to **Tom & Joan Barker** who worked extra hard keeping the church clean, helping with the Christmas set-up/take down, and for keeping the poinsettias alive and looking;

to the **Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors** who covered the many Masses of the Christmas Season fulfilling their ministry gifts;

to **Sylvia Elek** who always puts such care, love and devotion into the cleaning of our altar linens;

to the **many parishioners** who agreed to sell the special books being offered at all of the Christmas Masses and the weekend;

and to **all our parishioners** for your faithful support of your parish and me, your pastor.

Thank you. Fr. Charles



The following article was written by Fr. Dwight Longenecker, an American priest who is a convert first from Evangelical Christianity, then to the Church of England (Anglican) and then who became a Roman Catholic and is now a Catholic priest. As a Benedictine priest he wears a cassock, which is a long robe, tied at the waste with a rope or cincture. A few weeks ago I wrote in the bulletin

about wearing my Roman Collar as a Catholic priest and the witness it provides to others about the presence of the Church and the priesthood in the world today. The following short article reminded me of my message about dressing and being identified as a priest and how it arouses conversation and interest in some while avoidance and a dis-ease with others.

"Today on the way home from Mass I stopped at Krispy Kreme for a dozen donuts. I'm wearing my cassock and Benedictine scapular. Here's what happened.

First guy I see is about thirty. Hospital scrubs. He says, "What church are you?"

"Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church."

"I'm the son of two Lutheran pastors."

"I can help you with that if you like..."

Laughs. "I really like the new pope."

"Me too. What do you do. Doctor, Nurse?"

"Nurse. In the cardiac unit at St Francis."

"I was just there last week to anoint an old fellow. After the anointing he said, 'Father, it's so beautiful!' I asked what he was seeing. He said, 'Christ the King!' Then closed his eyes."

Thinks it through. Orders his coffee. "Thanks for sharing that!"

I start to order my donuts. The girl says the Lutheran paid for them. Nice.

Another guy comes through the door. "What religion are you?"

"Catholic. Catholic priest."

"You look real sharp in that outfit."

"Thanks. Where do you go to church?"

"Greenville Christian Fellowship. I used to be Catholic."

"That means you're still Catholic. You should come to Our Lady of the Rosary sometime."

"Maybe I'll do that."

Older woman about sixty comes through the door. She looks like an Italian grandma. I'm still picking out my donuts.

"I can't think of the last time I saw a priest in public."

"Most of them don't wear the cassock anymore."

"That's a shame. I was brought up Catholic. What parish are you Father?"

"Our Lady of the Rosary."

"Where's that?"

"At the junction of I-85 and Augusta Road, but you can't tell it's a Catholic parish because we don't have a church that looks Catholic. It's just a warehouse."

"What a shame."

"But we're doing something about that. We're building a beautiful new church that will look like a Catholic Church!"

"Wonderful! I've come back to the church because of the new pope. That other church (names one in town) what were they thinking when they built that? It looks terrible."

"I can't disagree with you. But we're building a beautiful church. Do you have a million dollars? We need more money."

"I can hardly afford the donuts, Father!"

"OK. You come see us sometime."

I love being a priest, and wearing the cassock always sparks good conversations. So many people want to love the church. They want to love Christ. They want a priest to be a priest and set a good example. We need to work with all the good spirit that is out there, and forget about the negativities.

My choice was a cup of coffee, a sour cream donut and a Boston cream donut and I'll start my diet tomorrow. I mean, if you can't celebrate Epiphany with a visit to Krispy Kreme what's the world coming to? Next thing you know they'll be abolishing Monsignors..."

HAVE A HARD TIME HEARING AT MASS?

Do you have difficulty in hearing what is being said and read during Sunday Mass here at St. Leo the Great? Why not try one of our Hearing-Assist devices, found in the north side of the vestibule. Just take a unit, plug in the ear-speaker and adjust the unit to a volume level that is comfortable to you. You can also turn it off during the homily and the priest will never know.

JANUARY 12, 2014

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18 to 25, 2014.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE:

CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY COLLECTION - \$11,372
SUNDAY, DEC. 29th OFFERTORY COLLECTION - \$5,926
NEW YEAR'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION - \$2,697
SUNDAY, JAN. 5th, 2014 OFFERTORY COLLECTION - \$6,578

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Jan. 14, 2014 – 8:30 am – Natividad Mordido+
Req. by Minda & Ernie Figuracion
Wed., Jan. 15, 2014 – 7:00 pm – For the Intentions of Rev. Taras George
Req. by Madge St. Denis
Thurs., Jan. 16, 2014 – 8:30 am – For the intentions of Fr. Charles
Req. by Harold & Connie Coker
Fri., Jan. 17, 2014 – 8:30 am – No Intention
Sat., Jan. 18, 2014 – 5:00 pm – John Bayer+ Req. by Wilfred &
Melanie Bayer
Sun., Jan. 19, 2014 – 9:00 am – For the intentions of Andres Correa
Req. by the Faviana Family
Sun., Jan. 19, 2014 – 11:00 am – Francesco Caruso+ Req. by Angelo
Caruso & Family

Nine Words – **PEACE** – How does *peace* begin
in our prayers?

We Need EDGE Leaders

Our Edge Program is designed for the purpose of helping each individual grow personally and spiritually. Learning about the Catholic faith while having fun. The team pays attention to what God is doing with Edge, helping us to spread the Good News to others and striving to be our best selves for them. Our team is praying so that God might bring us more Leaders. Be courageous and ambitious. Come support our Edge program in the New Year.

Team Leader - Carly

For more information or to sign up as a Leader call Patrick Sullivan at 905-655-3286 ext. 103.

Knights Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, January 18th at 6 pm.

Coffee Sunday on January 19th after the 9 & 11 am Masses.

The Baptism of the Lord – January 12, 2014

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus “a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If God is calling you, **contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-0997, email – vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca**



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CATECHIST CORNER

Is Jesus really God? Can you show me where in the bible it teaches that?

Answer: Yes, He is.

There are so many places in the Bible that we could point to. Here are just a few:

Hebrews 1:3

He (Jesus) is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

Titus 2:13

...While we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:1

To those who have received a faith as precious as ours through the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

John 20:27-28

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

Offertory Envelopes 2014

The 2014 offertory envelopes are available for pick up from the tables on the south side of the Church. **DO NOT USE 2013 ENVELOPES.** The 2014 envelopes are arranged in numerical order. If you wish to keep your same envelope number for 2014, please take your box this weekend. When you start to use your envelopes in January 2014, **you must print your full name and address on the front of each envelope for the month of January.** This allows us to enter the correct information in the parish database. Failure to do this will result in your not receiving a tax receipt for 2014.

For parishioners who have not used offertory envelopes before, and wish to do so, please complete a parish registration form at the Welcome Table in the church vestibule and there you will receive your box of envelopes.

Parishioners who are currently on the Pre-Authorized Plan pick up your envelopes at the Welcome Table. Parishioners who wish to join the Pre-Authorized Plan can do so by completing the PAP pamphlet found in the Church vestibule and your PAP envelopes will be assigned to you at the Welcome Table.

St. Leo's Card Party Schedule for 2014

(Please note night change – NOW FRIDAY NIGHTS)


Doors open at 6:15 pm. Parking available (behind church, enter from Carson Ave.) \$10.00 per person – 15 Games – Starts at 7:00 pm **SHARP.** Euchre Dates for 2014 (First Friday of Every Month). January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 4, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7 and December 5, 2014 For more info. contact Donna at (905) 620-0724 or Jeananne at (905) 579-6118.




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