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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 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.

“...In Case You Missed It...”**FROM LAST WEEKS BULLETIN****“THE TIMES, THEY ARE A CHANGING”**

I put together an article expressing my own surprise at how much the world has changed and, in fact, has devolved in the past decade – morally, politically and spiritually with what seems to be the rather passive acceptance of anything and everything.

If you missed the article, please just go to our parish website at stleothegreat.ca and click on the heading ‘Bulletins’, and then on Bulletin May 29, 2016.

SOME GOOD QUESTIONS

There are many questions we Catholics have over the things we say in our creeds and in what we pray in the Mass. Some of these we get to pondering and perhaps even wonder whether we are the only ones who don’t know the answer to the baffling query we have about an article of faith or a statement expressive of our belief. The following are two questions I have heard people asking.

Why do we say in the Creed that Jesus “rose *again* from the dead...”? Doesn’t the word “again” suggest that He rose before?

This is a very good question and not only well worth asking but also worth knowing about.

In English, the word ‘again’ often means a repeat of a previously committed act, something we’ve done repeatedly.

If I say that I have been to the fair last night and I intend to “go back again” tonight, the ‘again’ refers to a repeat of what I did yesterday. But Jesus didn’t rise before or at any earlier time, so why use the word ‘again’ instead of just saying, “On the third day He rose...”?

If you remember the one hit wonder from the band Chumbawamba from a few decades ago called *Tubthumping*, you might remember the following lyrics,

“I get knocked down but I get up again...

You are never going to keep me down”.

The word ‘again’ found in the song doesn’t necessarily suggest that the singer has been knocked down before, in fact, the ‘again’ could refer to the man returning to the state he was in before he got knocked down. ‘He would only need to have been knocked down once to be able to still use the word ‘again’. In the same way, Jesus didn’t rise at previous times but the ‘again’ clearly refers to His return to the way He was before He was crucified. He was alive, then dead, and rose from the dead and is alive ‘again’. So, Jesus rose again in return to His previous state of being.

Another good question is

If the Catholic Church holds that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, had no other children and, therefore, remained a Virgin, how come scripture says that “she gave birth to her first-born son”?

Again, in our use of the English language, we might assume that the word ‘first’ automatically means that there may have been other subsequent children, but this is not always so. When we used the word ‘first’ to refer to First Communion, for example, it implies that the first Communion of a child or adult will be followed by a life-long

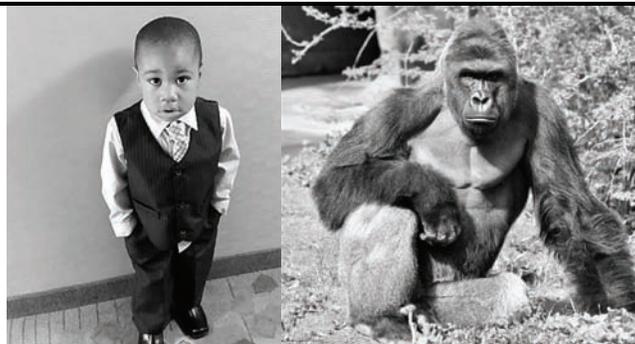
series of receiving Communion, (which, sadly, isn’t always the case). But the word ‘first’ when taken in the opposite direction can also refer not to things that have followed by things that have come before and therefore to the fact that Mary had never given birth to a child before she conceived and gave birth to the Son of God, Jesus.

Obviously, when we put together the scriptures of the Old Testament which speak of the coming Son of Man, the Suffering Servant, the Messiah, they all refer to God’s plan of saving His people, ultimately by sending His own Son into the world as Messiah and Saviour. Mary conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit – an extraordinary event that had never come before or since to any woman of the earth, but was first conceived in her mother’s womb free from the stain of sin. Therefore, no one could ever hold that Jesus was conceived like all humans and therefore knew sin. His Blessed Mother was protected by God’s design and will from having or knowing sin so that her Son would be brought into the world the pure and clean vessel that He was, for He is “God from God”.

Also, if Mary had other children after she gave birth to Jesus, then why was she not commended to them by Jesus from the Cross? Instead, He said to John: “Behold your Mother”. And the scripture records that from that day on Mary lived with John the disciple of Jesus.

So, ‘first-born’ refers to Mary never having had a child before Jesus and the Church holds, and with good and sound reason, that she never had any others after Jesus.

(Fr. Charles)

LIFE: HUMAN vs GORILLA

I’m sure everyone has heard by now of the tragic incident that took place at the Cincinnati Zoo over a week ago. A four-year-old boy managed to climb over a safety barrier and fell 14 feet into the Gorilla enclosure which is surrounded by a shallow moat of water. A 17-year-old male Silverback gorilla named Harambe heard the screams of the people who had saw what had happened which alerted him to the presence of the boy in the moat. The 450 pound gorilla went down to investigate and went to the boy. At times Harambe seemed to be protecting the young child but a few times he rapidly dragged him by the ankle through the water. The gorilla was clearly agitated and disturbed by all the screaming and the strange horrified boy in his enclosure. The ordeal of the gorilla with the boy went on for 10-minutes until the zoo officials agreed that this was a seriously dangerous situation for the safety of the boy and decided they would have to shoot and kill the gorilla, which they did.

