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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.

The Eucharistic Prayers and Praying for the Dead

There are a total of eight Eucharistic Prayers found in the Roman Missal, that large, red covered book that is used at the altar by the priest during the Mass. The Eucharistic Prayer consists of the words the priest prays following the singing of the "Holy, Holy, Holy" to the conclusion of the Doxology, "Through Him and with Him and in Him....," Within each Eucharistic Prayer is found the words of consecration over the bread and separately over the wine, changing them by the power of the Holy Spirit into the Body and Blood of Christ. Following the consecration, the priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer with the words that ask God to help us to become one by the gift of the Eucharist, ask God to remember the Church, the pope, the bishops, the clergy and all of God's people. We remember and pray for the dead and ask God that we might see the reality and glorious blessing of heaven and live with the Lord forever.

Specifically, though, when we remember the dead we pray for two groups of the dead (Euch. Pr. II):

"Remember also our brothers and sisters

- 1) who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,
- 2) and all who have died in your mercy".

So, we don't just pray for all people who have died but for those who died as believers in Jesus' Resurrection (Group 1) and all the dead to be brought before Jesus' mercy, (Group 2). In the Mass, therefore, we not only pray for those who were Christians, baptized into the Lord's death and resurrection, but we also pray for all people the world over who have died and didn't believe in Jesus, but died in Jesus' mercy.

This, of course, raises the question about whether God wants all people, universally, to be baptized, and the simple answer is, yes. At the end of Mark's Gospel, on the day Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared first to Mary of Magdala who in turn took the incredible, joyful news to Jesus' followers and to two of His followers on the road to Emmaus, and finally to His 11 Apostles who, apparently, were slow to believe what had been told them about Jesus being alive and Risen from the dead:

"Afterwards while the Eleven were at table he appeared to them and reproached them for their incredulity and dullness, because they had not believed those who had seen him after he was raised from the dead.

Then he said to them, 'Go forth to every part of the world, and proclaim the Good News to the whole creation. Those who believe it and receive baptism will find salvation; those who do not believe will be condemned.'

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, Baptism is not an option to being saved by Jesus Christ – it is necessary. In an

age where more and more people don't want to bother having their children baptized much less live a life of faith in Jesus, baptism is like being offered a lifeboat whilst you are standing on a sinking ship and saying, "I don't believe my child needs the lifeboat; their fine with me on the ship."

Baptism isn't a nicety to merely please grandma and grandpa and mom and dad – it is the offer of life forever itself that is offered and made necessary by Jesus.

In Luke's Gospel account, it ends with Jesus specifically instructing His apostles of what they are commissioned to do in His name after He ascends to the Father:

"The eleven disciples made their way to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to meet him. When they saw him, they fell prostrate before Him, though some were doubtful. Jesus then came up and spoke to them. He said, 'Full authority in heaven and on earth has been committed to me. Go forth therefore and make all nations my disciples; baptize men everywhere in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all that I have commanded you.'

So, Baptism isn't just a nice one-day wonder or a good luck charm for heaven, but is *necessary* for heaven. Yet, even to those who have not been baptized, perhaps through no fault of their own, the mercy of God can do anything. God is God and we are not God. Ultimately, God, who knows the hearts of all people, knows what we truly desired at our core that may not be known by any other. As it so beautifully is found in the Old Testament Book of Samuel: (Sam. 16:7b)

"The Lord does not see as man sees; men judge by appearances but the Lord judges by the heart."

The danger is that we might be led to 'presume' God will be merciful, kind, loving, forgiving, when we die and go before His judgement. This is why it is the mandate under God to all shepherds that they not only care for souls but seek them out, that they would come to know the God who loves them and desires only that they live with Him now, in this life, and in the fullness of the life with Him that is to come in heaven.

Therefore, in the highest form of prayer in the Church – the Mass – we bring all of the dead, both our brothers and sisters baptized in and who have lived the faith, as well as all who are known to God alone, into the Kingdom of heaven.

I remember a priest (but not his name or where or when I heard it) say that if you were invited to attend a wedding through an invitation (baptism) and you replied with the words that you planned to attend and you wrote the date in your calendar, if the date of the wedding comes and you did not get in your car and drive to the wedding, the end result is that you will not end up at the wedding – by your own choice and of your own volition. If the trajectory of your life is aimed toward the hope of heaven, then you need to be headed in that direction now! If not, why not? (*Fr. Charles*)

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 22nd
 8:30 a.m. Intentions of Sammy Kiel
Wednesday, January 23rd
 7:00 p.m. Intentions of Geraldine Sullivan
Thursday, January 24th
 8:30 a.m.
Friday, January 25th
 8:30 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Charles
Saturday, January 26th
 4:30 p.m. † Luis Cruz
Sunday, January 27th
 9:00 a.m. † Armenio Medeiros & all souls in purgatory
 11:00 a.m. † Intentions of Innocenzo Mammone

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Anyone wishing to register for Pre-Authorized Giving can pick up forms in the vestibule. You can return the form to the office or put in the donation basket. If you wish to increase your current monthly donation, please email the parish office at office@stleothegreat.ca



Once again this year the parishioners of the parish were exceptionally generous in their contributions for Christmas Angels. This year we supported 29 families comprised of 101 individuals. Gifts were sorted and wrapped on Dec.

16 and delivered over the next few days by Vincentians and volunteers. Calls of gratitude have been coming in ever since. The members of Saint Vincent de Paul of the parish thank you sincerely for your faithful support of the program each year. God bless each and every one of you. Have a joyous and peace filled New Year.

**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
- 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

“Behind each priest, there is a demon fighting for his fall. If we have the language to criticize them. We must have twice as much to pray for them”.

St. Teresa of Avila



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.

BROOKLIN CARES

Paint Nite for Hospice

**25 January 2019 at 7 p.m.
 St. Thomas’ Anglican Church
 101 Winchester Rd. E**

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For more information, visit and “like” our Brooklin Cares Facebook page or go to: durhamregionhospice.ca. There is currently a Silent Online Auction with great prizes to bid on that ends on January 27th.

VOCATION SEEDS

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood or religious life? 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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