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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 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

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.

THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC!



It is unhappy news for us as a parish as I announce to our parishioners that Bill and Kay Targett, who have served in the music ministry at the 11 am. Sunday Mass here for several years, are retiring with plans to enjoy much time together in

warmer climates and with their family. Bill has been the Music Director at the 11 am. Mass for several years now both directing the choir while providing the accompaniment from the organ and keyboard – not an easy feat. Kay has served so faithfully with Bill as cantor from time to time and organizer of music, etc.

[You will notice the steam tractor pictured above. I was looking for a picture of Bill to attach to this article however, the only pictures that came up on a Google search was from an annual steam show held in the UK each year, called the Bill Targett Memorial Steam Rally.]

A number of years ago, following a transitions in the 11 o'clock music leaders in our parish, Bill and Kay Targett were seen by me in the congregation Sunday after Sunday. I had known them from two decades before when I was stationed as Associate Pastor at St. Patrick's Parish in Markham and Bill was the Choir Director. I had also been invited by that choir 10 years ago to accompany them to the Holy Land as they sang in the various Christian sites and churches in the land where Our Lord's feet had walked and His truth still resounds in the power of His real and everlasting presence. Their singing in those places sacred to Christians was nothing less than angelic and of divinity and I was privileged to preside at the Masses each day as we visited the shrines, churches and holy places where Christianity began in the Church founded by Christ.

I also remember well when I was stationed in the small parish of Sacred Heart in Port McNicoll and Bill and Kay brought the choir up to our church singing at the Sunday Mass and filling that small town, it seemed, with joyous music. They held their choir barbecue there and it was an awesome day for both me and the parishioners.

So, back to how Bill Targett got started as our choir director.... At the time we had an accomplished and gifted organist, Trude Olford, as organist at the 11 am. Mass, a woman Bill had known for many years through her involvement in the music ministry at St. Patrick's, Markham. I approached Bill and Kay and asked them if they would be interested in getting involved with our choir. Bill was interested, particularly since having a most competent organist already would allow him to serve as directing the choir. And so it was agreed upon that Bill would serve as Music Director here at St. Leo the Great and thus began a great relationship with our choir members and their new director.

Bill's life experience has been broad and one that has revealed his many gifts and personal integrity. He was a teacher, a principal and served as organist in several parishes throughout the Archdiocese spanning many years. He taught at the

famous St. Michael Choir School in Toronto and was choir director at St. Patrick's Parish in Markham for 25 years.

What Bill has done each week in preparation for Mass is truly astonishing, complex and detailed. While we might see his presence and activity as playing a musical instrument for an hour during Mass is in actuality begun long before. He chooses the music to coincide with the readings and the themes of the liturgical year and seasons and this, Bill has done so very well. Each week as the presider and homilist I hear Bill's hymn choices so beautifully echo the words of the readings which further proclaims the Gospel message. Then comes the weekly rehearsal with our parish choir members who faithfully, under Bill's direction, learn and sing the various hymns for the upcoming Sunday and season. The commitment of both Bill and Kay Targett to this parish for so many years has left a great impact on our spiritual lives and has served to offer us weekly inspiration to both the choir members and the parishioners at large. They will be missed.

A coffee and cake reception will take place in the parish hall following the 11 o'clock Mass this Sunday (Jan. 29) to show our parish appreciation for Bill and Kay's tremendous musical presence here at St. Leo the Great over the past years.

Mr. Ted Schuck, who was St. Michael Choir School trained, aside his two older brothers, has been assisting with parish music over the past year and will become the new Choir Director for the 11 am. Mass. Ted is a school teacher, a husband and father of 3 children, lives here in Brooklin and brings with him decades of parish based music ministry.

I APOLOGIZE IF....

At Christmas each year I happily exchange greetings with parishioners following our celebrations of the birth of our Saviour. Sometimes parishioners wish to leave me cards as well as various gifts. Sometimes a gift and separate card are left in the office or sacristy and the card, unless it has been attached to the gift, becomes separated leaving some gifts without an accompanying card. I endeavor to thank each giver for their gift to me but in some cases won't be able to do so because I'm not sure who the gift-giver is. If you are one of those kind people who gave me a gift this Christmas and I am not able to send you a thank you note, please know that I do appreciate your gift and your kind heart for doing so. (Fr. C.)

