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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.

LENTEN DATES TO REMEMBER

Throughout Lent –

**Every Wednesday – Holy Hour 6 -7 pm.
followed by Mass at 7 pm.**

**Every Friday – Stations of the Cross - 6:30 pm.
followed by Mass at 7 pm.**

**Parish Mission/Retreat – 4 Days
from Sunday April 6 – Wednesday April 9
at 7 pm. each evening with Fr. Paul Nicholson**

**Parish Lenten Reconciliation
Thursday April 10 beginning at 7 pm.
*with several priests available for confession***

*Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on
Sunday April 13*

News You Should Know About....



OECTA (Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association) announced this past Monday March 10 that OECTA will march in Toronto's WorldPride parade on June 29th of this year. The Catholic Teachers

union represents over 45,000 Catholic teachers from across Ontario. "Though it is often billed as 'family friendly', Toronto Pride Parade is known for its displays of full frontal nudity, simulated sex acts, sadomasochism and bondage", according to LifeSite News. Jack Fonseca, a spokesman for Campaign Life Catholics, said the decision is an "all out rebellion against the Catholic Church," and argued that "OECTA is turning itself into a homosexual-activist group."

The motion, proposed by OECTA's Toronto Secondary Unit, states: "That the Association show its support for Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs) and its lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, two-spirited and queer (LGBTQ) members by registering for, and marching in, the World Pride Parade on June 29, 2014."

Fonseca said, "This is a frontal assault on Catholic moral teaching about marriage and human sexuality. OECTA pretends to represent and love the Catholic Church, but it seems to be doing all it can to destroy her from within."

Continued from last week's bulletin.....

The Sin Against the Holy Spirit

Jesus said: "I tell you this: no sin, no slander, is beyond forgiveness for men; but whoever slanders the Holy Spirit can never be forgiven; he is guilty of eternal sin." (Mark 3:28-29)

So just what is this sin against the Holy Spirit? Many who are unknowing about the meaning of these words from Jesus in the context of Him being accused of being possessed by an unclean spirit, might fret and worry that at some point in their lives they had committed this sin. And the idea of the sin against the Holy Spirit being unforgiveable might lead one to somehow believe that they are damned even though they are striving to love and serve the Lord as a Christian. Not so.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states in 1864:

"There are no limits to the mercy of God, but anyone who deliberately refuses to accept his mercy by repenting, rejects the forgiveness of his sins and the salvation offered by the Holy Spirit. Such hardness of heart can lead to final impenitence and eternal loss."

Notice the word 'can' in the last sentence. The Church is making it clear that there is the possibility that if one persists in their refusal of God's forgiveness they would be, by personal choice, separating themselves from God. One can always refuse God's love but come to their senses, as the Prodigal Son did, and return to the love that God holds out for them. This would not leave the person in a state of refusal because they have repented. Jesus makes it clear that is precisely those who refuse Jesus' mercy and remain in that refusal who would come under Jesus' statement about sinning against the Holy Spirit.

Let's back this up a bit. What the Holy Spirit does, among many things, is that it makes us know we are sinners, thereby leading us to the possibility of repentance as in going to confession. In knowing fully that Christ awaits with his mercy the one who has refused His mercy and therefore His forgiveness, should they die in that state of knowing refusal, they are sinning against the Holy Spirit's work and gifts that would save that person. Like a drowning man who is thrown a life preserver, should he refuse it, death by drowning would result.

Our God does not delight in somehow making the salvation He offers us complicated – it isn't. It's quite simple, straightforward and profound. The sin against the Holy Spirit is simply going to one's grave refusing to accept the love and forgiveness of God. That refusal ties God's hands, God who is a perfect gentleman who has given us full freedom to choose Him or reject Him. God will not save us against our own will. Yet, no one can say that so and so is in hell because of what they have done. The Church herself has never pronounced that an individual is in hell for all eternity because she does not know. God alone is the judge of all and knows the human heart.

