



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 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

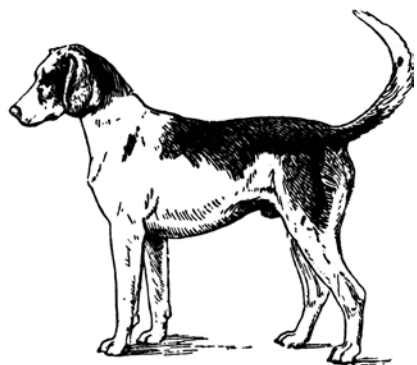
If you or someone in your family is in the Oshawa, Whitby or Port Perry Hospitals and would like to have a priest (for serious reasons) visit the person who is sick for Anointing of the Sick, Last Rites, Confession or Communion, please note that there is a full-time Catholic Priest assigned to these 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.

EULOGY ON THE DOG

I recently came across an article I had kept called "Eulogy on the Dog" and I believe I ran it in a bulletin article several years ago in Barrie. I found the story so interesting for its time – almost 150 years ago, when one might assume that dogs wouldn't have the place and value to their owners that we might accept today. This was a story of great injustice for a man's prized and valued hunting dog to be shot by another and the lawsuit which followed to sue for damages would seem to be quite understandable though perhaps not very winnable. It seems that the defense given on behalf of the dog's owner wasn't based at all on the facts of the case but rather by appealing to the sympathies of all in the courtroom who heard this "Eulogy on the Dog" and were so moved as to award the owner over three times the allowable amount. I got the story from bartleby.com over eight years ago.

Now, perhaps a few are wondering why I'm writing about dog stories in the parish bulletin? Well, first of all, dog is God spelled backward and besides, I'm a happy and proud dog owner who has been privileged to know the loyalty and love of five dogs during my 24 years of priesthood. As well, whenever I write about dogs of mine that have died or anything about dogs in general I get so many comments from parishioners.

Enjoy. (Fr. Charles)



GEORGE GRAHAM VEST, "Eulogy on the Dog," speech during lawsuit, 1870. — Congressional Record, October 16, 1914, vol. 51, Appendix, pp. 1235–36.

A foxhound named Drum "was known far and near as one of the fastest and least

uncertain of hunting dogs." He was shot and his owner sued for damages, \$150 being the maximum allowed. The case started before a Justice of the Peace, was appealed to another court and transferred to another. It was in the final trial, in the State Circuit Court at Warrensburg, Missouri, that Vest made his speech, the peroration of which is above.

According to the recollection of Thomas T. Crittenden, counsel for the defendant and later governor of Missouri, Vest made no reference to the evidence but confined himself to a tribute to canine affection and fidelity. "He seemed to recall from history all the instances where dogs had displayed intelligence and fidelity to man. He quoted more lines of history and poetry about them than I had supposed had been written ... It was as perfect a piece of oratory as ever was heard from pulpit or bar. Court, jury, lawyers, and audience were entranced. I looked at the jury and saw all were in tears." — Gustav Kobbe, A Tribute to the Dog, pp. 9–18 (1911).

According to John F. Phillips, former law partner of Vest and a member of the House of Representatives, whose comments appear in the Congressional Record with the eulogy on the dog, the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for \$500, far more than the sum sued for. The excess was remitted. Vest

was elected to the Senate eight years later and served from 1879–1904.

"Gentleman of the jury, the best friend a man has in this world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter whom he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us — those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name — may become traitors to their faith. The money that a man has he may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads. The one absolute, unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world — the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous — is his dog.

Gentlemen of the jury, a man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he can be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that had no food to offer, he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies. And when the last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in its embrace, and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even to death."

IN GRATITUDE

Once again this year the church looked stunning in its decorations of Christmas, particularly with the addition of the white Christ the King tree beside the manger and the poinsettia tree by the statue of Our Lady. Days of work went into the preparations and actual laying out of all of the trees, manger and flower arrangements and as always, so many different people assisted greatly in putting it all together over three days. **Monday, Getting the Decorations Out of Storage:** Andrzej Nowak, Chris Collings, Adam Collings and Matthew Podesta **Tuesday, Tree fluffing** (a slow and tedious job): Yvonne Naterer, Magda Nowak, Pina Floris, Angela Meagher, Ferma Collings, Marianne Malloy, Maria Kchik, Markian Kchik, David Forget and Fr. Charles.

