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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.

GOD'S ACCURACY

Recently a parishioner sent me an email with an article titled "God's Accuracy" which looks at just a few of the items of creation which demonstrates the order of all created things by God's design. A more modern word young people liked to use a decade ago was 'random' but there is nothing accidental or unplanned about the facts of nature revealed in this article. Things were obviously not randomly created and formed but were designed by a superiorly intelligent being, God, who is so beyond our understanding. Yet everything that is created leads us to wonder how it is so and reveals – if we reflect long enough – to see the hand of God in all things, most especially in us human beings. We are, as scripture says, "fearfully and wonderfully made".

A hundred years ago and beyond the Catholic Church said that abortion was wrong and that it was the taking of a human life in an act we call murder. At the time the Church and science didn't have the proof that we have today about when life begins, but now we do. And all that has progressed in science and research proves what the Church has always believed under God – that life begins at the moment of conception. Because God created all life and all things, life is sacred, particularly human life as we are "created in the image and likeness of God". If we can see in the little things like grains of wheat and the sections of an orange all the way up to the way elephants were fashioned, we can see anything but randomness and in fact gaze upon the complexity, beauty and order of all created things by the hand of God.

While scientists may be able to "explain" how things work and examine and map out what has been created, it still originates from the creating mind and will of God. In the two Genesis accounts of the creation of the world we hear repeatedly God say "Let there be....", "and it was so". With just a word God creates and fashions, builds and designs and makes all these things exist in a created harmony and balance. All things are not bland and the same but differ from species to species in a truly wonderful balance. (Fr. Charles)

God's accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs... For example: -the eggs of the potato bug hatch in 7 days -those of the canary in 14 days -those of the barnyard hen in 21 days -The eggs of ducks and geese hatch in 28 days -those of the mallard in 35 days -The eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days. (Notice, they are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week!)

God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant: The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body--too large to live on two legs. For this reason, He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily.

The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first. A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first.

How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation! God's wisdom

and perfect order is revealed in His arrangement of sections and segments, as well as in the number of grains.

Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind. Each orange has an even number of segments. Each ear of corn has an even number of rows. Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains. Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number.

The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six waves per minute in all kinds of weather.

All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks, and the Lord specified thirty fold, sixty fold, and a hundred fold -- all even numbers.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day. Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture, and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed!

The lives of each of us may be ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if we will only entrust Him with our life. If we try to regulate our own life, it will only be a mess and a failure. Only the One Who made the brain and the heart can successfully guide them to a profitable end.

News You Need to Know About

This past Tuesday May 27th the Québec government re-introduced its euthanasia bill in the identical form as Bill 52 before the Québec election. The Québec Premier forced the Liberal members to support the introduction of the euthanasia bill. Since there was no opposition to the re-introduction of the bill, it has returned to the stage it was at before the election (second reading stage)."

Bill 52 will redefine euthanasia as healthcare, legalizing it, no longer making it what it is -- a form of homicide.

Please help them win their fight against Québec Bill 52. Sign their petition hosted on CitizenGO here:

<http://www.citizenngo.org/en/1476-stop-bill-52>

Other concerns:

- Euthanasia is defined as homicide in the federal Criminal Code.
- Bill 52 defined killing by lethal injection as "health care" in order to avoid the Criminal Code prohibition.
- Bill 52 gave Québec doctors the right to lethally inject their patients for physical or psychological suffering. Bill 52 does not define psychological suffering.
- Bill 52 does not limit euthanasia to terminally ill people. The bill states that a person must be "at the end of life" but the bill does not define end of life.

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- Bill 52 targets people with disabilities. Bill 52 states that a person must be in "an advanced state of irreversible decline in capability." Many people with disabilities fit these criteria. Since the bill does not define "end of life" euthanasia will be extended to people with disabilities.