St. Thomas Aquinas used the analogy of a sick man refusing to accept all or any means to get back to health which would thereby render him incurable through his own fault and refusal. Perhaps we all know people who seem to refuse God in their lives but this is, I believe, mainly because they haven't so much refused God as they have crowded Him out by their preoccupation with other far lesser things, which is still a most serious state to be in. What Jesus was doing in the quote from Mark's Gospel was issuing a warning to the Pharisees that if they persisted in their state of sin and blasphemy they would not be forgiven. Pray for those who do not follow the Lord that they will not forever persist in their refusal. (Fr. Charles)

MARCH 16, 2014

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE:

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

- Envelopes, Loose bills and change - \$3563
 - Pre-Authorized Giving (PAP) - \$1940 (February)
- ➔ TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK: \$5503

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Mar. 18 – 8:30 am – No Intention
Wed., Mar. 19 – 7:00 pm – Maria Gutherc+ Req. by Valerie & John Hotner
Thurs., Mar. 20 – 8:30 am – No Intention
Fri., Mar. 21 – 6:30 pm – Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm – For the intentions of Rev. Mr. Omar Hernandez
Sat., Mar. 22 – 5:00 pm – Stanislav Hozjan+ Req. by the Utrosa Family
Sun., Mar. 23 – 9:00 am – Jack Smith+ & Doreen Lisle+ Req. by Alan & Margaret McIntyre
Sun., Mar. 23 – 11:00 am – Petra Chin Cheong+ Req. by Nelson & Emilia Rebelo

Second Sunday of Lent – March 16, 2014

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, **contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997, email – vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - CATCH THE FIRE

Women of the Parish, You're Invited Saturday Mar. 22nd. This one day FREE workshop is designed to renew members' enthusiasm for the League, introduce the League to new members and answer questions for those contemplating membership.

9:30 am – REGISTRATION

10:00 am to 4:00 pm – WORKSHOP SESSION

Register by calling Donna Shaddick (905) 620-0724.

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Working wonders in our livelihoods...

Andrew attended counselling at Catholic Family Services in Simcoe at the suggestion of his employer. He was experiencing a considerable amount of conflict at work which was affecting his job performance. Andrew realized that if he didn't get some help he was at risk of losing his job. Through counselling he learned more positive ways of interacting as well as some healthy stress management skills. Today Andrew has fewer conflicts at work and has learned how to separate his work and home life. He appreciated the help that Catholic Family services provided to him when he needed it most. Last year, ShareLife-supported Family Service agencies provided family counselling to over 5,100 people in the Greater Toronto Area.

First ShareLife Sunday – March 30, 2014

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

CATECHIST CORNER

I have just learned that we have two authoritative books outside of the Bible: The Catechism and the Code of Canon Law. How are they different?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is used primarily for questions of a theological nature. It answers the *why* questions of Faith. The Code of Canon Law on the other hand answers questions that have to do with how we must relate to each other as Christians, the Church, or matters of discipline and practice.

For example if I want to know why we should do penance and fast as Christians, I would open my Catechism. If I wanted to know how often or when I should fast then I open my Code.

While the Code of Canon Law can change, and has changed substantially as recently as 1983, the Catechism of the Catholic Church does not change.

And while the Pope cannot change the deposit of Faith (the *content* of the Catechism), he can and frequently does interpret and alter the Code of Canon Law to settle disputes and assist Christians on their faith journey.

Catholic Chapter House Event - Join hundreds of Catholics to be renewed and inspired to live your faith to the fullest!

The theme of the event is "*Put on the Armour of God – Understanding & Defending the Faith Event*". The topics of the day: Ephesians 6, learning & defending our faith, and how we can live out our faith in today's culture.

The event features 3 talks by Steubenville & Lighthouse Catholic Media speaker, **Steve Ray**. And 1 talk given by Allan Smith, of the Fulton Sheen Mission Society.

Location: 50 Gervais Drive, Toronto (Don Mills & Eglinton),

Date: Saturday April 12, 2014.

All info and to order tickets :

<http://www.catholicchapterhouse.com/armourofgod>,

info@catholicchapterhouse.com or 1-888-522-2070. Student &

Group rates available.

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

Media. Professor of Theology, author, and the founder of Word On Fire (www.WordOnFire.org). Fr. Robert Barron delivers a dynamic and revealing presentation concerning the Seven Deadly Sins, those harmful spiritual blocks that inhibit us in developing a loving relationship with God and one another. His talk is based on Dante's **Divine Comedy**, the seven deadly sins correspond to the seven stories of Dante's Mt. Purgatory. Pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice and lust are all presented as patterns of dysfunction within us. How do we counteract these sins? How can we reset ourselves on the right path to healing, happiness and right relationship with God? Fr. Barron offers clear and practical advice, while carefully guiding the listener through the antidotes to each sin – Seven Lively Virtues? Reviewed by Francesco Bianco, parishioner


C.W.L. Quilt Raffle – tickets on sale (proceeds to the parish) and Spring Fashion Show, Sunday, April 27 – Tickets \$20 (includes light lunch) are available after masses.




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