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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.

GREAT NEWS ! NET IS COMING !



First of all, thank you to all of our parishioners who have offered prayers for the possibility of NET Ottawa sending us a team of 6-7 young adults who would work in our parish to evangelize our young people.

We stormed heaven and heaven has responded by moving the NET discernment team to choose our parish from among many to receive a NET team! So, they're coming!

The team will arrive on Monday, October 1 and stay with us, living in our parishioners' houses and working in our schools and in the parish to bring our young people close to Christ. They will leave for a short break at Christmas time and then will return in early January to continue working among our youth. In fact, their full first year will be spent as young people evangelizing young people. More to come!

The following article is part of a much longer article posted this past week by Mark Mallett who graced our parish with a powerful and thought-provoking three-day Lenten Retreat this past February 2018. Here he is writing about what has happened spiritually with Ireland overwhelmingly voting in favour of abortion in its land. As is the hallmark of truth, the words are strong but necessary to jolt us into the reality of what not only Ireland but most countries of the world are doing and allowing to happen to their people and nationhood. These are, in fact, according to heaven, regressive not progressive times in the world.

For the full article please go to markmallett.com

THE CATHOLIC FAIL

For twelve years the Lord has asked me to sit upon the "rampart" as one of John Paul II's "watchmen" and speak about what I see coming—not according to my own ideas, pre-conceptions, or thoughts, but according to the authentic Public and private revelation through which God continually speaks to his People. But taking my eyes off the horizon the past few days and looking instead to our own House, the Catholic Church, I find myself bowing my head in shame.

THE IRISH HARBINGER

What happened in Ireland over the weekend was perhaps one of the most significant "signs of the times" I have seen in a long while. As you probably know, an overwhelming majority just voted in favour of legalizing abortion.

Ireland is a country that is (was) overwhelmingly "Catholic." She was steeped in paganism until St. Patrick led her into the arms of a new Mother, the Church. She would mend the country's wounds, reinvigorate her peoples, reorder her laws, transform her landscapes, and make her stand as a lighthouse guiding lost souls into the safe harbours of salvation. While Catholicism

wained in much of the rest of Europe after the French Revolution, Ireland's faith remained strong.

Which is why this vote is a dreadful harbinger. Despite the scientific facts that underscore the humanity of an unborn child; despite the philosophical arguments that affirm its personhood; despite the evidence of the pain caused to the baby during an abortion; despite the photographs, medical miracles, and basic common sense of what and who exactly is growing in the womb of a mother... Ireland voted to bring genocide to their shores. This is 2018; the Irish don't live in a vacuum. A "Catholic" nation averted their eyes from the brutal procedure that abortion is, and absolved their conscience by dismissing the truth with paper-thin arguments of a woman's "right." The idea that they believe the unborn is just "fetal tissue" or a "blob of cells" is too generous. No, Catholic Ireland has declared, like American feminist Camille Paglia, that a woman has the right to kill another person when her own interests are at stake:

I have always frankly admitted that abortion is murder, the extermination of the powerless by the powerful. Liberals for the most part have shrunk from facing the ethical consequences of their embrace of abortion, which results in the annihilation of concrete individuals and not just clumps of insensate tissue. The state in my view has no authority whatever to intervene in the biological processes of any woman's body, which nature has implanted there before birth and hence before that woman's entrance into society and citizenship.

—Camille Paglia, *Salon*, Sept. 10th, 2008

Welcome to the rest of the "progressive" West where we have not only adopted Hitler's eugenics rationale but have gone a step further—we actually celebrate our collective suicide.

The suicide of the human race will be understood by those who will see the earth populated by the elderly and depopulated of children: burnt as a desert. —St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Mind you, we saw a microcosm of this suicidal tendency when, in 2007, Mexico City voted to legalize abortion there. The significance of that cannot be overstated either, because that is where the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe hangs—a miracle that literally brought an end to the Aztec "culture of death" where hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children were sacrificed to the serpent-god Quetzalcoatl. For that "Catholic" city to once again embrace human sacrifice thus making blood offerings to that ancient serpent Satan once again (now in sterilized rooms instead of on temple mounts) is a staggering reversal.

Of course, Ireland's recent vote follows on the heels of their Marriage Referendum in 2015 where a radical redefinition of marriage was embraced. That was warning enough that the serpent-god has returned to Ireland...

THE SCANDALS

"In one way," noted an Irish professor of moral theology...