Wednesday, Setting up the Church: David Forget, Fr. Charles, Pina Floris, Angela Meagher, Magda Nowak, Claire, Jeremy and Benjamin Carruthers, Maria Kchik and Markian Kchik.

Poinsettia Maintenance: Tom and Joan Barker

Thank you also to those who have agreed to assist in the take down of the Christmas decorations this weekend. All efforts of these hard workers along with those of the various ministries assisted greatly in making our celebration of Christmas, holy.

Mass Intentions for the Week



Tue, Jan 10	8:30 a.m.	Waclaw Sabala+
Wed, Jan 11	7:00 p.m.	Intention of Margaret Forget
Thu, Jan 12	8:30 a.m.	Brian Foley+
Fri, Jan 13	8:30 a.m.	Michele Huinink+
Sat, Jan 14	5:00 p.m.	Vincenzina Mammone+
		Attilio & Maria Tuzi+
Sun, Jan 15	9:00 a.m.	Tomasina Parente+
	11 a.m.	Deceased parents & siblings of the Horvat Family+

175th ANNIVERSARY OF ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

December 17, 2016 marked the 175th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto. This incredible historic milestone will be celebrated throughout the coming year. The Archdiocese of Toronto is planning numerous historical and spiritual activities to commemorate the 175th anniversary, including a large-scale celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on May 30, 2017.

Some quick facts on the Archdiocese of Toronto:

- The Archdiocese of Toronto has a Catholic population of 2 million with almost 1,000 Masses celebrated across the archdiocese each week in more than 30 languages
- The first parish established in the Archdiocese of Toronto was St. Paul's (now St. Paul's Basilica) in 1822, while still a part of the Diocese of Kingston
- Close to 800 clergy and 560 religious women serve the faithful in the archdiocese
- The Archdiocese of Toronto is the largest diocese, stretching from Toronto north to Georgian Bay and from Oshawa to Mississauga

More information on the Archdiocese of Toronto 175th celebration can be accessed by visiting: www.archtoronto.org

VOCATION SEEDS

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Chris Lemieux,

Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email at vocations@archtoronto.org

2017 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2017 offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the vestibule. Please remember to write your name and address on your 2017 Offertory Envelopes for the first few weeks of 2017 to ensure proper allocation of all donations. Also please do not use 2016 envelopes.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD's

Please check out new CD's available at the Catholic Lighthouse Media kiosk in the vestibule. The cost of each single CD is just \$5.00 and there is a slot where you can deposit your money. These CD's are great for listening at home or in your car as you travel. Check 'em out.

CORNERSTON MEN'S HOSTEL

On behalf of the Cornerstone Men's Hostel in Oshawa thank you to St. Leo the Great Parishioners for the great generosity shown through the various clothing and toiletry items given at Christmas time benefiting the men who live on the streets and are reliant on the basic clothing items of socks, gloves, etc. as well as personal hygiene products. This kind of outreach is a lived response to the justice called for through the Gospel.

FR. LEO AUSTIN GRADE 8 INFORMATION NIGHT

Parents of Grade 8 students are invited to attend an information session regarding Grade 9 at Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School on January 17, 2017 at 7 p.m. Take a tour, speak to students and educators, check out our sports teams and clubs and learn what makes our school community special.

CATHOLIC CONTINUING EDUCATION CENTRE

Copies of the Durham Catholic District School Board's Continuing Education Winter/Spring 2017 Courses Catalogues are available in the Church vestibule. Courses are offered in Computers, High School Credit Courses, English as Second Language and Personal Support Worker. Please pick up a copy of the Catalogue.


Fulton Sheen said... In every friendship hearts grow and entwine themselves together, so that the two hearts seem to make only one heart with only a common thought. That is why separation is so painful; it is not so much two hearts separating, but one being torn asunder




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