



# 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](http://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.

## TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

Would you like to join our pastor, Father Charles Forget, on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land near the beginning of Lent 2019? We would be leaving on Saturday, March 2 and returning Tuesday, March 12, 2019. If any of our parishioners would be interested in being part of this 10-day spiritual quest the cost with taxes would be approximately \$3400. Cdn.

We would like to open this trip to the Holy Land to our own parishioners first before we possibly extend the invitation to those outside our parish as there will be a limited number of tickets available.

If you would be interested in this journey to the Holy Land with our parish please email –

Catherine Duncan at [catherine.duncan@sympatico.ca](mailto:catherine.duncan@sympatico.ca)

We plan to hold an Information Meeting in September for those interested in going. To walk in the places Jesus walked and to hear the Gospel proclaimed in the very places it was first heard and to invite Jesus our Lord and Saviour to journey with us as we journey to Him in faith is the dream of a lifetime for many. Make it yours and come with us. Details to come.

## Some Glory Stories

*(On Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> a period of grace will begin in our parish as seven young Catholic men and women will arrive to establish youth ministry in our parish, with a great deal of help from our parishioners. Anyone who has heard of NET, experienced a retreat with them or has met a member of a NET team knows that they have a tremendous impact on young people (and older as well) in the work they do for Christ and the Church. I thought I would share a few stories with you about the impact they have had on some individual teens who have experienced one of their retreats.)*

***"A few weeks before the NET retreat, my dad had left and my family was really upset. I was mad at my dad and never wanted to see him again. NET helped me to ask God for the strength I would need to forgive him. They really helped me to realize what it means to be close to God. It's not just following the 10 commandments. It's more than that. It's becoming friends with God and getting to know him."***

***- 13 year old Ont. Retreatant***

***"What I really liked about the NET retreat is that it informed me about God in a way I can understand. In the church, when we were praying, it felt like God was right there beside me, watching over me. Since the retreat, I started going to church again and I enjoy it."***

***- 15 year old Alberta Retreatant***

***"NET made me realize what being a Catholic means and how important it is to have God in your life. Thank you. You made a difference."***

***- 15 year old Nova Scotia Retreatant***

***"My mother and I were having some trouble and I started to think we would never work things out. During the prayer time on retreat, Jesus helped me realize my mother loved me and she would never turn away from me. That night I went home and told my mom I loved her. We became very close. Thank you NET, and thank you Jesus!"***

***- 12 year old Retreatant***

*(NET will be coming to our parish to spend eight months living and working among us with a parish team of 7 young adults. Pray for our young people, pray for NET and the team, and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to touch and move each and every one of us as a parish belonging to God.)*

## Sign of the Times

Awhile back someone uttered the following prediction:

*"...the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths."*

Prophecy, despite what we might have grown accustomed to thinking, is not actually about the future - it's about the present, the now moment of grace and opportunity to respond to God's will. If what God asks of us is not followed, is ignored or goes unheeded, then our failure to respond in this present moment of time will effect most assuredly our future.

Louis Armstrong, that great trumpet player and singer recorded a song which still seems to have great impact even in modern times, *"What A Wonderful World"*. It is a wonderful world, a world full of wonder when we get down to counting our blessings and taking stock of the beautiful parts of being alive. However, it is a song reflective of one who is singing of how great life can be when everything is going right and its view is one of positive contemplation of the things on the sunny side of life; friends shaking hands, the colours of the rainbow, fields of green, red roses too. It is not, a song reflective, of course, of the darker side of life which is all too apparent to any of us living in modern times.

We are living in a world that is in many ways upside down compared to just a few decades ago. The things we considered 'common' years ago are certainly no longer common, like, decency, courtesy, sense, knowledge. That isn't to say that we are at the worst human beings have ever been, not at all. Anyone with any semblance of history knows that there have been some pretty atrocious days of existence in former times. But one thing that former times did hold fast to in a rather general sense was a respect for legitimate authority, God's or otherwise. That today is a thing of the past when no one outside of the individual is recognized nor respected for their authority be it God's, the popes, the leader of a country or that of the police or even a school principal.

