



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.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Our parishioners are most generous in their participation in the life of this parish and many regularly and faithfully give to the Sunday offering using cash, envelopes or through Pre-Authorized Giving. Currently, 122 families and individuals give through PAG which accounts for \$10,450. each month.

Last weekend a presentation was given at all Masses both by me and Nerissa, a representative of the Development Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Some parishioners later commented that they couldn't properly hear or understand Nerissa when she spoke. I thought I would recap the overall reason for our Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) program.

PARISH REQUIRES A FIXED INCOME

Our parish requires a fixed amount of money just to cover the weekly/monthly bills which include hydro, water, gas, phone, payroll, maintenance repairs, etc.

Last year, for example, our insurance company did an inspection of our property and while our church is fairly new they found that much of our concrete sidewalks around the church and from the street were heaved from extreme temperatures and created a tripping hazard. The cost of repair was \$33,000. (or roughly 5 ½ weekly collections). All parishes pay 15% of their weekly collection to the Archdiocese of Toronto which enables the Archdiocesan offices, departments and ministries to operate.

The bottom line is that we need a fixed income each week/month to meet our expenses and the best way to do this is by parishioners switching to Pre-Authorized Giving. This means that by the amount you choose to give to the parish each week your bank account will automatically be debited once per month. Many of us already pay our bills through this method and it saves envelopes, cheque writing or the need to have cash.

THE NECESSITY AND BENEFITS OF PAG

Every plea for our money comes with good, solid reasons for why we should give. Frankly, outside of our meeting of our own living expenses our God and the physical home for our faith – our parish church - should be reason enough to give and to give generously. As pastor, I contribute both to the financial support of our parish through PAG and have been doing so for a number of years. It is so easy and I don't even have to think about it – the parish receives each month the money I chose to give and I help provide for the parish's expenses and costs to run.

As was pointed out by Nerissa last weekend, with parishioners being away for holidays and throughout the summer weekends the parish income goes up and down, but unfortunately mostly down and the parish never makes up for that shortfall in contributions.

RESPONSE TO CONCERNS

Some people may be concerned that if they contribute their offertory collection through PAG that they won't then have anything to place in the collection basket each Sunday which may look like they aren't giving at all. A simple solution to this is to obtain a regular box of envelopes (a dummy box) on which you would simply write "PAG" each week and place it in the collection basket. It will simply be collected and the envelope number would be ignored as your real envelope number would be the one associated with your PAG.

Also, parishioners may increase, decrease or stop their PAG giving at any time in a simple, immediate way by contacting the parish office.

Switching to PAG is easy and over 150 parishes of the 225 parishes throughout the Archdiocese offer this form of giving to parishioners.

SIMPLE STEPS TO SWITCHING TO PAG

- take and read the PAG form
- Pray over and determine how much you think you should give to the parish each week, based on your monthly overall contribution (see the chart)
- Complete the form including your bank info.
- Place the form in a sealed envelope and place it in the collection basket at Mass or drop it off at the parish office
- You're done! It's as easy as that.

Frankly speaking and according to studies, Catholics in general don't give to their parishes what they would give in tips in a week. Looking to our God who has blessed us with every good gift, everything we have and are, the Gospel and indeed the entire biblical reality compels us to give back to God for all God has given us and does for us, His beloved children.

I ask all of our parishioners to consider prayerfully what you are giving to Christ's parish of St. Leo the Great each week and discern what would be an affordable but sacrificial offering which would see our parish meeting its financial demands toward our future, growth and renewal. May the Holy Spirit calls us all to renewal of mind and heart as we grow and live out our lives in the love of Jesus. *(Fr. Charles)*

YOUTH MINISTRY II and Saint Leo the Great Parish

Well, it seems just the time we were announcing our Youth Ministry and the hire of our new Youth Director, Mr. Dennis Wardle, we happened to have had so many of our parishioners away who may not have heard of this good news for our parish youth and the future and good of our parish. *(You can check out last weekend's bulletin with information about our new ministry to youth by going online to our parish webpage and read last Sunday's bulletin.)*

Our young people, as do all of us, need to be led to the world's greatest love, hope and blessing, Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. In an age with many voices that are contrary to the teaching of Our Blessed Lord and in this time of general and widespread confusion on what is right and wrong, our young people need to meet and live their lives in the mystery and the reality of the Lord Jesus and discover His plan for their living, happiness and search for meaning. It's far more than catechesis, though the prophet Hosea tells us "God's people are perishing for lack of knowledge." *(Hosea 4:6)*

To live in this world and to know God is life itself. The times in which we live offer our young people only a life that is about themselves and the pursuit of their own needs and desires. Yet our greatest need is for God and in Him only is found the fullness of life and happiness we all seek.

