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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 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.

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT AT ST. LEO



LENTEN
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MEAL

**SOUP & BREAD –
5:00 – 6:15 pm.
Varieties of home
made soup and fresh**

bread. No charge. Free will offerings accepted with all proceeds going to our St. Vincent de Paul Society in the parish. This annual Lenten event each Friday helps us to in some small way be in solidarity with the poor among us. As with Lent itself, it invites us to not only give something up (like a full meal) but also to do something positive and other-centered.

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

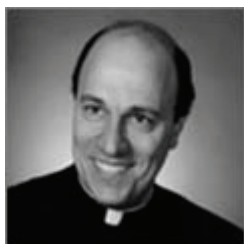
MASS – **7:00 pm.**

(There are no Friday morning Masses in Lent.)

**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 !**

On Saturday April 22 from 10 am. to 2 pm. Mognsignor Robert Nusca will present on An INTRO TO THE BOOK OF REVELATION: GOD'S MESSAGE OF HOPE IN A DIFFICULT TIME.



Reverend Monsignor A. Robert Nusca is a Roman Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Toronto, ordained in 1988. He attended the University of Toronto and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1980. He received a Master of Divinity from St. Augustine's Seminary and a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from St. Paul's University in

Ottawa in 1988. After serving for one year at All Saints Parish, Etobicoke, he was assigned to further studies in Rome where he completed his Licentiate in Sacred Scripture with Honours at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in 1993; and completed a Doctorate in Sacred Theology with Honours at the Pontifical Gregorian University in 1998. He wrote his Doctoral dissertation on the "Hymns of the Apocalypse of John," under the direction of Professor Ugo Vanni, SJ.

Msgr. Nusca is currently the Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish, Toronto, and is an Associate Professor of New Testament Studies at St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto, a Member College of the Toronto School of Theology. He served as the President and Rector of St. Augustine's Seminary from June 2001-June 2014.

LENTEN PRACTICES

People often don't look forward to Lent. Childhood memories of giving up candy or sitting through weekly Stations of the Cross come immediately to mind. Words like "sacrifice," "discipline," and "self-denial" are often used in ways that suggest that Lent is something to be endured rather than a time of grace and spiritual growth.

Have you ever thought of Lent as a yearly second chance? Each year the Church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us find that we've wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance, or do-over, to "return to God with our whole heart."

From the breakfast table to the car seat, from writing to drawing, from giving something up to doing something more . . . Let the wisdom and spirit of these stories inspire you in your own Lenten journey.

Around the breakfast table

A woman from Illinois shared the following story:
"One of my best Lenten practices was begun when my children were in elementary school and I was a working parent. It seemed as though we were struggling to find time to eat dinner as a family and this was greatly disturbing me. I decided that if we were unable to hold the dinner hour sacred due to work schedules and after school activities, I would instead hold the breakfast hour sacred. I made sure to get up each morning during Lent just a little earlier so that I could not only provide breakfast for my family but actually sit together, pray our meal prayer and begin each day on a happy note. It began in Lent and didn't end until my children went off to college many years later. I learned that Lenten habits could carry far off into the future with my family. The impact was dramatic in that each day was started with a prayer and positive attitudes. Breakfast became and remains one of our favorite rituals of the day."

A note a day

Each day of Lent, through prayer, a name surfaces of a person who has had an impact on my life in some way. I then take the time to write a handwritten note to that person. I have been amazed at the people that have surfaced: from my 3rd grade teacher; to a cousin; to a priest; to a high school student who had written me a note after a presentation I gave at her school. I send the notes without the expectation of a response. Yet, I have received several emails and notes stating how much it meant to the person. Life is too short—we see that with Jesus—but, we have the opportunity to share our thoughts with those who have made an impact (some don't even know it, until they receive the note). This embodies the idea of Lent: prayer—praying for a specific person each day; fasting—fasting from negative thoughts; and almsgiving—sending a note with affirmations is a great gift to give.

Dialing into God

Instead of listening to music or talk radio in my car, I decided to take that time for prayer and to listen to God. At first, it was a difficult transition; the silence was deafening. But soon, I began to enjoy the quiet time. I prayed for people who I knew needed my prayers. I prayed for my family and myself. I also thanked God for my many blessings. I found that I became much more calm and peaceful during this time. This reflective time grounded and centered me to do my best.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue, Mar 14	8:30 a.m.	John MacDougell +
Wed, Mar 15	7:00 p.m.	Hector Anselmo +
Thu, Mar 16	8:30 a.m.	James Weber +
Fri, Mar 17	7:00 p.m.	Paul Ponce de Leon +
Sat, Mar 18	5:00 p.m.	Paul Ponce de Leon +
Sun, Mar 19	9:00 a.m.	Eileen Walls +
	11:00 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory

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.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - 50th Anniversary

Did you know that after the devastating earthquake in 2010, Canadians donated \$21 million to Development and Peace to provide for the needs of people in Haiti? To find out more about the work of Development and Peace or to become a member or donor, visit the website at <http://www.devp.org/en/get-involved>

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.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND

Friday, March 17 (Begins at 7 p.m.) to Sunday, March 19, 2017 at St. Augustine's Seminary. Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please contact (the Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations at 416 968 0997; email vocations@archtoronto.org

COFFEE HOUR

A Coffee Hour for young Catholic adults (Age 18-25) is being organized by St. Bernadette's Parish on 26th March, 2017 at 8 pm. The venue is Coffee Culture Ajax, 75 Bayly Street West, Ajax. This is organized to bring our young Catholic adults together in order to know each other and grow in their faith. We would gladly welcome young people from all parishes!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling. Upcoming Weekends: March 17-19, October 20-22, 2017 at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. For more information and application, please go to www.wwme.org or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925.

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.

FASHION SHOW

St. Leo's CWL will be holding a Fashion Show on Sunday, April 30th at 1:00 featuring clothing from Alia in the Oshawa Mall. Tickets \$15 each. Tea / Coffee and Sweets will be served. Available at Coffee Sunday or by calling 905-620-0724.

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.

VOCATION SEEDS


Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. 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 or email at vocations@archtoronto.org




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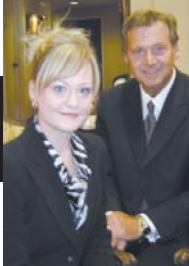
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