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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 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (followed by 8:30 a.m. Mass)

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 4:30 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 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY

(Thursday of the Lord's Supper)

Mass at 7 pm. with procession of Bl. Sacrament

GOOD FRIDAY

(Friday of the Passion of Our Lord)

3:00 pm. Holy Communion & Veneration

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.

EASTER VIGIL

(The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night)

8:00 pm. Highest Liturgy of the Year

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

9:00 am. and 11 am.

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



SOUP & BREAD – **Donations only accepted with all proceeds going to our SVDP.**

5:30 – 6:30 pm.

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

MASS – **7:00 pm.**

A BIG THANK YOU to the women who have worked so hard and faithfully providing the awesome soup throughout Lent which makes helping the poor with the free-will offering a possibility.

Through My Most Grievous Fault

I'm sure I wrote about the changes to the words of the Confiteor which came about about six years ago in a previous bulletin but each time we say this bold admission of personal guilt of sin at the beginning of every Mass (or most Masses). At every Mass where the Confiteor, "I confess to Almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters...", is said together by the people we strike our breast each time we repeat, "through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault." At the time of the changes, which actually weren't new but a return to previous tradition, I remember reading someone's objection to the *my most grievous fault* part where they cited picturing a faithful nun who had lived in a cloistered convent for 50+ years and that it wouldn't be right to expect her to say those words and mean them due to the holy life she strives to live. Yet it occurred to me that this makes a big assumption that wouldn't apply to that nun any more than it would apply to me if someone were to assume that because I am a priest, I am holy and not much of a sinner.

It also totally neglects the fact discovered by the saints in the Church that the closer one comes to Christ or the more one desires to follow Christ more closely, they are going to be all the more aware of their sins and see them for what they are. Brought out into the light that is Jesus all our sins and shadows are apparent. It is in fact when we wander away from Christ that we may become less conscious of this reality. Lent is such an annual gift to the Church as a time when we look again at our lives and see where we have situated ourselves in reference to Christ and his call.

In fact, it's could be a truly dangerous situation to find ourselves in where we think we're okay using only the world in which we live as our reference point. St. Paul said, "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23)

Last Sunday's readings brought home to all of us who hear the word of God Sunday after Sunday, the reality of a human trait that "the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light." That is why Jesus came – to save us from ourselves and our desire to go our own way and end up loving the very things Christ came to save us from. The darkness seems inviting but sin, after all, is delicious but it will kill you.

We say "My Fault" three times. In a world where often it is far easier to blame someone else or others for our misfortunes, as Catholics standing before God at Mass, we acknowledge that I am a sinner and I've no one to blame for my sin save myself. And even the third striking of ones breast adds the words "most grievous" to fault. My sins grieve the heart of God, no two ways about it. Again, sin is not so grievous as long as I'm comparing myself with other human beings who happen to also be sinners. It is grievous, however, when I compare myself to the holiness and greatness of God.

In Proverbs 24:16 its says that even "a just man falls seven times...", though it doesn't say per day it still refers to a lot of sin. In a world full of sin that says there is no sin it seems fitting and right for us to gather in the homes of God scattered about the earth and say that we have greatly sinned and that it is our most grievous fault. It sets a pattern in our lives for taking ownership of the things we do, the things we ought to do in both word and deed and omission. And the Confiteor ends by our asking of the angels, saints and brother and sister sinners to pray for us to the Lord our God who, as we heard in the Gospel last weekend, "so loved the world". (Fr. Charles)

WHEN JESUS CAME TO BIRMINGHAM

When Jesus came to Golgotha,
 they hanged Him on a tree,
 They crowned Him with a crown of thorns,
 red were His wounds and deep;
 For those were crude and cruel days,
 and human flesh was cheap.

When Jesus came to Birmingham,
 they simply passed Him by.
 They would not hurt a hair of Him,
 they only let Him die;
 For men had grown more tender,
 and they would not give Him pain.
 They only just passed down the street,
 and left Him in the rain.

And still it rained the winter rain
 that drenched Him through and through;
 The crowds went home and left the streets
 without a soul to see,
 And Jesus crouched against a wall, and sighed for Calvary.