Let us pray God's blessing on His youth ministry here. *(Fr.C)*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue, June 20	8:30 a.m.	
Wed, June 21	7:00 p.m.	
Thur, June 22	8:30 a.m.	Paul O'Brien +
Fri, June 23	8:30 a.m.	Helen Joy +
Sat, June 24	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Paul Butka
Sun, June 25	9:00 a.m.	Jacqueline Lett +
	11:00 a.m.	Konrad Hanz +

TOTUS TUUS

Evening program for students entering grades 7 -12

From Sunday July 23 to Thursday July 27, 6:45 – 9 p.m.

Cost: \$20. per child. Evening Program maximum: 35.

Day Program for children in Grade 1-6

From Monday July 24 to Friday July 28, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$70 per child. Day Program maximum: 60.

Registration forms are available in the vestibule and on the parish website stleothegreat.ca. You can drop off the registration form with the fee at the parish office. If the office is closed, leave it in the outside office mailbox.

CWL DINNER

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the June dinner meeting of the Catholic Women's League on Tuesday, June 20. The cost is \$20 for a lasagna dinner from La Bella Notte with Caesar salad, bread and Italian pastries. Punch will be served at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. Please call Donna at 905-620-0724 if interested in attending.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF DURHAM

CFSD is dedicated to strengthening the emotional and social well-being of individuals and families, regardless of beliefs, through counseling, prevention and education. **We are currently seeking dedicated people to serve as a member of our Board of Directors.** The Board of Directors is comprised of up to 7 individuals from the community and meets once a month. For more information about CFSD services, please visit our website www.cfsdurham.com. To learn about joining our Board of Directors, please email boardofdirectors@cfsdurham.com or contact Tania, executive assistant, 905-72503513 ext. 121.

St. Leo the Great's Catholic Moms Group

will be meeting Tues July 4th and Tues Aug 1st at 8pm in Boardroom 1. All Moms, Moms-to-be and Grandmoms are welcome to share faith, friendship and food!

Contact annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com for information or to be added to the email list.

BAZAAR PLANNING MEETING

A meeting for all interested parishioners to plan the Oct. 14 bazaar will take place on Tuesday, June 27 at 7:30 in Boardroom 2. Please call 905-620-0724 for info.

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

Living the Gospel by helping women in crisis...

Early in life, Tanya was unfortunately sexually abused by her extended family in her native country, who regarded her as a worthless, dangerous person who should be chained up. She became suicidal and was admitted into the hospital. Tanya then fled to Canada as a refugee searching for safety and happiness. She first came to Street Haven three years ago through their Learning Centre, enrolling in the literacy and numeracy classes. The staff connected her to their Emergency Shelter, where she stayed and had access to legal aid and other vital supports to assist her through the refugee process. "I now have hope since I came to ShareLife supported Street Haven and know that I have the tools to move forward with my life." shares Tanya. Street Haven helped Tanya move forward with her life and she now lives in a safe home where she can start again. Please make a sacrificial gift to ShareLife through your parish, or at www.sharelife.org

Msgr. John Pilkauskas' 50th Anniversary of Ordination

This year Msgr. John Pilkauskas is blessed to be celebrating two milestones – his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood (June 3, 2017) & 80th birthday (July 13, 2017). Sacred Heart Parish in Uxbridge will commemorate these special occasions with celebrations on the weekend of July 8th/9th, 2017.

Sat. Jul 8th 5:00 pm Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins.

6:30 pm Dinner at Wooden Sticks Golf Club. Tickets \$85 per person. Tickets will be available from the parish office from May 26, 2017. Please call 905-852-6944

Sun. Jul 9th 11 am Mass celebrated by Msgr. John followed by a reception in the Sacred Heart parish hall.

VOCATION SEEDS

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to him on our journey as married, single, ordained or consecrated persons. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997, email vocations@archtoronto.org


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