...the awful result [two thirds voting for abortion] is just what one might expect, given the modern secularised and relativistic world we live in, the dire record of the Catholic Church in Ireland and elsewhere regarding the child sex abuse scandals, the weakness of the Church's practice of teaching on moral issues and morality over the past few decades ... —private letter

One cannot underestimate what the sexual scandals in the priesthood have done around the globe to undermine the mission of Jesus Christ. **As a result, the faith as such becomes unbelievable, and the Church can no longer present herself credibly as the herald of the Lord.** —POPE BENEDICT XVI

Both Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have insisted that the Church does not engage in proselytism but grows by “attraction.” If that is the case, then the shrinking numbers of the Catholic Church in the West indicate a death by “repulsion.” What exactly is the Church in Europe and North America offering to the world? How do we appear any different than any other charitable organization? What sets us apart?

Professor of theology, Fr. Julián Carrón, stated:

Christianity is called to show its truth on the terrain of reality. If those who come into contact with it do not experience the newness that it promises, they will certainly be disappointed.

The world has been deeply disappointed. What is missing from Catholicism in many places is not the absence of nice buildings, sufficient coffers, or even half-decent liturgies. It’s the *power of the Holy Spirit*. The difference between the pre and post-Pentecost early Church was not knowledge but power, an invisible light that pierced people’s hearts and souls. It was an *interior light* that flowed from within the Apostles because they had emptied themselves in order to be filled with God. As we read in today’s Gospel, Peter stated: *“We have given up everything and followed you.”*

The problem is not that we in the Church don’t run a good organization and even do worthy social work, but that we are *still of the world*. We have not emptied ourselves. We have not renounced our flesh or the world’s dazzling offerings, and as such, have become sterile and impotent.

...worldliness is the root of evil and it can lead us to abandon our traditions and negotiate our loyalty to God who is always faithful. This... is called *apostasy*, which... is a form of “adultery” which takes place when we negotiate the essence of our being: loyalty to the Lord. —POPE FRANCIS, November 18, 2013

What good is it to have the perfect website or the most eloquent homily if our words and being transmit nothing more than our own artistic flair or cleverness?

Techniques of evangelization are good, but even the most advanced ones could not replace the gentle action of the Spirit. The most perfect preparation of the evangelizer has no effect without the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit, the most convincing dialect has no power over the heart of man.

—BLESSED POPE PAUL VI

And so it seems certain to me that the Church is facing very hard times. The real crisis has scarcely begun. We will have to count on terrific upheavals. But I am equally certain about what will remain at the end: not the Church of the political cult, which is dead already with Gobel, but the Church of faith. She may well no longer be the dominant social power to the extent that she was until recently; but she will enjoy a fresh blossoming and be seen as man’s home, where he will find life and hope beyond death. —Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (POPE BENEDICT XVI), *Faith and Future*, Ignatius Press, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, June 5th

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Father Charles

Wednesday, June 6th

7:00 p.m. † Antonio Mastropietro

Thursday, June 7th

8:30 a.m.

Friday, June 8th

8:30 a.m. † Alex Mitchell

Saturday, June 9th

4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Good Samaritan

Sunday, June 10th

9:00 a.m. † Stanislaw, Tadeusz & Bogdan Krawczyk

11:00 a.m. Victims of abortion

KofC BREAKFAST

St. Leo Knights of Columbus will serve Breakfast on June 10th, following the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. Masses. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a **full Breakfast** of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice in the Church hall. Adults - \$5.00, Children ages 4 - 12 - \$3.00 and Children under 4 - free. Hope to see you there.

MARYGROVE CAMP COLLECTION

Next week the annual collection for Marygrove Camp will take place. Your donation will help send over 1,100 less fortunate girls to the Society of Saint Vincent the Paul’ Marygrove Camp this summer. Help turn concern into action. For more information about Marygrove Camp or any of our other Special Works, visit: www.ssvptoronto.ca



Living the Gospel by the promoting mental health of kids

Jake wrote a story in his grade 7 class that made his principal worry he might harm himself. The principal called his mother and recommended she take him to see a counsellor at Catholic Community Services of York Region, a ShareLife-funded agency. While the boy was very quiet during the first session, he eventually revealed his sadness and confusion about his parents’ divorce. As the counsellor helped Jake learn how other kids respond to a family breakup, he was relieved to find out his grieving was normal. Jake started to feel much better. By donating to ShareLife, you’re helping kids like Jake find healing and happiness.

Please make a sacrificial gift to ShareLife through your parish or sharelife.org

VOCATION SEEDS

Receiving Eucharist is a real sign of unity in our Church. God nourishes us with the “Bread from Heaven” if we have ordained priests to celebrate the Liturgy. If you feel the inclination to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, please call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org




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