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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 (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 Victor Amole* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If Father Victor 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.

“WE SAY NO” Sit-In Results

Last Sunday the rally and Sit-In in protest of the Ontario Governments new Sex-Ed curriculum (which will come into effect at the promise of Premier Kathleen Wynne) saw an estimated crowd of 5500 people there, though the mainstream media has stated 2000 people were in attendance. This is certainly no small number of parents and concerned Ontario citizens who took a big chunk of time out of their Sunday to give witness to their refusal to accept that this is the best our Education Ministry and government can do to “update” what they consider to be an outdated Health and Physical Education curriculum. The way I see it, updating may be necessary but not with the “Sex-Ed” baggage and indoctrination so clear in what has been presented.

Proof of just how bad the sex-ed parts are is realized in the fact that I cannot talk about the content of some of the things that would be taught in, say, Grade One, Two and Three here in the bulletin or from the pulpit in church because it wouldn't be appropriate – but it is somehow appropriate for little children to not only hear but learn about in school. It just doesn't make sense.

If you are trying to make sense of what is actually going on, I would invite you to consider going to markmallett.com and read his articles in his blog under the title **ON HUMAN SEXUALITY AND FREEDOM**. There he is tackling in a bold way the understanding of what God has given us in the gift of our human sexuality and how we humans are distorting it as if God and creation has nothing to do with what we may choose or choose to believe.

In announcing this series, Mark Mallett has said:

“I want to begin a bold series of writings this week On Human Sexuality and Freedom in order to speak light into the utter darkness that has invaded, in our times, this most precious gift of our sexuality. It is in hopes that someone, somewhere, will find the spiritual food they need in order to begin healing the wounds of their hearts.”

As a Catholic evangelist, Mark is reaching out and speaking out in order to address the great hunger in souls for God at a time when people are being sold the lie that sexuality is about one's own personal choices and preferences.

In Part I of Human Sexuality and Freedom, Mark sets the stage of why he is addressing this issue and what he hopes to accomplish in going back to the basics of God, creation and the purpose for all sexuality. He writes in introduction to the series:

“There is a full blown crisis today—a crisis in human sexuality. It follows in the wake of a generation that is almost entirely uncatechized on the truth, beauty, and goodness of our bodies and their God-designed functions. The following series of writings is a frank discussion on the subject that will cover questions regarding alternative forms of marriage, masturbation, sodomy, oral sex, etc. Because the world is discussing these issues everyday on radio, television and the internet. Does the Church have nothing to say on these matters? How do we respond? Indeed, she does—she has something beautiful to say.

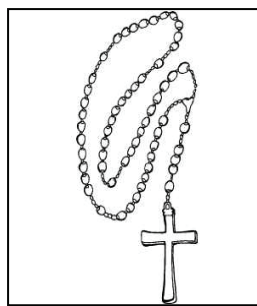
“The truth will set you free,” Jesus said. Perhaps this is no more true than in matters of human sexuality. This series is recommended for mature readers...”

We are Catholics and have a time-honoured school system in this province that bears our name. If we are willing to roll over and passively accept whatever a government wants to deliver to us in what is clearly a political agenda without saying a word about how that agenda not only opposes the natural law but proposes through teaching an unnatural law in its place, then we will have abandoned God and His Plan for our being and our lives. We are “going it alone” as we thumb our noses at divinity and the Author of all that is saying instead, “we know what is best”.

Perhaps the greatest response to this great controversy, besides being informed about what the new curriculum really wants to see accomplished, is to pray. Bishop Barber of Oakland, California says, *“The only way you can fight evil is with spiritual power.”* As the baptized we have that power to intercede before God and ask God to act, to move and to restore what He has given us through the sacred gift of our human sexuality. God will not be mocked..... for long. (Fr. Charles)

THE ROSARY: PRAYER WITH POWER!

There are many forms of prayer used by Christians. For Catholics, liturgical prayer (the Mass, the Divine Office, Prayers used in all of the Sacraments) is the most commonly used as we attend Mass each Sunday along with the entire Universal Church. Some people are more comfortable using known, rote prayers while others like to pray from their heart, expressing in their own words their hearts desire before God. All prayer is directed to God.



The Rosary is a form of prayer that has been familiar among Catholics and many other people for the past 800 years. While it is often attributed to St. Dominic (d.1221) there is not much evidence to support that he in fact gave us the Rosary we now so widely use. He is, however, known to have encouraged its use to sinners who had strayed from the faith, in whatever

form the Rosary had in his time. In the times which even predate the Christian Church beads were often used to recite prayers and later during the Middle Ages within Christianity beads were formed on a single string and used as an aid to prayer with *Our Father's* and *Hail Mary's* being said on each bead. In the 1400's the Rosary, as we are now familiar with it, took shape. By the 16th century the Rosary with its 5 decades of *Hail Mary's* based on the three sets of Mysteries was prevalent.

