



St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 POVERTY 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 !

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.



WRITINGS FROM THE RECTORY

I recently came across this clipart picture of a man, with a dog by his side as he sleeps in a comfy chair in a room where there is a statue of Our Lady on the buffet and a lit candle. Apart from the man having hair, this could be me with Teddy

resting on the floor and Red lying invisibly behind the chair or in another room, as is often the case. It's a rather cozy picture of me reclining with my feet up after perhaps a busy Sunday or

weekday. Or it could be the comfort of being inside in the midst of these blustery, cold and windswept days when the low temperatures seem to go right through you into your bones.

It is in scenes like the one pictured and described above that I take personal stock of my many blessings. While I can so easily come up with things I would like to have, change or be rid of, the tendency certainly needs to be kept in check as there are so many things that I have and should truly be grateful for.

I have shared on a few occasions the times when I am most grateful on a daily basis and that is when I go to bed each night. After a good or sometimes not so good day I take stock of my days events thinking about what was good or perhaps more negative and ask God's help as I make my review. I also practice sometimes what Jesuit spirituality calls the Examination of Consciousness, which is to say that I reflect on when I met Christ in the interchanges with others throughout my day. It's about being aware of the presence of Christ and His tremendous love for me.

And then, just before I roll over and drift off to sleep, I thank the Lord for my warm bed, (partly from the body heat of two snoring dogs), my safety and security in the house, the peace that surrounds my life here in Canada in this land where we don't know war or threat or danger, though some people who experience great difficulty in their lives with an alcoholic parent or live in a situation of some form of abuse, know what it is to feel unsafe or threatened.

My late father was never afraid to share with others the fact that he was an alcoholic and that by the grace of God and the help and fellowship of AA he was able to remain sober for over 50 years. I often think that my life and that of my mother and siblings could have turned out very different and much to the negative had my father not received help with his drinking problem. My father's sobriety, which has shaped and positively changed my life, is one of those things I am most grateful for before God. And I feel great compassion for those whose families struggle with alcohol, drugs or some form of addiction which turns lives upside down not only for the addicted but most especially for their families.

I am grateful for the gift of the call to priesthood which was all God's marvellous doing and for the past almost 24 years since ordination which has led me to reside and work in five different parishes including St. Leo the Great. The people one meets and the lives entered through parish ministry is a great privilege and provides a great sense of humanity in the face of God's healing and relentless love.

I am grateful for the people in my life, my friends, the many people who stay in touch and for the fact that I have never once felt lonely as a priest. I love being with people but also enjoy and am satisfied with my own company. While my father died a couple of years ago my mother has thrived well the 85 years of her life and the past 18 years with Dementia. I am thankful for her good health, her good appetite but most of all the incredible peace and calm she exudes and possesses which, I know, has everything to do with the strong faith she has always had and passed on to our family, myself and to so many others. At a time when there is much controversy over legal assisted suicide and a general disregard for the sanctity, value and life of the person I can see in my mother's eyes that persistence, perhaps even tenacity, to live evidencing the meaning of life we are all looking for that points to none other than the Lord Jesus, the Source of life, meaning, purpose, hope and love. I need to look no further in thanksgiving for my many and continued blessings.... than to Him! *(Fr. Charles)*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue, Mar 21	8:30 a.m.	Patricia MacKinnon +
Wed, Mar 22	7:00 p.m.	Brett Steeves +
Thu, Mar 23	8:30 a.m.	Intention of Sawyer Way
Fri, Mar 24	7:00 p.m.	James Mullaney & Raphael Bravo +
Sat, Mar 25	5:00 p.m.	Zachary Barill +
Sun, Mar 26	9:00 a.m.	Halina Debudej & Grace Machura +
	11:00 a.m.	Ernie Laton +

SHARELIFE

Living the Gospel by providing for homeless youth...

On a given night, 6,000 people across Canada between 16 and 24 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20 per cent of the total homeless population. In Toronto, estimates of homeless youth range from 900 to 2,000 nightly. The ShareLife-supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House have been active in making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth on the streets of Toronto. 75 % of these youth have been matched with mentors and have also made progress in strengthening their life skills and family relationships, getting them ready for life on their own. In addition, the ShareLife funded Youth In Transition programs helps youth in foster care to transition to independent living.

Sunday April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

VOCATION SEEDS


“But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.” Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? 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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