



St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

LAST BULLETIN FOR THE SUMMER

The bulletin you hold in your hand will be our last for the duration of the summer months of July and August. Once again, when you flip over your copy of the bulletin, you can see a number of advertisers that make our weekly bulletin possible, at no cost to the parish.

The parish office and I put together the contents each week, with a deadline to do so by Wednesday at noon, and submit it online to Liturgical Publications in Toronto who print the bulletin and ship it to us.

On behalf of all our parishioners who benefit from the bulletin I want to express our thanks to our advertisers for sponsoring our bulletin and ask our parishioners, whenever possible, to use their services and let them know you saw their ad on the back of our bulletin. Blessed summer! FrC



**Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults**

RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Have you ever thought about becoming a Roman Catholic? Or, is there anyone in your life and acquaintance given you the sense that they would make a good Catholic

but were afraid to bring up the question? The invitation so often comes with a simple statement question? Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic? And even if someone were to seem puzzled by your asking it is also a compliment as you think they would benefit from it. They might not answer you right away or with a yes or no, but they would probably think about it afterward and in doing so your question would be that spark that led them to at least consider the idea.

RCIA is a parish-based program, though it isn't technically a program that runs from October to Easter with weekly meetings. It is where either baptized Christians of another Christian denomination or unbaptized persons, discern whether entry into the Catholic Church is for them. If someone is already baptized in a non-Catholic church, provided that they were validly baptized, that is, baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, the Catholic Church already recognizes their baptism and, therefore, they are eligible to consider conversion to the Catholic faith. If such a person signed up for RCIA, they would be called a 'candidate', since they are already baptized. Baptism again is not necessary since they are already in Christ, as St. Paul would say. As a candidate, if they had discerned through the RCIA process that they indeed desire to become a Catholic, they would be *Received* into the Church at the Easter Vigil and would also be

Confirmed and receive their First Holy Communion, all at the first Mass of Easter.

Since those coming into the Church who are already baptized are Christians, the RCIA process is careful to recognize the dignity this person already has in sharing with us baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ. The process would recognize the sacramental sign of their baptism, even if they had never experienced the Christian life in a church denomination or in their upbringing. By being *Received into the Church*, the baptized person would first need to have publicly recognized the fact that they desire to be a member of the Catholic Church and through reception would then be able to receive sacraments in the Catholic Church.

If the person is not baptized, they would enter the RCIA process as a 'catechumen', which means that they would become a Catholic Christian through Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion, again all at the same Easter Mass. These individuals would receive Baptism immediately followed by Confirmation and receive Communion for the first time at the Vigil Mass of Easter. They would, in effect, enter the doors of the church on Easter Saturday as unbaptized and leave the Mass that evening fully initiated Catholics.

The process of the RCIA in our parish consists of weekly meetings where the individual catechumens and candidates grow in their love of the Church through prayer, learning about Catholicism and discernment as to whether this is the time in their life to enter the Church. The classes cover Catholic faith from the general to the specific, from looking at the question, Who is God? to Who is Jesus?, What is the Church?, What are the Sacraments?, etc.

In previous years our weekly gatherings were always happy occasions with learning, questions, discussion, prayer and a bit of good humour as well. The classes themselves are not like those of our school days when you had to learn about a subject but in the realm of faith as an adult, one weighs the revelation and truth of God and begins to put the universe together through the spiritual realities of God's relationship with man throughout all of salvation history and through the covenants to the last and final covenant between God and man through Jesus, the Messiah.

A person who may be interested in RCIA would first meet with me, Fr. Charles, to establish where they are situated in their life quest towards faith and discuss their life experience and background which brings them to consider life in the Catholic Church.

If any of our parishioners is not a fully initiated Catholic or was baptized and received their First Communion in the Church but was never Confirmed, or if any of the sacraments were not fulfilled in your Catholic upbringing, by all means the RCIA process is for you.

If you are not baptized in another Christian denomination already but would be interested in looking at the Catholic Church, please speak to me after any Mass or call the parish office so that I can either speak with you by phone or have you come into the office for a friendly chat to discuss the RCIA and you.

If you are baptized in another Christian denomination (e.g., Baptist, Lutheran, Anglican, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, United Church, Methodist, etc.) and would like to discuss becoming a Catholic, please approach me after Mass and we can arrange to discuss how becoming a Catholic is possible for you.

Please note that marital situations are always considered before someone approaches the RCIA process but please don't be dissuaded from the RCIA due to a marriage situation or even a previous one as we can discuss your situation and find out where you are situated in relation the possibility of entry into the Catholic faith.

Above all, what an individual really discerns in conversion is the call of Jesus Christ himself in your life. While a priest, parishioner, neighbour, spouse or simply this ad in the bulletin may speak to you, the call comes from Christ Jesus himself who desires to give you life in him, forgive your sins, feed you with his body and blood in the Eucharist, fill you with the gifts of his Holy Spirit and declare you as his own for all eternity. In light of this reality, it is truly a beautiful thing when one asks another to consider becoming a Catholic; when one approaches the Church themselves to inquire as to how to become a Catholic. The Catholic Church is the Church of a 2000 year history founded on Christ himself and with St. Peter as her first pope. From her have come the saints and martyrs, the brilliant minds, the original universities, the popes, saints and sinners alike, the sacramental life and the community of believers.

In essence, to say "yes" to considering life in the Catholic Church is to say "yes" to the God of Jesus Christ and forever. May God call you to himself through the good people of our community of faith at St. Leo the Great parish. God love you!

(Father Charles)



Living the Gospel by sending food to developing countries

Irma is a 29-year-old single mother to four children in El Salvador. Her children suffer from malnutrition because she earns just \$5 per day selling household items at an outdoor market. A local charity reached out to

Canadian Food for Children (CFFC), a ShareLife-funded agency. CFFC began sending shipments to her community that include food, clothing, and toys. Irma is relieved to receive ongoing support to help her feed her family.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, June 25th	8:30 a.m.	† Frederick Malleau
Wed, June 26th	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of all parishioners
Thur, June 27th	8:30 a.m.	
Fri, June 28th	8:30 a.m.	
Sat, June 29th	4:30 p.m.	† Ken Wesley
Sun, June 30th	9:00 a.m.	† Shannon Frank
	11:00 a.m.	† Vincenzina Mammone & Attilio & Maria Tuzi

THE HOLY FAMILY TRAVELLING EUCHRE CLUB

We are looking for women to join our group. If you enjoy playing euchre, having fun and socializing, then this is a perfect environment for you. The \$25.00 participation fee, to join for the season goes towards the youth in the community, in the form of a bursary for our two local Catholic high schools. Please consider joining our group. We would love to have new faces. Contact Chris @ 905-999-0613.

PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE

The itinerary for our proposed August 2020 pilgrimage to Oberammergau, Medjugorje, and other countries is available in the vestibule. Our spiritual leader will be Fr. Charles. Please sign the green sheet if interested. This trip has been customized for our parish. The travel agency, Gideon, is holding 32 tickets for the Passion Play for us. However if we do not reach that number by early July the trip will not happen as there is a great demand for tickets and Gideon will want to make them available to another group.

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 a married, single, ordained or consecrated person. 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, vocations@archtoronto.org, www.vocationstoronto.ca

Marriage Preparation Course

St. John the Evangelist Church

903 Giffard St. Whitby

Tuesdays 7pm – 9 pm

October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, & 19.

To register for this course, please contact the parish office at 905.668.3676. \$150 per couple.

CWL monthly meeting will take place on Monday, June 24 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All women are welcome to come to the meeting.




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