If it passes, the petition to the Honourable Peter MacKay urges him to bring an injunction against Bill 52 by taking legal action and by asking the court to strike down Bill 52 as unconstitutional. Join Euthanasia Prevention Coalition in their petition to fighting again Quebec Bill 52.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE:

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

- Envelopes, Loose bills and change - \$3301
 - Pre-Authorized Giving (PAP) - \$1555 (May)
- ➔ TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK: \$4856

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., June 3 – 8:30 am – For the intentions of John & Margaret Forget

Wed., June 4 – 7:00 pm – Loreto Vani+ Req. by Josee Vani

Thurs. June 5 – 8:30 am– Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre Req. by Malinda Larocque

Fri., June 6 – 8:30 am – Gerry Mulcair+ Req. by Eugene McCanny

Sat., June 7 – 5:00 pm– Elizabeth & Stefan Karp+ Req. by the Karp Family

Sun., June 8 - 9:00 am – Paul Ponce de Leon+ Req. by his Family

Sun., June 8 – 11:00 am – Harold McGalloway+ Req. by the Frank Family

PARISH FALL BAZAAR – SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

This year's Bazaar will be organized by the Catholic Women's League but all proceeds will continue to go to the parish. We need the help of all parishioners to insure the success of this undertaking. We need to have a working committee in place by the end of the month. Please contact: J. Ralph (905) 579-6118 or D. Shaddick (905) 620-0724 or B. Hallihan (905) 620-0351 if you can be of any assistance. The Raffle tickets (with all cash prizes) are ready to go this weekend and in the weeks to come. If you would be willing to help man the table to distribute tickets in the coming weeks, please contact Jeananne at (905) 579-6118.

Today after the 9 am and 11 am mass, the **Knights of Columbus** invite you and your family to the church hall for some snacks and to learn more about this great origination and how you can become a member of St. Leo's Knights of Columbus. For more info. please contact Michael Mullin at (905) 655-8978 or mmullin@rogers.com..

St. Leo Knights of Columbus Breakfast – June 8, 2014 following the 9 and 11 am Masses. Everyone is invited to enjoy another full breakfast of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice in the Church hall. Prices are Adults - \$5, Children (4-13) - \$3 and Children under 4 – free.

Totus Tuus is coming!

The children and youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) this summer from July 20th to July 25th. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and college students travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechetical instruction, Mass, confession, songs and games! The grade school program, for children entering grades 1-6, runs Monday-Friday from 9 am - 2:30 pm. The Intermediate/High School program for grades 7-12 runs Sunday-Thursday from 7 pm - 9 pm. **The cost is only \$50 per person for the entire week.** To register or for more

information, please contact Carly Thistel (Totus Tuus Co-ordinator) at carlythistel@gmail.com. More information about the program is also available at www.totustuustoronto.ca

CATECHIST CORNER

How does God know everything?

Answer: It depends what you mean.

One way to answer your question is to examine knowledge. Let's remember that knowledge, as vast as it is, is still limited. And since God is unlimited, it is entirely reasonable to assume that He could wrap His mind around it.

Another way to answer your question is to examine how God approaches knowledge. And there are two theories as to how He does this. The first theory is that God can see everything from a great height, in the sense that He can take in more of the facts than any living creature can. Where we might see a few stitches, God can see a tapestry and so on.

The second theory is that God knows everything that is real and exists. In this scenario, God does not need to worry about knowing what happens tomorrow, or a great big picture, as it does not yet exist. God only knows what did and is happening right now.

But these are just theories. We do not have to know how God knows everything, we just have to know that He knows it.

St. Leo the Great parishioners donated generously again this year to Roses for Life on Mother's Day. These donations assist Rose of Durham Charity and young mothers they support. St. Leo Knights of Columbus thank you.

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Third ShareLife Sunday) June 1, 2014

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—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

Today is the Third ShareLife Sunday.

Thank you for your generosity. Together we can work wonders!

ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS – It's that time of the year when we need to start organizing our parish gardens. Volunteers are needed to weed and feed these gardens. All those interested whether new or last year's volunteers, please contact Joan Barker (905) 655-2062.

St. Leo's Card Party June 6, 2014

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**.

Canadian Blood Donor Clinic in the parish hall on Monday, June 2 from 4 to 8 pm. Enter at the Carson Street Entrance.


Next weekend (June 8) is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Marygrove Camp for Girls Collection. Thank you for your support.




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