The newest item up for grabs in the modern age is the exchange of the truth for a lie. My mother used to say that *"Error is half way around the world before truth gets its*

boots on". One need only think of the hoopla that was stirred up over a decade ago by a novel, a work of fiction called The DaVinci Code and all those weighing in on the matter while making a buck at the same time. The greater question to be asked is, why would people today be so willing to exchange the time honoured truth for a lie generated as fiction? That is a good question but not one easily answered, though I have one or two theories of my own. Perhaps people are only too willing to believe that Jesus was not God and was married to Mary Magdeline and that he simply died having wanted to place her, Mary, as the head of his church because they would feel better to know that the institutional Church which is supposed to be the representative of God and the bride of Christ on earth is full of corruption, sin and deceit. It makes for a good story to those who would like to have their ears tickled and it can make us believe that we're not so bad afterall, just look at the Church!

To believe this utter nonsense and mockery against revealed truth is to say that two millennia of world history has been filled with foolish people who have allowed themselves to be duped by the wild claims of Christianity and specifically through the Roman Catholic Church. It heaps scorn on all those men and women of history who have lived exemplary lives and who, as the saints, have pointed the way so beautifully to the reality of God in the world and the hope for the life that is to come. Most of all, however, it blatantly mocks the One who saved us, who died, arose from death and is with us in his Spirit still.

Oh, by the way, if you were wondering who the person who wrote those prophetic words at the beginning of this article was, it was St. Paul himself, in writing his second letter to Timothy (2 Timothy 4:1-2).

St. Paul, in nearing the end of his life wrote to Timothy about having 'fought the good fight' and having 'finished the race'. Yet he made his farewell discourse one which pointed to the future and urged the follower of Christ to "proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching".

I'm no modern martyr, to be sure, but I know only too well what it is to stick my neck out for what I believe to be true and what it means to pay the price for doing so. Yet, as St. Paul says, we are to proclaim the message of Christ's life, passion, death and resurrection whether the time is favourable or not, in season and out of season. (Fr. C.)

## LAST BULLETIN TODAY!

As this is the last Sunday before the summer holiday months of July and August, this is the last bulletin until the first weekend of September. I wish to thank all those who have benefited from the articles I have written in the bulletin and have told me so, and I'm glad that they have been of interest to you and others. As the school year draws to a close, as students search for summer employment, and as families plan their summer vacations, I pray all our parishioners and their families and friends will have a safe and rejuvenating summer of sun, fun, recreation and time to reflect on the important things of life.

*Peace, Fr. Charles*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. † Alice Launay

### Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. † Maureen Keogan

† Tony Bianco

### Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

### Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Riley Hoben

† Henry Freve

### Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

4:30 p.m. † Vincenzina Mammone &

Attilio & Maria Tuzi

### Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Father Charles


11:00 a.m. † Donald LeBlanc

## Save Summer Jobs & Reach Out to Your Member of Parliament

Thousands of charitable organizations are being denied funding through the Canada Summer Jobs program. The federal government has introduced a litmus test. To qualify for funding, organizations must agree with the Liberal Government on issues such as abortion and gender expression. This has impacted more than 150 jobs and more than \$1 million in funding in the Archdiocese of Toronto alone. Across Canada 1,500 groups had their applications rejected this year vs. 126 in 2017.

Cardinal Collins invites you to write to your federal Member of Parliament to respectfully express your concerns. Visit [www.savesummerjobs.ca](http://www.savesummerjobs.ca) to send a message to your MP, a process that will take less than 3 minutes. You can also donate at the same site to support those organizations impacted by the new application guidelines.

### Living the Gospel by providing for those in need

 "Without you, ShareLife could not fulfil its mission to Live the Gospel by providing for those in need. Together we are making a real difference! My prayer is that we may continue to respond to God's love by going forth from ourselves to seek the good of others." —Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. **Please make a sacrificial gift to ShareLife through your parish or [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org)**

### VOCATION SEEDS

In every age and time the Lord's call brings forth priests to prepare a people for the Lord. Would you be willing to proclaim the truth of God's love and presence in your life as a priest, religious or deacon? If you think God is calling you, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)






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