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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.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 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 pick up a baptism package from Fr. Charles after mass.

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

My Last Bulletin Article.....For Now.

I hardly fashion myself as a writer much less an intelligent one, but for the past 13 years I have been churning out for ten months out of every year a weekly bulletin article on something that's going on in the world and how it impacts our lives and Catholic faith. From time to time I've experienced 'writers block' (mine's a brick) when it has seemed there is really nothing new to write about only to have some piece of a news story or someone's outrageous position, statement or opinion provide the fodder for a two-column bulletin-filler and I'm off madly typing for the Wednesday noon deadline.

I'm certain that over the years there have been readers who couldn't stand my written ramblings about politicians or world leaders and issues like sin, abortion, the sacraments, my dogs, the mysteries of life and death, and so on. Though I've been writing for so long the one thing I have experienced for sure is the silence coming from most of the people in the parishes where I have served in response to the weekly articles. While I'm not quite sure how to interpret the sound of silence I do know that the articles have made some small difference to some people and they do manage to strangely get around.

So why do I write? Largely because I think the world I have been born into has turned upside down over the last half century. The planet earth of my childhood has been so drastically changed that my experience of it most certainly must be also the experience of others as well, particularly people of faith. While I'm not talking specifically about global warming, though this has been a rapid and progressive reality, I am speaking to the fast moral decay of the people of those most affluent countries, ours being one of them, resulting in so many affronts to things I've personally known and am seeing devolve.

In a politically correct world I don't feel the need to tow that line but I do feel the need to somehow say something about it, both in my homilies and my articles, because Jesus already has. All of the issues we face, all of the stances people adhere to and proclaim, and all of the challenges to Catholic faith and morals need only be held up against the standard of the Gospels as upheld and passed on by the teachings of the Catholic Church. What-Would-Jesus-Do wrist bands are a good idea in applying the everyday situations of our lives to Christ's life provided that it is the full Gospel of Jesus Christ as the measuring stick, not just the nice, gentle and soft bits of Jesus' teachings we might like and even prefer. Christ was and is demand and there just has to be one teaching that flows from His life and teaching otherwise the same bible read by two different Christians leads one to uphold the sanctity of human life while to another provides them with solace on their anti-life stance. Jesus isn't ambivalent so why should we be? The high priestly prayer of Jesus speaks to that oneness of all things, "Father, may they be one as you and I are one".

There's no doubt about it – I've become a 'conservative' to those who like labels in order to properly box an individual's opinions, but I'd define a conservative as a liberal who's been kicked in the teeth by reality. The world is not getting better and better – in so many ways it's in decline. As Fulton Sheen said some forty

years ago, "*We are living in an age where what one generation abhors the next generation passively accepts.*" How true.

So again, why write? I feel the need to write in order to hopefully start a conversation that needs to be had. As Catholics we don't particularly stand around in the vestibules and parking lots of our parishes nor have coffee over discussion of what is morally happening to the immediate world around us, but I think we need to and should. What is our Catholic faith if we merely go to Mass to take it all in and then remain mum about it for the rest of the week. All the statistics seem to suggest that a high number of North American Catholics live pretty much the same life their non-Catholic and even non-believing neighbours do, and there's certainly something very wrong with that. It's not so much that I as a priest have a problem with that but the One I desire to serve does. We should all care. And we should all be concerned with the little ones who are being raised by us and among us and how an upside down world is going to teach them. Many of the articles I have placed in the bulletin have not been written by me but were presented in those weekly two columns because I felt they had something powerful to say to all of us. I read so many online Catholic articles each day not because I want to depress myself about just how bad the world is getting but rather because their authors say so well and put into clear perspective what is really going on in the Church and in the world she lives in. Many authors attract us because they have an ability to put into words the very things we have been feeling, seeing and even worry about. It gives me and all of us a sense that we're not alone in the way we perceive the world. If I think the world is going crazy, by myself I could be viewed as delusional. But if so many others are seeing the same things and stating it clearly up against the standard of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Church, then it becomes "our" problem, situation, issue, dilemma or challenge and an affront to Truth itself. The worst thing that could happen would be for no one to speak.

Priests are called by Christ to shepherd God's people and not just make them feel warm and comfy in the 'church of nice', in fact, we are held personally accountable for it by the Shepherd Himself. And all of us are accountable as well on our own part since we have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ to be priests, prophets and kings. Our call is to be priests in the sense of making things holy and being a blessing to the world and not just a part of it. We are called to be prophets who, in light of the truth of God, must speak to our present age not just about future things but more importantly about present things, what the Second Vatican Council called the "signs of the times". G.K. Chesterton wrote that in an upside-down world such as ours, the prophet is the one who stands on his head so that he might see things aright. And we are called to be kings in that we are ready to take dominion over those things that rightly belong to God according to the dignity of every baptized Christian following in the ways of Christ and journeying toward the Kingdom He established. The Christian is meant to give tangible evidence and witness through their own living which will direct himself and others toward the reality of the Kingdom.