By Geoffrey Stoddard Kennedy

MARCH 18, 2018)

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 20th

8:30 a.m. Special Intention

Wednesday, March 21st

7:00 p.m. Intentions of Evelyn Mullaney

Thursday, March 22nd

8:30 a.m. † Attilio & Maria Tuzi

Friday, March 23rd

7:00 p.m. Intentions of Vincent Toal

Saturday, March 24th

4:30 p.m. Intentions of Tom Treacy and family

TOTUS TUUS IS COMING BACK!

The children and youth of the parish are invited to join us once again for *Totus Tuus* (Latin for *Totally Yours*) this summer from July 22nd to the 27th. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and college/university students travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechetical instruction, mass, confession, adoration songs and games. This year's theme is the Apostles Creed. The program will also be focusing on the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. More information is available at www.totustuustoronto.ca

Children entering grades 1 thru 6,

Cost is \$80 per person for the entire week

Runs Monday - Friday from 9am - 2:30pm

For Intermediate/High School grades 7 thru 12

Cost of \$20 for all five nights

Runs Sunday - Thursday evenings from 7 - 9 pm

More news and information on how to register will be announced in the coming weeks! Also if there are any adults interested in helping out as missionary assistants for the week please contact me personally at the church (905) 655-3286 ext. 109 or by email youth@stleothegreat.ca. Thank you for your continued prayers and support, (Dennis Wardle, Youth Director)

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Holy Family Parish (91 Ribblesdale Dr Whitby ON) will be having Marriage Preparation Course from April 19 to May 31 from 7pm - 9pm (6 Thursday except May 10). For more information and details, please call the office at 905-6656470.

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 24, 2018, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre,

4300 Cawthrea Rd., Mississauga

Speakers: Mark Mallett, Ann Jamieson, Sister Helena Burns, Geoff & Jennifer Cauchi, Lisa Canning & Dorothy Pilarski.

Register at: <http://dynamicwomenfaith.com>

CALLING ALL GIRLS - A Mother Daughter Event

Friday, March 23, 2018, 7:00 – 10 p.m.

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre,

4300 Cawthrea Rd., Mississauga

Speakers: Mark Mallett, Sister Helena Burns, Tara Barco, Dr. Jessica Chan Tai.

Register at: <http://dynamicwomenfaith.com>

Living the Gospel locally and around the world

"It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. **Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday.**"

—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

Today is ShareLife Sunday.

Thank you for your generosity.

Steubenville Toronto is coming to the UOIT Campus, Oshawa this summer July 13-15th

Steubenville is more than the name of a conference, it's a city in Ohio that is home to the Franciscan University of Steubenville, a vibrant Catholic College rooted in the Franciscan tradition and dedicated to proclaiming Jesus Christ as "the Way, the Truth, the Life." For the past 40 years, high school youth from across North America have had their faith awakened and their hearts set on fire through a personal encounter with Jesus at Steubenville Conferences. Once again St. Leo the Great will be taking a group of excited teens and chaperones to participate in Steubenville Toronto. This amazing conference is the highlight of the year for our high school youth. Fun is an understatement, youth will not only enjoy the food, fellowship and music, they will experience praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass fully, along with over 1,200 other teens. Talented recording artists, clergy and guest speakers are just part of what makes this event so special. Now in its fifth year, Steubenville Toronto continues to grow and is Canada's largest Catholic youth conference. Who is eligible to go? Steubenville is open to all grades 9 thru 12, including any Grade 8's who are graduating this year and any students graduating from grade 12 this year.

Cost is \$275 per person for all 3 days. This price includes meals and accommodation at UOIT (please note: transportation to and from the venue is not included). Registration will begin April 1st and close June 7th.

We will arrive Friday afternoon and check out in the early afternoon Sunday. Words cannot express how great these conferences are, in fact life changing. Teens who attended last year's event truly fell in love with their faith even more. News and information on how to register will be announced in the coming weeks! Please feel free to contact me personally at the church to answer any of your questions. (905) 655-3286 ext. 109 or by email youth@stleothegreat.ca. Thank you for your continued prayers and support, (Dennis Wardle, Youth Director)

VOCATION SEEDS

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997




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