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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LENT DAY OF CONFESSION AT ST. LEO PARISH
TUESDAY MARCH 28
10 am – 12 noon and 5 pm. – 7 pm.

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT AT ST. LEO the GREAT
LENTEN POVERTY MEAL

**SOUP & BREAD – Donations only accepted
with all proceeds going to our SVDP.
5:00 – 6:15 pm.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS **6:30 – 7 pm.**

MASS – **7:00 pm.**



INTRO TO THE BOOK OF REVELATION: GOD'S MESSAGE OF HOPE IN A DIFFICULT TIME

**Saturday April 22nd 2017 10 am. to 2 pm. with
lunch at 12 pm. in St. Leo the Great Parish Hall. *SAVE
THE DATE!***

There is no charge for the day and lunch will be provided
along with coffee, tea, juice and water throughout the
event. Free will offering only.

To Register, put your name on the clipboard sign-up list in
the vestibule or call or email the parish office.



ShareLife has been in operation in the Archdiocese of Toronto
for many years now and began when many public charities in
the Toronto area were using funds from donors to assist in the
funding of abortion. ShareLife is a mission work of the Church
supported by three separate collections. This mission is
accomplished through the various agencies of ShareLife.

In our parish of St. Leo this year we intend to have three
different speakers address us briefly on the work of their
agency or as a recipient of ShareLife funds.

On the weekend Masses of **April 1 / 2** we will have a 3rd year
Seminarist, Mr. Brian Russell from St. Augustine Seminary in
Scarborough, speak to us about his call to the priesthood and
your ShareLife contributions directly assist him and
his fellow seminarians in their time of discernment and
preparation for priesthood through prayer, study and
community.

On **May 6 / 7** weekend we will have a representative from
Durham Catholic Family Services address the work they do for
the good of so many in the Durham Region, offering
counselling, support and help to families of all faiths or no faith
in our area.

On our final ShareLife Sunday weekend of **June 3 / 4** we will
have a speaker address us on behalf of the Catholic Youth
Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Parishioners in our parish can divide up their overall
contribution over three different ShareLife Sunday weekends:
Sunday April 2, Sunday May 7 Sunday June 4.
Parishioners who have previously contributed to ShareLife may
receive their appeal by mail but anyone can of course
contribute by making a one-time donation or divided up over
the three ShareLife Sundays.

As pastor, speaking frankly about this, I have not made much
of a ripple in the way our parish has marked and promoted the
ShareLife campaign in previous years. In the last two years we
were occupied with our Family of Faith campaign and, on a
personal level, I was already contributing to the parish offertory
collection, the Family of Faith campaign as well as other
charities within and outside of the Church. So many of the
people in our parish are in the same boat as me. While there
seems to be many places and organizations, and many of
them very worthy causes, who want my money, like all of us, I
had to make choices stemming from the question: Which
agencies and charities are most in need of my assistance and
can do the greatest good with what I choose to give? This year
ShareLife will be one of my choices but first I need to assess
what I can give mindful of the Lord's great and undeserved
blessings in my life.

**ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH SHARELIFE GOAL FOR 2017
\$38,400.**

Every parish throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto has been
given a specific campaign target based on their previous
contributions and the above amount has been set for our
campaign this year. I am asking all of our parishioners,
particularly those who may not have previously made a
donation to ShareLife to consider kindly doing so this year. It's
not about checking off a box to say we tried to raise awareness
of ShareLife this year but rather were able to substantially and
consciously make an effort and a difference to the many
agencies who day in and day out, fulfill the mission and work of
Christ and the Gospel.

ShareLife will be allocating \$13.68 million into the work of our
agencies in 2017—a \$485,000 increase over the previous
year. The additional funding will: • Support the retention and
enhancement of agency staff to meet the increased demand
for services; • Maintain walk-in counselling clinic services to
families, giving clients access to same day service without an
appointment, thereby reducing or eliminating the need for
additional counselling sessions; • Enhance life-skills and
mentorship to youth in transitional housing. These supportive
measures help youth make a positive transition from foster
care to independent living with training, mentorship and after
care services; • Offer expanded assistance and support to
isolated and marginalized seniors in the City of Toronto;
• Provide shared services or back-office integration among
agencies, which improves administrative efficiencies,
organizational effectiveness and organizational capacity.
Currently, agencies are sharing resources in financial
management and human resources services, while information
technology options are being explored. St. Elizabeth Service
Trust serves as a service provider for this project. (Fr. C.)

Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Tue, Mar 28 | 8:30 a.m. | St. Leo School Mass |
| Wed, Mar 29 | 7:00 p.m. | Norah Grannaghan + |
| Thu, Mar 30 | 8:30 a.m. | Vincenzina Mammone + |
| Fri, Mar 31 | 7:00 p.m. | Int of Margaret Forget |
| Sat, Apr 1 | 5:00 p.m. | Mary Fox + |
| Sun, Apr 2 | 9:00 a.m. | Peter Riordan + |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Tullio Caprio + |

CALL FOR CONSCIENCE

Now that euthanasia/assisted suicide is legal in Canada, doctors in Ontario are being forced to help arrange for the killing of their patients. If your family doctor or surgeon objects to providing a referral for assisted suicide/euthanasia, they could be fined, disciplined or even removed from their practice. Many may be forced to retire or move outside of the province if the provincial government does not recognize their freedom of conscience. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to join learn more, join the "Call for Conscience" and write directly to your Member of Provincial Parliament asking them to protect conscience rights.

LUNCH SUPERVISOR at ST. LEO CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Are you available during the school day? Please consider applying to become a paid, lunch hour supervisor at St. Leo Catholic School for the remainder of this school year. St. Leo Catholic School is currently looking for committed parents or community members interested in supervising during the lunch hour (11:00-12:00 p.m.). Please drop by the office or contact the school at 905-655-3852 if you are interested making a positive impact on students through this position. A current police check is required for this position.

TOTUS TUUS – SAVE THE DATES

Totus Tuus is returning to St. Leo the Great Parish for the seventh year in a row! These are the dates to save:
Sunday July 23 – Thursday July 27 will be the Evening program for students entering grades 7 -12;
Monday July 24 – Friday July 28 will be the Day Program for students entering grades 1 – 6.

SPRING FLING CARD PARTY

at St. Mary of the People Hall, 532 Stevenson Rd. N., Oshawa - Monday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:15. Progressive Euchre (optional), prizes & a light lunch. Tickets: \$7.00. Call Anne at 905-728-1874. Hosted by St. Mary's CWL.

St. Vincent de Paul, CWL, KofC

If you are interested in learning more about any of these organizations, please call Peggy Primeau – President of St. Vincent de Paul - 905-655-9692, Donna Shaddick – President of Catholic Women's League - 905-620-0724 and Larry Hallihan – Knights of Columbus - 905-620-0351.

PAUL DAVIS SAFETY TALK

The Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee is hosting Paul Davis on safety of the internet on April 20, 2017 at 7 pm at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary in Ajax. This is a very valuable and important talk for ALL parents and youth 13+. It is a FREE event, child minding is available and there will be refreshments.

LAY PASTORAL VISITORS TRAINING

Office of Formation for Discipleship will be offering the Lay Pastoral Visitors Training beginning on April 20, 2017. This training is designed to prepare lay persons to provide pastoral visits and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins of our parish communities. Participants are required to attend all 5 days. New and seasoned volunteers are welcome to attend. This training will be held at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Whitby on Thursdays April 20, May 4, 18, 25 & June 8, 2017 – 6:30pm to 9:00pm. There is no cost to attend, however registration is required. For further information, please call (416) 934-3400 ext. 523 or visit: <https://www.archtoronto.org/our-catholic-faith/programs-and-workshops>

VOCATION SEEDS

"We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day." Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

Fulton Sheen said...

Lenten practice of giving up pleasures are good reminders that the purpose of life is not pleasure. The purpose of life is to attain to perfect life, all truth and undying ecstatic love – which is definition of God. In pursuit that goal we find happiness. Pleasure is not the purpose of anything; pleasure is a by-product resulting from doing something that is good.



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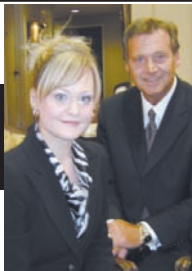


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