And that's why I write: because there's so much to write about. (*Fr. Charles, off from writing for the summer*)

JUNE 29, 2014

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE:

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

- Envelopes, Loose bills and change - \$3553
 - Pre-Authorized Giving (PAP) - \$1555 (May)
- ➔ TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK: \$5108

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., July 1 – CANADA DAY – No Mass
Wed., July 2 – 7:00 pm – John Van Der Wyst+ Req. by Madelaine Vonk
Thurs. July 3 - 8:30 am – No Intention
Fri., July 4 – 8:30 am – No Intention
Sat., July 5 – 5:00 pm– Carmelita Nasser+ Req. by Becky Montelibano & Family
Sun., July 6 - 9:00 am – No Intention
Sun., July 6 – 11:00 am – Paddye Burke+ Req. by Pat & Ernie Laton

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 1st – Canada Day.

PARISH FALL BAZAAR – SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

We need the help of all parishioners to insure the success of this undertaking. Please contact: J. Ralph (905) 579-6118 or D. Shaddick (905) 620-0724 or B. Hallihan (905) 620-0351 if you can be of any assistance. The Raffle tickets (with all cash prizes) are available for pickup from the CWL ladies in the vestibule after the masses. We are asking people to take books of tickets to sell between now and the first week of September. Please note there are only 5 tickets per book this year as previously there were 10. So please double the number of books you previously took. If you would be willing to help man the table to distribute tickets in the coming weeks, please contact Jeananne at (905) 579-6118.

TOTAL TUUS IS COMING!

The children and youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) this summer from July 20th to July 25th. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and college students travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechetical instruction, Mass, confession, songs and games! The grade school program, for children entering grades 1-6, runs Monday-Friday from 9 am - 2:30 pm. The Intermediate/High School program for grades 7-12 runs Sunday-Thursday from 7 pm - 9 pm. **The cost is only \$50 per person for the entire week.** To register or for more information, please contact Carly Thistel (Totus Tuus Co-ordinator) at carlythistel@gmail.com. More information about the program is also available at www.totustuutoronto.ca

THANK YOU!

To all the volunteers who have helped and are continuing to help in the upkeep of our gardens. Our gardens will not be the same without all your hard work and dedication! For those wanting to help, it's never too late, please call Joan Barker (905) 655-2062.

Saints Peter and Paul – June 29, 2014

“But who do you say that I am?” If you feel you are being invited to service in consecrated life or the priesthood, **contact Fr. Hansoo Park – 416-968-0997 email vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca**

St. Leo's Card Party Schedule for 2014

Doors open at 6:15 pm. Parking available (behind church, enter from Carson Ave.) \$10.00 per person – 15 Games – Starts at 7:00 pm **SHARP**. Euchre Dates for 2014 (First Friday of Every Month). July 4, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7 and December 5, 2014 For more info. please contact Donna at (905) 620-0724 or Jeananne at (905) 579-6118.

St. Vincent de Paul Society – If you are contributing to the poor box each week or even periodically, please be aware that if you put your donation in an SVDP envelope with pertinent information, you will receive an income tax receipt at the end of the year. You may as well receive some recognition for your generosity. Envelopes are available on the SVDP collection box or in the rack near the welcome table.

SAVE THE DATE - St Ursula Elementary School is celebrating its 50th anniversary on Saturday, October 18, 2014 with an open house from 1-4 pm at the school, 215 Livingston Road, Scarborough. All former staff and students welcome. Find us on Facebook at St. Ursula 50th Anniversary.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Durham Catholic District School Board have posted a Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee – Community Representative – Volunteer Position. If you are interested, please see poster on the parish bulletin board.

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed – Wednesday, August 13th – 7 p.m.

Catholic Cemeteries – Archdiocese of Toronto wish to invite all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed. For details on times and locations, see poster on the Church bulletin board. There will be no holy hour or mass at St. Leo's on this date.

Planning to be a Catholic Teacher?


It is critical for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic school board in Ontario, as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. If you (or if your adult child) is planning to apply to teach in a Catholic school, it is highly recommended you contact the pastor before Thanksgiving. Please plan to have a conversation with your pastor early in the process and you will avoid disappointment and stress at the time when applications are to be submitted.




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