



St. Leo The Great

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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. 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 (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 Victor Amole* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If Father Victor 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

HOLY WEEK LITURGY TIMES

The following schedule lists the times of the liturgies for Holy Week 2015.

Tuesday March 31 – NO MORNING MASS (Fr. Charles will be attending the Chrism Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral with all the priests of the Archdiocese and obtain the Holy Oils used in the parish throughout the year.)

Wednesday April 1 – Morning Mass only – 8:30 am.

THE GREAT THREE DAYS – THE TRIDUUM

Thursday April 2 – HOLY THURSDAY – 7 pm. Mass

Mass with the washing of the feet. (No other Masses this day.)

Friday April 3 – GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – 3 pm.

with veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

Saturday April 4 – EASTER VIGIL – 8 pm.

Sunday April 5 – EASTER SUNDAY – 9 & 11 am. Mass

Please note, there are no confessions heard during the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

PARISH LENTEN POVERTY MEAL

Good home-made soup and fresh bread will be served at our parish's **Lenten Poverty Meal.**

WHEN? Each Friday anytime between 5:00 pm. & 6:15 pm.

WHERE? St. Leo the Great Parish Hall (Donations to SVDP)
(Please enter through the Carson Street doors.)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
are held every Friday in our parish throughout Lent beginning at 6:30 pm. followed by Mass at 7:00 pm.
Come, join in this weekly communal reflection and prayer on the Mystery of Christ's suffering and Death.

LOOKING FOR HOST-HOMES FOR NET FOR THE CONFIRMATION RETREAT APRIL 15

Our Parish's Confirmation Retreat will take place during the day of Wednesday April 15th in the parish hall put on by the famously popular Catholic *New Evangelization Teams* (NET). They will arrive on Tuesday April 14th between 5-6 pm. and will require accommodations in several homes with 2 girls or 2 boys to each of the host-homes. You would be asked to provide dinner on Tuesday and breakfast on Wednesday morning and the team would not return again to the host-homes once they depart on Wednesday morning following breakfast. So we're looking for homes that can provide two meals and overnight accommodation for one night. Some of the NET members have special dietary needs and we will apprise you of these when you

speak with our parish coordinator, Mrs. Magda Nowak. **If you would be interested in hosting a couple of the youth leaders in your home overnight, please call Magda at 905-556-1401.**

Dear Premier Wynne....

Ever since the announcement of the new Ontario Sex Ed. curriculum by Premier Wynne two weeks ago there has been a flurry of letter-writing, online petitions by the various media groups and loads of talk on talk radio and the like. Some outlets, obviously in favour of the proposed curriculum, have stressed only what's new to the updated program like sexting, etc., not only showing their bias but perhaps hoping that they will aid the smooth acceptance of this intolerable scheme by putting the people of Ontario to sleep while leading them to think there's no big deal about this proposal in the first place save for the concerns of a few 'religious' fanatics in the province.

Below you will read a letter which has been making the rounds on the internet this week, and for good reason. While there have been so many opinions and so much discussion about this issue, the letter to the Premier seems to hit the nail on the head. I took this copy of the letter from LifeSiteNews.com but you can find it in so many places on the internet.

I wonder if our parishioners are reading the many and various types of articles online about the sex ed. curriculum. I know I have seen and read so many of them from psychologists who say that it is tantamount to abuse of children who are too young to process these kinds of teachings to Church leaders who state that it is clearly, whether parents are religious or not, a taking away of parental rights by a government body who believes they know what is best for parents. The prime role of teacher is transferred in this new curriculum from parent to government and schools.

We humans tend to have short memories. My concern is that this issue will die down with the coming of spring and nicer weather when people turn to other things and look forward to summer. The summer holidays will come and go and the new curriculum will be introduced when the new school year starts come September and the passion and zeal of many parents will have waned through the passing of time. I believe that this is not going to be a fight by our bishops but a fight by the parents of Ontario themselves who must see the threat of this new sex ed. curriculum for what it is and, as a repeat of 2010, send a resounding 'NO' to Queen's Park before September 2015.

Fulton Sheen said, "We are living at a time when what one generation abhors, the next generation passively accepts." Let's pray that this statement won't be true this time. (Fr. Charles)

Editor's note: Ontario parent Ryan McConaghy wrote the following letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne last week after she defended her education credentials to MPP Monte McNaughton in the legislature. The premier's remarks garnered wide media coverage because she implied that McNaughton's criticism of the sex ed program is 'homophobic.'

