



St. Leo The Great

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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. 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.

OUR LAST BULLETIN for the summer!

The bulletin you are holding in your hands will be the last one printed for the duration of the summer until September. For many weeks now our Mass attendance numbers have been greatly reduced meaning that many of our parishioners are elsewhere now that the good weather has come along. So, too, the number of bulletins needed has decreased considerably so we will stop publishing as of this weekend. Of course there will still be pulpit announcements as well as updates on our parish website.

We thank the many advertisers that make our bulletin possible and I would invite our parishioners to take a quick scan of our sponsors on the back of your bulletin to see what services they offer and you may need as you support those who support us in this parish bulletin. Blessed summer!

Fr. Charles

**What is Totus Tuus?**

Six years ago the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto adopted a program found in the U.S. called *Totus Tuus*, named so in honour of the motto of St. John Paul II which means, "Totally Yours". Because our Catholic faith is so rich, meaningful and essential to living to the full in response to Christ's revelation, the weeklong program was designed to teach children from Grades 1 to 6 level, in a 5-day program, the fundamentals of practical Catholic faith. The program also offers a 5-evening component for older youth from Grades 7 to 12 that is geared to their lives and ways of learning and expressing their faith.

I would sum up Totus Tuus as "an experience" because it is anything but boring or learning in a classroom style of teaching. The children - even on the first day - learn songs they will sing at the daily Mass held each day of the camp and parents will often say that their child "*came home singing*" from the days events. There is much joy and laughter seen and heard in the children as they participate in games, in prayer and in song, as well as a time each day to go outside and run around having fun.

If you know of anyone who would like to experience Totus Tuus for five days this summer, go online to our parish website www.stleothegreat.ca and download the registration form. Fill it out and drop it off at the parish office during business hours or in the mailbox outside the office.

The evening program for the Gr. 7-12 youth runs from **Sunday July 17 to Thursday July 21**

and the children's day program for Gr. 1-6 runs from **Monday July 18 to Friday July 22.**

Specific information about the low cost and cost benefit to families with 2 or more children can be found on the website or by calling the parish office.

"...In Case You Missed It..."**FROM LAST WEEKS BULLETIN****"Some Good Questions"**

Last week's bulletin had two articles: the first addressed the question about why we say Jesus rose "again", examining what this means and also why the scriptures say that Mary gave birth to her "firstborn Son". Does "Firstborn" suggest she had other children after Jesus? I also wrote a brief article called "Life: Human vs Gorilla" where I reflected on the incident in the Cincinnati zoo of a 4-year-old boy climbing over a barrier and falling into the gorilla enclosure. I discussed the evident loss of a sense of the life of a human being over that of an animal.

If you missed the article, please just go to our parish website at stleothegreat.ca and click on the heading 'Bulletins', and then on Bulletin June 5, 2016.

Over the past seven years I have either written my own bulletin articles or have posted what I would consider good, solid Catholic teaching based on the writings of contemporary thinkers on a vast assortment of topics, issues and stories. It's not always easy to know what our parishioners are thinking and this is a quiet parish in the sense that I don't receive a great deal of negative or positive feedback on my writings. Just when I think the time has come for me to cease posting or composing bulletin articles, along comes a parishioner or sometimes even a visitor to our parish who tells me that they read my bulletin articles each week or download it off of our website, and then I get to wondering whether it is serving a useful purpose and worth the time it takes to put it together each week for the Wednesday noon deadline.

Just last weekend, an elderly gentleman whom I know well stopped as he was going into the church to tell me he loves my bulletin articles, and then added, "especially the ones about dogs". I'd have to admit that I've often written about my own dogs or submitted articles about their passing or poems about the dog that brings a tear of emotion in the eyes of those who have known, loved and lost a dog or pet. (When it comes to writing articles about dogs, perhaps I should have been a Vet and not a priest! ☺)

I've also received gratitude from parishioners when I've written about those things in my life that they too have known and shared in: the loss of a loved one, the moving from house to nursing home of a parent and the "packing up of their lives", or anything that somehow touches on the same experiences that all of us have in our lives.

I don't consider myself a writer by any means, though I do enjoy putting my thoughts to paper or computer screen (and imposing them on all our poor parishioners) and in many ways the doing so is cathartic in dealing with grief, loss and death itself.

Come mid-September we will resume the printing of our bulletin again. If there are any items you would like to see or have any ideas about topics I can write about, please send them to the parish through our email address:

st.leos@bellnet.ca

and the secretary will forward them to me.

So, you'll see me but you won't read me! (*Fr. Charles*)



MY DOG LIVES ON THE SOFA

My dog lives on the sofa.
 That's where he wants to be.
 He likes to sit there night and day
 and watch what's on TV. He surfs the channels
constantly
 by chewing the remote,
 then watches what he wants to watch;
 I never get a vote.
 He's fond of films with animals.
 He takes in nature shows.
 Whenever cat cartoons come on
 he always watches those.
 He loves the pet commercials too,
 and anything with food.
 Whenever there's a tennis match
 he nearly comes unglued.
 I got him from the dog pound.
 He didn't cost a cent.
 I asked them for a "watch dog,"
 but this isn't what I meant.

(Kenn Nesbitt, from the book The Biggest Burp Ever)

Many years ago when I was just 9 or 10 years old I wrote a poem about a fictitious dog named Jack. It's funny how after all these years I've never forgotten it. For the last word to actually fit and rhyme you'll have to remember that when I was a child and growing up our family name was always pronounced with its English appearance, not the French pronunciation.

I have a dog
 His name is Jack.
 He's sits in the fog
 On a railroad track.

He watches trains –
 He thinks they're fun
 If he had any brains
 He'd turn and run.

I've had other dogs
 Black and white
 But this one never tries to fight.
 His nose is black and always wet
 What a wonderful dog for Charles Forget!

MASS INTENTIONS – June 14 – June 19, 2016

Tues., June 14 – 8:30 am – Int. of Essie Del Azan Req. Tai Family
 Wed., June 15–7:00 pm–Int of Melinda Higgins Req Barker Family
 Thurs., June 16 – 8:30 am – Aubrey Farrell+ Req. Jane Lacey
 Fri., June 17– 8:30 am – Henry Freve+ Req. Helen Freve
 Sat. June 18– 5:00 pm – Raymond Anderson+ Req Rogers Family
 Sun. June 19 – 9:00 am – Arlene Kennedy+ Req Kennedy Family
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Jesus is always ready to grant forgiveness and pardon to those who sincerely repent. Are you able to help others to believe and return to Jesus with repentant hearts? 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. email vocations@archtoronto.org

CWL Upcoming Events: Please mark these dates.

Bazaar Meeting to plan this year's Bazaar will be held on Tuesday, June 14 at 7:30 pm. Please call (905) 620-0724 for info.
Strawberry Festival/Coffee Sunday/Bake Sale will be on Sunday, June 26 after both masses. All women of the parish are invited to the **CWL Potluck Supper** to be held on June 21st at 6:00 pm in the parish hall. Please call (905) 620-0724 to be added to the list.

On Saturday, May 28, nine men were **ordained permanent deacons for the Archdiocese of Toronto** presided over by Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. Their life as deacons officially begins in St. Paul's Basilica, but will extend far beyond church walls. The assignments for these new deacons reflect the diverse ways the Church is engaged in society: serving the poor at St. Francis Table, accompanying the sick and dying in hospitals, and assisting those with intellectual disabilities. Other deacons will support former prisoners through the Friends of Disma ministry and provide pastoral care to itinerant workers through the Apostleship of the Seas. Please keep these men in your prayers.



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