ST. LEO HEALING MASS

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9 at 7 pm.



Anointing the sick

February 11 is World Day of the Sick where in many places churches offer the anointing of the sick celebrated within Mass. Our parish will hold a Healing Mass on **Thursday February 9 at 7 pm.** which will include the anointing of the sick with the Oil of the Infirm praying for God's healing and blessing upon those who are sick with various diseases, sicknesses and ills of mind and body.

Parishioners attending the Mass will be asked to *occupy every second pew in the church* beginning with the first pew so that I will be able to walk through the empty rows and administer the anointing on the forehead and hands of each person. Of course, anyone can attend this Mass and pray for those present and all others who are sick.

Mass Intentions for the Week



Tue, Jan 31	8:30 a.m.	Brent Smith +
Wed, Feb 1	7:00 p.m.	Waclaw Nowak +
Thu, Feb 2	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
Fri, Feb 3	8:30 a.m.	Cala Dimitroff +
Sat, Feb 4	5:00 p.m.	Michele Huinink +
Sun, Feb 5	9:00 a.m.	Manfredo De Giorgis +
	11 a.m.	Tony Vonk +

VALENTINE'S DANCE – February 11, 2017

Sponsored by St. Leo Knights of Columbus in the St. Leo Church Hall complete with a full hot meal followed by a variety of music by D.J. and dancing. Cash Bar throughout the evening. Door prizes will be awarded. Tickets will be \$30.00 single and \$50.00 per couple. Refreshments at 6:30 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM and Dance at 8:00 PM. Enjoy!

ST. LEO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Sunday February 5 following the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses. Everyone is invited to enjoy a full breakfast of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice in the parish hall. Adults \$, children 4-12 \$, and children under 4 free.

SENIOR MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 24 Cheritan Avenue Toronto on Saturday, February 11, 2017 (from 9am to 5pm). Provides a time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. Day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. For more information please call the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

VOCATION SEEDS

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven..." Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email at vocations@archtoronto.org

ART SOCIAL & FUNDRAISER

Join us for a fundraising event for the Theology of the Body Ministry. At our Art Social, learn the basics of watercolour painting, including the use of watercolour brushes and various techniques such as making washes and painting wet-into-wet. No drawing skill is necessary. This event will take place in St. Bernadette's Church Hall, 21 Bayly St. S, Ajax, on Saturday, February 11, 2017, starting at 9:30 a.m. and running until 1:00 pm. The cost is \$40.00. Proceeds: provide material for children in our parish schools. Please register, either by email: gsmlministry@gmail.com, or by phone: Jan at 905-420-8696. Come have some fun.

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

Dynamic Women of Faith will be hosting its 8th annual conference for Catholic women on Saturday March 25, 2017. Topics include: Call to Holiness, Why Minister to Moms? Finding your Catholic Voice, Marriage & Sanity How does CatholicMomsGroup.com Work? Speakers include: Dr. Josephine Lombardi, Deacon Robert & Gabrielle Suthers, Tanya Granic Allen, Cheryl Thompson, and Dorothy Pilarski. Cardinal Thomas Collins will be celebrating the opening Mass. There is a mother -daughter event Calling ALL Girls the evening before! For more information including registration fees and location visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com or call 905 279-7702

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2017 and in parishes on the weekend of January 28/29, 2017. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation. A special Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick today Sunday, January 29 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica in Toronto.

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS


Oshawa Little Theatre is proud to present the Robert Bolt classic play about the life of St. Thomas More *A Man for all Seasons* on February 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17 at 8:00 p.m. and a 2:00 p.m. matinee on February 12th. The theatre is making a special offer to church groups who might wish to attend by offering a 15% discount to all orders of 10 seats or more and a 20% discount on orders of 20 seats or more. In addition, orders of over 20 seats will also receive a complimentary ticket (the regular ticket price is \$25). The theatre is located at 62 Russett Ave, Oshawa, phone number (905) 723 0282.




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