Dear Premier:

Further to the comments that you made earlier today at Queen's Park to Monte McNaughton, I would still like to know what makes you qualified to advise how, when and

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what my two daughters are taught regarding human sexuality. I assure you that neither your position as Premier, nor your status as a woman, nor your status as a mother, nor your status as a former school trustee, nor your Master's Degree, nor your status as the former Minister of Education qualify you in the least. The reality is that nothing qualifies you or your government to provide the moral framework within which my children are to be taught about human sexuality.

Ms. Premier, if you are so passionate about the new sex education curriculum, then why didn't you have the courage of your convictions to run on that policy last spring during the election? Surely you knew that you would have been soundly defeated, just as your predecessor had been on this particular issue when he tried to sneak it through the legislature in 2010. And yet your government pretends that the opponents of this curriculum are a small minority of religious fanatics! The reality is that the vast majority of parents in this province do not want your pet social engineering project passed. These people are not merely the knuckle dragging, religious people that you and your Minister of Education loathe so much. They come from various educational and cultural backgrounds. I, for one, am a lawyer and my wife is a public school teacher. We do not neatly fit your stereotypes, and we abhor the cradle-to-grave Ontario that you are creating; an Ontario that is both morally and financially bankrupt.

By the way, Ms. Sandals' comments today which linked opponents of your legislation with those who oppose the teaching of evolution were quite condescending and intolerant. You, of all people, should not stand for such intolerance. The tolerance that has been extended to you as a lesbian woman should also be extended by you, and your cabinet, to religious minorities who do not share your views (and with whom you profoundly disagree). I implore you on behalf of the parents of this province, and their impressionable children (who cannot speak for themselves), to change your policy on this matter immediately.

Regards, Ryan McConaghy

"Who is going to save our Church? Not our bishops and religious. It is you, the people (the Laity). You have the minds, the eyes, the ears to save the Church. Your mission is to see that your priests act as priests, your bishops like bishops, and your religious act like religious."
(Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen in an address to the Knights of Columbus, June, 1972)

MASS INTENTIONS – WEEK OF MARCH 17 - 22, 2015

Tues 17 – 8:30 am – Paul Ponce de Leon+ req. by his Family
Wed 18 – 7:00 pm – Mary Thersa Fry +
Thurs 19 -8:30 am – Ida Pratt + req. M. Holly
Fri 20 - 6:30 pm – Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm – Bob Johnson +
Sat 21- 5:00 pm – For the Children preparing for 1st Communion
Sun 22 - 9:00 am – For the Children preparing for Confirmation
11:00 am – Int. Gualberto Giesta req. Wardell Family

ORDINANDI CLASS OF 2015

Please keep in your prayers the Ordinandi Class of 2015.
Rev. Mr. Eric Mason, from Peterborough, Rev. Mr. Rick Lorenz from Saskatoon, Rev. Mr. Ricardo Davis from Jamaica, Rev. Mr. Gerard Plant from Ottawa, Rev. Mr. David Twaddle from Unionville and Rev. Mr. Roque Meraz from Mexico.

4th Sunday of Lent – March 15

St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you think God's plan for you could be a vocation in His Church, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997.**

SHARELIFE 4th Sunday of Lent

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

ShareLife provides for everyone in our archdiocese to have access to a Catholic Family Services counselling office, regardless of their background or religious affiliation. Housebound seniors receive care from Society of Sharing volunteers. Our brothers and sisters in Christ receive assistance overseas through Development & Peace, Canadian Food for Children and the Pastoral Mission Fund. Immigrants and refugees are helped through Catholic Cross-cultural Services and the Office for refugees. ShareLife supports the education of our priests and deacons at Serra House, Redemptoris Mater and St. Augustine's seminaries. ShareLife creates a happier and safer community for us all. **Next ShareLife Sunday – April 12, 2015**

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Are you prepared? Meditations on Lent and Easter

Here are some Lent and Easter audio presentation that will surely inspire you and you can find them in the vestibule at our Lighthouse Media Centre.

Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross –Fr. James P. Shea

In these three beautiful talks, Monsignor James Shea guides us along the Stations of the Cross, teaching us how to better open our hearts to the suffering and loneliness of Jesus on His way to Calvary.

My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent –Fr. Robert Barron

Fr. Robert Barron offers five sermons on the spiritual discipline we must cultivate in the Lenten season, a discipline centered in Christ.

Seven Last Sayings of Christ – Dr. Scott Hahn

In this presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn unlocks 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. Learn how Jesus' words are as profound and gripping today as when He uttered them on that first Good Friday.

The National Catholic Mission 2015

The National Catholic Mission "Beware the Holy Spirit", will be broadcast on VISIONTV ON Monday March 30 and Tuesday March 31 at 6:00 pm and repeated at 10:00 pm. It will be hosted by Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick and features Spiritan priest Fr. Anthony Gittins.




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