

St. Leo The Great

**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** 

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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.

# THE POWER OF GOOD MOVIES

I'm a bit of a movie buff. No, I don't know most actors by name as I do well just to remember my own some days - but I do love a good movie and would have to admit that I've seen plenty of 'em. As I tend to watch movies alone, I used to like the idea of renting movies and watching them at my leisure when the day was done and there was nothing else I was supposed to do, (though there's always something that needs doin'). But that was back a couple of years ago before all of the Blockbuster and Rogers' Video stores closed for good. Now there's Netflix and movies that can be rented relatively cheap from a machine. We're currently caught between watching older release movies or having to buy – and at a considerable cost – new release movies. Going to the movies has lost its glamour for me as I see a far better picture and enjoy the fullness of great sound in my own living room than I do at the show, not to speak of the cost of going to the movies these days, even without popcorn or pop.

I see myself as one who has a relatively good sense of humour but I don't care much for most movie comedies as most of them, I find, wouldn't catch me, the lone movie watcher, laughing out loud even once through a whole flick. Rare is the film that can make me laugh out loud in the midst of my solitary movie gazing. I also don't care much for sci-fi stuff because much of it is way too far out there. Heck, the strangest stuff we could ever imagine makes the daily news not the box office.

My preference in movies tends to be in the area of drama for these are more often than not based on real-life stories and situations and draw the viewer into the story. Drama's make one think and even continue to reflect upon the issues long after the movie has been watched. The humorous subtleties in drama, in fact, more often than not make me smile and even laugh.

And I have my favourite movies; movies you could watch many times over and never tire of their storyline and acting. A few favourites come to mind: *Trip to Bountiful, I Am David, Shawshank Redemption, The Green Mile, The Mission, Fried Green Tomatoes, A Man For All Seasons, Becket,* and more.

What gives me pause for contemplation and some concern is the high volume of movies that I would classify under "Horror". There are plenty of movies in both the new releases and the 'oldies' section that I would classify as replacements for our pent up frustrations as a society. Why would people pay to go to the show or rent a movie that would scare the living daylights out of you or put you, the audience, in the midst of some truly creepy scenes the likes of which bad, bad dreams are made of? Movies about catastrophes, evil, the devil, murder, war and mayhem, darkness personified and you pretty well name it, are the stuff so many movies are made of today. And it makes one wonder what the movie makers are looking to achieve and what the movie goers are looking for. Obviously the movie makers are out to make a buck - that is, after all, their business, and they wouldn't be producing these kinds of gore movies if there wasn't a market for it.

Yes, there are some great movies that have been made and many of them in black and white are still available through stations such as Turner Classic Movies. When I go to visit my mom or dad at the nursing home many of the televisions in the residents rooms are on TCM and I can't help but get pulled into some of the old great movies they feature.

There are also the movies that are among my favourites that are of a religious historical nature. *For Greater Glory* is a more recent film with some pretty big stars in it: the late Peter O'Toole as Fr. Christopher, Oscar Isaac, Eva Longoria among others and it tells the true story of the persecution of the Catholic Church in Mexico in the Cristero War which saw the uprising of the people against the corrupt Mexican government in the 1920's. I would highly recommend this movie, though it is not necessarily suitable for young children.

Another great movie is A Man For All Seasons which is a 1966 British film about Sir Thomas More. The movie won six academy awards and starred actor Paul Scofield. Wikipedia outlines the premise of the movie thus: Sir Thomas More was the 16thcentury Lord Chancellor of England who refused to sign a letter asking Pope Clement VII to annul King Henry VIII of England's marriage to Catherine of Aragon and resigned rather than take an Oath of Supremacy declaring Henry VIII Supreme Head of the Church of England. Both the play and the film portray More as a tragic hero, motivated by his devout Roman Catholic faith and envied by rivals, such as Thomas Cromwell. He is also deeply loved by his family and respected by the common people. The film's story is set between 1529 and 1535, at the high point of the reign of Henry VIII of England.

There is a great scene in the film where More, who stands to lose nothing now that he has been charged with treason, "angrily denounces the illegal nature of the King's actions, citing the Biblical basis for the authority of the <u>Papacy</u> over <u>Christendom</u>. He further declares that the Church's immunity to State interference is guaranteed both in <u>Magna Carta</u> and in the King's own <u>Coronation Oath</u>. More is condemned to death as the trial's spectators scream in protest. At his execution, he pardons the executioner, and says that he dies "the king's good servant, but God's first." Many will remember this famous quote of St. Thomas More as it was also recently referred to by our own Cardinal Archbishop in his letter to Liberal leader Justin Trudeau who has made it clear that conscience has no place in official politics. That story is not yet finished. (Fr. Charles)

Upon receiving the prestigious American Film Institute Life Achievement Award, film legend Gregory Peck, in his later years said in his acceptance speech:

"There's been a lot of glamorous financial news in the papers lately, multimedia conglomerates, billions of dollars in assets, and much more such mergers are to come, so we are told. Well, I would like to hear some glamorous talk about elevating the quality of films and television. Entertainment that, in the words of T.S. Eliot, 'enlarges the sympathies, that stimulates the mind and the spirit, that warms the heart, punctures the balloons of hypocrisy, greed and sham, tickles the funny bone, and leaves us with a glow that comes when we have been well entertained'. Making millions is not the whole ball game, fellas, pride of workmanship is worth more, artistry is worth more; the human imagination is a priceless resource. The public is ready for the best you can give them. It just may be that you can make a buck and at the same time encourage, foster and commission work of quality and originality." *Gregory Peck* 

## PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE:

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

•	Envelopes, Loose bills and change -	\$3986
•	Pre-Authorized Giving (PAP) -	<u>\$1555</u> (May)
	TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK:	\$5541

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., June 10 – 8:30 am – Hilda Mary+ Req. by Marjorie Larocque
Wed., June 11 – 7:00 pm – For the intentions of John & Margaret Forget
Req. by Fr. Charles Forget
Thurs. June 12 – 8:30 am – For the intentions of Clement Hill
Req. by Elizabeth Hill
Fri., June 13 – 8:30 am Antonio Tamburro+ Req. by Iolanda Tamburro
Sat., June 14 – 5:00 pm – Jose Reyes+ & Rodrigo Nieto+ Req. by the
Reyes Family
Sun., June 15 – 9:00 am – Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hallihan+ Req. by the
Hallihan Family
Sun., June 15 – 11:00 am – Michael Power+ Req. by Tom & Kathleen
Power & Family

#### PARISH FALL BAZAAR – SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

This year's Bazaar will be organized by the Catholic Women's League but all proceeds will continue to go to the parish. We need the help of all parishioners to insure the success of this undertaking. We need to have a working committee in place by the end of the month. 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) will be ready to go next weekend.and in the weeks to come. If you would be willing to help man the table to distribute tickets in the coming weeks, please contact Jeananne at (905) 579-6118.

#### Totus 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 20<sup>th</sup> to July 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.totustuustoronto.ca

**Knights of Columbus Appreciation Evening** – Sat., June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

**St. Leo's C.W.L.** extends an invitation to all women of the parish to join them for dinner, Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the parish hall. Call 905-579-6118 or 905-620-0724 if you'd like to be included.

## St. Leo the Great Catholic Women's League Strawberry Social

You're invited on Sunday, June 22, 2014 to a Strawberry Social – 12 noon to 2 pm in the parish hall. Come and enjoy the taste of the season. Single tickets \$6, Family \$15. Fancy sandwiches, coffee, tea and juice, strawberry shortcake will be served.

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society** wishes to thank all our parishioners for supporting our annual "Bundle Weekend" on April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Due to your generosity, we collected an even greater amount of bags this year. We hope to be just as successful next year so please remember to tell your family and friends that we will be collecting again next April. Thank you all for your participation and support.

### Confession – Fr. Larry Richards

When is the last time you have gone to Confession? Has it been a while? Do you have loved ones or friends that are reluctant to go due to fear, or maybe they feel that Confession is unnecessary because they're "not doing anything wrong," "good people" or "haven't hurt anyone"? Let me recommend to you \*Confession\* by Fr. Larry Richards. With a clear, straight-forward style, Fr. Larry discusses what sin is, it's affects on the soul, and the hurt it creates to our relationship with the Lord. He continues his talk by emphasizing the power of God's unceasing love and mercy through confession. Confession should not be viewed as a "guilt trip," but rather an encounter with Jesus Christ to set you free from the slavery of sin. With the use of Holy Scripture, Fr. Larry unpacks the Biblical roots of confession and guides you in using the Ten Commandments to examine your conscience thoroughly in order to give a good confession. From the very beginning, Satan instilled doubt into Eve's mind. Today the intrusion of relativism into our culture has continued to instill further doubt about sin and its consequences. I truly enjoyed Fr. Larry's honest and candid style. The examination of conscience section provided valuable ideas for thought, and inspired me to examine my conscience with more intensity. Listen to this CD and share it with anyone you feel needs to restore and heal their relationship with God. Francesco, Parishioner

#### Pentecost Sunday – June 8, 2014

Working wonders for people locally and around the world...

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2014 ShareLife Parish Campaign. You have made the path to new opportunities much easier for thousands of the most vulnerable in our communities by giving generously. For those who wish to make a contribution, you are still welcome to do so. You can drop your ShareLife envelopes in the offertory basket until July 31, 2014 or donate online at www.sharelife.org. Thank you!

Thank You for Your Generosity. Together we can work wonders!

**ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS** – It's that time of the year when we need to start organizing our parish gardens. Volunteers are needed to weed and feed these gardens. All those interested whether new or last year's volunteers, please contact Joan Barker (905) 655-2062.

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"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love." Send forth workers into your vineyard. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park – 416-968-0997 email vocations@vocations.ca. www.vocationstoronto.ca

**Toronto Catholic District School Board Staff Arts presents "My Fair Lady"** on June 6, 7, 12, 13 & 14, 2014 – 7:30 pm and June 8, 2014 – 2:00 pm in the theatre at Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts – 36 Greenfield Ave. (Yonge and Sheppard) – Tickets \$22.00. Please call 416-222-8282 (Ext. 2787) for tickets. Liturgical Publications 3171 LENWORTH DR. #12 MISSISSAUGA, ON L4X 2G6 (800) 268-2637



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