Granted, Harambe was the victim of a situation of a human invading his space and he died for it. On the endangered species list, the loss of the animal was a huge blow to the zoo but, as the director of the zoo said, "We had to shoot the gorilla to save the little boy".

Of course there is loads of controversy and finger-pointing going on with people blaming the zoo, the parents of the boy or somehow suggesting that the gorilla should have just been tranquilized instead of being shot dead. Many people have suggested that the gorilla should have been saved at all costs presuming that the boy would have survived the ordeal, a big presumption indeed.

It seems to me that what should be paramount in this sad story is that the boy is alive and largely unharmed from his ordeal. It's a very dangerous trip to be taking when we are ready to suggest that the animal and his survival is somehow equal or even close-to-equal to the life of the four-year-old boy, or perhaps even greater – which is perhaps shocking but not surprising given that the sanctity of human life has suffered a consistent downturn in the past half-century, particularly in the last decade or so. The zoo, whose very existence is all about the care of endangered and wild animals for the viewing and education of humans, clearly has sided with human life as their top priority, which should never ever be called into question in a situation like this, but has been. "We did the right thing", said zoo director "...and we would do it again".

Nothing on the face of the earth can or ever should trump the life of a human being, for we have been created "a little lower than the Angels and have been put in charge of all creation". (Psalm 8:5, Hebrews 2:7) Man might not always live up to the dignity of his being created and may even be seen at times to act and live in a way that is far beneath that dignity due to sin, but it is his call, invitation and expectation that he will seek to live according to his making by the Maker of all – our God!

(Fr. Charles)

MASS INTENTIONS – June 7 – June 12, 2016

Tues., June 7 – 8:30 am – All Souls in Purgatory
 Req. Anna Maria & Benedetto Tuzi
 Wed., June 8 – 7:00 pm – George Shoniker+ R. by Delaney Family
 Thurs., June 9 – 8:30 am – Intentions of the Holly Family
 Fri., June 10 – 8:30 am – Alessandro Porretta+
 Req. Anna Maria & Benedetto Tuzi
 Sat. June 11 – 5:00 pm – Jose Reyes+ & Rodrigo Nieto+
 Req. The Reyes Family
 Sun. June 12 – 9:00 am – Joseph O'Neill+ Req. R. & D. Linehan &
 R. & E. O'Mear
 11:00 am – Valerie Hotner+ Req. The LeBlanc Family

Cherubs Cupboard will be here next Sunday, June 12th with their display of religious articles for purchase.

Next Weekend is the MaryGrove Camp Special Collection. Envelopes are available in the vestibule this weekend.

Next Weekend (June 11/12) is the last bulletin for the summer. The bulletin will resume the weekend of September 10/11.

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Working wonders with families in our neighbourhoods...

A few years ago, Lauren was hospitalized at 16 years of age after receiving a severe beating from her mother. The violence had been going on for several months, and Lauren was afraid to talk about it. Eventually, her mother faced charges of abuse and Lauren was removed from her family's home. She came to Sancta Maria House looking for a more permanent, safe place to live. Lauren spent that last 2 years here and has made many positive gains. Through the counselling of supportive staff, she was able to let go of the anger from her past and focus on making a bright future for herself. Lauren is grateful for all of the devoted staff at ShareLife-supported Sancta Maria House for making such a wonderful difference in her life. Last year, ShareLife-supported Family Service agencies provided family counselling to over 5,100 people in the Greater Toronto Area. Thank You for Your Generosity. Together we can work wonders!

St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Breakfast – June 12

Following the 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses – everyone is invited to enjoy a full breakfast of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice in the parish hall. Adults - \$5.00, children 4-12 - \$3.00 and children under 4 free.

On Saturday, April 29, 2016 Cardinal Thomas Collins ordained two men to the priesthood: Rev. Tom Kluger – born and raised in Scarborough, ON and Rev. Julien Malenfant born in a small town in eastern Quebec. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Holy Door at Marylake – Jubilee Year of Mercy

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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 5th

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.
 email vocations@archtoronto.org

CWL Upcoming Events: Please mark these dates.

Coffee Sunday/Strawberry Festival will be on June 26. All women of the parish are invited to the CWL Potluck supper to be held on June 21st at 6:00 pm. Please call 905-620-0724 to be added to the list.

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services together with The Archdiocesan Development Office will be hosting a free estate planning seminar. This very informative seminar will last approx. one hour and will explore Powers of Attorney, Wills, and the cost saving advantages of planning ahead. Please join our team of advisors at: Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, Sat., June 11, 2016 at 9 am.



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