One of the reasons I feel moved to write this article now about the Rosary is largely due to the fact that in crucial times by both popes and priests as well in apparition messages of Our Lady, the Rosary has been that one form of prayer often encouraged.

Fr. William Saunders, Pastor of Our Lady of Hop Parish in Arlington, Maryland, recalls the powerful use of the Rosary in the 16th Century which led to its widespread use and popularity.

“The Rosary gained greater popularity in the 1500s, when Moslem Turks were ravaging Eastern Europe. Recall that in 1453,

Constantinople had fallen to the Moslems, leaving the Balkans and Hungary open to conquest. With Moslems raiding even the coast of Italy, the control of the Mediterranean was now at stake.

In 1571, Pope Pius V organized a fleet under the command of Don Juan of Austria the half-brother of King Philip II of Spain. While preparations were underway, the Holy Father asked all of the faithful to say the Rosary and implore our Blessed Mother's prayers, under the title Our Lady of Victory, that our Lord would grant victory to the Christians. Although the Moslem fleet outnumbered that of the Christians in both vessels and sailors, the forces were ready to meet in battle. The Christian flagship flew a blue banner depicting Christ crucified. On October 7, 1571, the Moslems were defeated at the Battle of Lepanto. The following year, Pope St. Pius V established the Feast of the Holy Rosary on October 7, where the faithful would not only remember this victory, but also give thanks to the Lord for all of His benefits and remember the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother."

The Rosary has not only been encouraged in great moments in world history but also in apparitions on earth from heaven. At Fatima, Lourdes, Knock and in all places of reported apparitions, the Rosary is the most common tool that has been given with the great encouragement of saints, popes and priests and from heaven itself. It is seen as a great tool for prayer and even a weapon in fighting against evil.

St. John Paul II stated in *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* that

"The Church has always attributed particular efficacy to this prayer, entrusting to the Rosary... the most difficult problems. At times when Christianity itself seemed under threat, its deliverance was attributed to the power of this prayer, and Our Lady of the Rosary was acclaimed as the one whose intercession brought salvation."

As well, the chief Exorcist of Rome, Fr. Gabriel Amorth wrote in *Echo of Mary, Queen of Peace* in the March-April edition,

"One day a colleague of mine heard the devil say during an exorcism: "Every Hail Mary is like a blow on my head. If Christians knew how powerful the Rosary was, it would be my end." The secret that makes this prayer so effective is that the Rosary is both prayer and meditation. It is addressed to the Father, to the Blessed Virgin, and to the Holy Trinity, and is a meditation centered on Christ."

"The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known;

it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men;

it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next.

The power of the rosary is beyond description."

(Venerable Fulton J. Sheen)

Mass Intentions – June 16 – 21, 2015

Tues 16 -8:30 am - Int. of Owen McCanny

Wed 17 -7:00 pm - Michael Power+

req. Tom & Kathleen Power

Thurs 18 - 8:30 am - Int. Eileen Walls req. Mary Macnab

Fri 19 - 8:30 am - Int. of Minda & Ernesto Figuracion

Sat 20 - 5:00 pm - Ronald Murphy+ req. Iolanda Tamburro

Sun 21 - 9:00 am - Lawrence Hallihan+ req. Hallihan Family

11:00 am - Rika Derksen+ req. Mary Franssen

Cherubs Cupboard will be here next Sunday June 21 with their display of religious articles for purchase.

St. Leo the Great CWL- Strawberry Social & POT LUCK

You're invited on **Sunday June 21** to the Parish Strawberry Social which will be held in the parish hall from 12 noon to **2:00 pm**. You can obtain your tickets after all the masses this weekend. Tickets are \$8.00 per person or \$20.00 for a family. Fancy sandwiches, coffee, tea and juice and of course strawberry shortcake will be served.

Also, St. Leo the Great CWL extends an **invitation to all women of the parish to join them for a Potluck Dinner on Tuesday June 16 at 6:30 pm** in the parish hall. Please contact Jeananne 905-579-6118, Donna 905-620-0724 or Betty 905-620-0351.

Cradle of Hope Charismatic Conference- June 19-21

In response to Our Holy Father's exhortation, the CCRC is hosting the "Cradle of Hope" Conference. This will be an historic event for the Archdiocese of Toronto fostering Unity in the diversity of charisms and Collaboration in the Pastoral works of the Good Shepherd, among the Holy Spirit Renewal groups, between Parish groups, in the Church and in Christian Fellowships. Praise, Worship, Healing, Reconciliation, Mass and Workshops. "COME AS YOU ARE". Will be held at Montecassino Banquet Hall, 3710 Chesswood Drive, Downsview. Tickets: \$30 adults. Please read the flyer on the bulletin board for more detailed information.

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Triduum June 23-25 at St. Patrick's Shrine Church, Toronto

Please join us for Celebration of Eucharist with Novena Homily each evening at 7:00 pm. Celebrant and Homilist is Fr. Philip Dabney a Redemptorist Priest, currently serving as Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Basilica in Boston, MA.


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