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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.

Dare to Be An Evangelist This Lent

By Patrick Sullivan

Just as the Church goes through liturgical seasons, it seems equally true that the entire life of the people of God can be seasonal. Vatican II, the council held in the 60's, was the source from which the new evangelization was to blossom, and yet, what followed was arguably a period of great testing for all believers. The season which descended upon the Church was akin to the desert experience following Christ's baptism. It is not what one would have expected.

From our vantage point, what should have happened was a renewed interest in catechesis, a shared enthusiasm for the Mass and its ancient expression, and of course a bold proclamation of the Christian message to the world. This, at least, we would have recognized as a logical outpouring of the Spirit, blessing the work of the Council.

Instead the historical situation is quite different. The Church's liturgy as well as its catechesis very quickly became a point of contention. And rather than providing an obvious link to the work of the Council, liturgy and catechesis became battle grounds on which the Faithful in the pews struggled to identify the Body of Christ.

The proclamation of the Good News was also hindered to great degree by other factors. For example, the Church's missionary activity wavered, as many had read the documents of Vatican II to mean that any sharing of the Gospel with words was antagonistic and contrary to the Gospel itself.

Perhaps the most crushing evangelization came with the priestly abuse crisis in 2003. For others it now became very clear; the Church was in the same kind of mess as the rest of the world, probably worse. But for Catholics, response was quite different. It was the growing belief that we as Catholics had no right to evangelize, to share the Good News of Jesus, because we ourselves were not living the life that our Lord demands of us. It was (and still is in many places)the belief that until we get the sacraments and catechesis right, we will evangelization right.

Pope Francis in his wonderful document entitled *Evangelii Gaudium* or Joy of the Gospel, strives hard to shatter this myth. In a few words, he argues that we cannot wait until we are perfect, or know everything, or can offer the greatest spiritual experiences within the parish. Evangelization begins with a joy of meeting Jesus and then wanting to share that experience with those we love.

It is precisely the Biblical story of the woman at the well. Having met Jesus, she becomes a story teller, a guide, a proclaimer, and we would say an evangelist, to those in her community.

The Church is saying to you and me, as She did at the Second Vatican Council, that we are all called to holiness, so get out there! It is no longer the case that we can leave it to the priests and religious to go after the lost sheep. We ourselves must go in search of them, with our lives, words and witness.

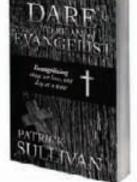
Of course this poses some practical difficulties, primarily the question of where to begin. A little less than a year ago, when discussing this very topic a friend said to me, "You know, a lot of people are telling us to evangelize, but no one is showing us **how** to evangelize."

I have taken that to heart. Since then, I have been exploring ways to bring Jesus to those we love with new fervor, methods and expression. The result: the book, Dare To Be An Evangelist: Evangelizing those we love one day at a time. Over the span of forty days, the reader is given a daily challenge that is short enough to be read before the

morning coffee but powerful enough to lead other people to Jesus Christ.

This is a practical book, and Lent is the perfect time to get started.

So I dare you, bring Jesus to people, and change lives!



(Books are \$20 and will be on sale this weekend and Ash Wednesday.)

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES 12:00 Noon and 7:00 pm. with distribution of ashes

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE:

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

- Envelopes, Loose bills and change \$3774
- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAP) \$1940 (February)
 - → TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK: \$5714

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Mar. 4 – 8:30 am – No Intention

Ash Wed., Mar. 5 – Noon – Mass & Distribution of Ashes 7:00 pm – Mass & Distribution of Ashes

Thurs., Mar. 6 – 8:30 am – No Intention

Fri., Mar. 7 - 8:30 am - No Intention

Sat., Mar. 8 – 5:00 pm – Betty Ruetz+ Req. by Nancy Ruetz

Sun., Mar. 9 – 9:00 am – No Intention

Sun., Mar. 9 – 11:00 am – Hector Anselmo+ Req. by the Giardullo Family

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – March 2, 2014

"No one can serve two masters." Is God calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon or religious, **contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997, email – vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca**

Celebrate Your Marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Married couples: You deserve a weekend to cherish being together; to rediscover each other and focus on ways to make your relationship even better. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers this opportunity. Consider giving each other or another couple that you know the gift of a weekend away from daily pressures; time to be with each other and with God on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. See www.wwme.org. Upcoming Weekend Date: March 1-23, 2014.

Lunch Time Supervisor Position Available - Blessed Pope John Paul II Catholic School is seeking a lunch time supervisor for Monday to Friday 11:05 am to 12:05 pm starting immediately. Please call Mrs. Bough-Ganam at 905-655-2291 or drop into the school.

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 info., 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 box or in the rack near the welcome table.

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). March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 4, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7 and December 5, 2014 For more info. contact Donna at (905) 620-0724 or Jeananne at (905) 579-6118.

CATECHIST CORNER

Should Catholics be memorizing the Bible like our Protestant friends?

A: Absolutely.

Memorizing the Scriptures does three things for us. It allows God's Word to wash us clean as often as we remember it; memorization allows us to bring the Bible with us anywhere; and memorization helps to correct the gross misunderstanding that Catholics do not read their Bibles.

It really is not that difficult. Try it, and consider beginning with this one from John 3:16:

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.

And besides, you have seen **John 3:16** at every televised sporting event from as far back as you can remember anyway, isn't it time you knew what it meant?

The parish recently purchased CDs from **Lighthouse Catholic**

Media. The CD by Dr. Scott Hahn called Seven Last Sayings of Christ was reviewed by parishioner Francesco Bianco.

Nothing that our Lord said as he was hanging on the cross came easily. Every breath was a painful struggle. Each word came with great difficulty. Seven Last Sayings Of Christ, by Dr. Scott Hahn passionately explains how every word Jesus uttered was and continues to be profound and gripping today as when He uttered them on that first Good Friday. With powerful insight, Dr. Hahn unlocks for us the deeper significance of Our Lord's last words, carefully chosen so that we might better understand the immense love of God for every person and His plan of salvation.

Annual Mass in honour of St. Patrick on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 10:00 am at St. Michael's Cathedral, 65 Bond Street, Toronto. Principal Celebrant – His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Colllins, Archbishop of Toronto. Music – Alumni Choir – St. Michael's Choir School.

Live in Community. Serve Others. Grow in Holiness. Become a Student Campus Minister with Newman Centre Catholic Chaplaincy. Please see the poster on the Church bulletin board for detailed information.

Senior Men's High School Retreat

Friday, March 21 at 7 pm to Sunday, March 23 at 2:30 pm at Scarborough Foreign Missions Centre, 2685 Kingston Rd., Scarborough, ON. Deadline for registration is Monday, March 17, 2014. Please see poster and registration forms on the Church bulletin board.



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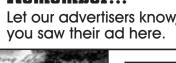
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