



# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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](http://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.

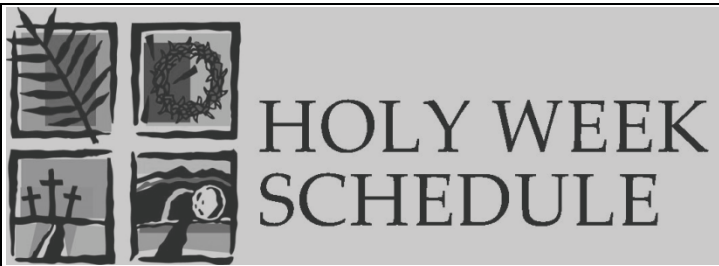
### **PARISH REGISTRATION:**

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.



Tuesday March 31 – No Mass (Fr. Charles at Chrism Mass)  
 Wednesday April 1 – 8:30 am. Morning Mass only.

**THE GREAT THREE DAYS – THE TRIDUUM**

**Holy Thursday:** 7 pm. Mass  
**Good Friday:** 3 pm. Service, 7 pm. Stations of Cross  
**Easter Vigil:** 8 pm. with Reception to follow  
**Easter Sunday:** 9 am. and 11 am. Masses

Please note:

- \*We will use incense on Holy Thursday, the Easter Vigil and the Easter Sunday Masses.
- \*The Easter Vigil may not be suitable for small children as much of the liturgy is in the dark and can be lengthy.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR 2 RCIA ELECT & 5 CANDIDATES THIS WEEK**

The two women who are to be baptized at the Easter Vigil are:

- JENNIFER DE GRACE**
- KELLY HUGHES**

The five candidates who are already baptized from other Christian churches who wish to be received into Full Communion into the Catholic Church are:

- **CORNELIS MALAN, JACQUELINE MALAN and CORINNE MALAN**
- **JOSEPH MC QUAT and CORINNA MC QUAT**

Pray that God who is calling them may help them to know His rich blessings and continued care for their lives as they pursue the will of the Lord which has led them into life in the Catholic Church. We will welcome them into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this coming Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. as Kelly and Jennifer are baptized in the new water of Easter and Joe, Corinna, Cornelis, Jacqueline and Corinne will be Received into the Catholic Church and then all seven of them will be Confirmed and receive First Eucharist. A holy and blessed liturgy.

**TOTUS TUUS IS RETURNING TO ST. LEO  
 SAVE THE DATES!**

**August 9-13 for students entering grades 7-12**  
**August 10-14 for students entering grades 1-6**

For the fifth year in a row our parish has been privileged to host the annual Totus Tuus week-long youth camp. Totus Tuus is a unique and fun-filled program featuring a team of 4 college-age students who will engage our youth with a week-long program focusing on the Catholic faith. The week is packed with skits, songs, Daily Mass and inspiring teaching. Registration information will be issued in April so save the dates now and prepare for your child to attend.

**WHO IS JESUS? – Think About It**



*Sculpture by Timothy Schmalz of Christ on the Cross.*

This coming week is what we call in the Church, Holy Week. It is holy in that part of the definition of the word ‘holy’ means “set apart”. This time is truly set apart from the rest of the church and calendar year with the Easter Vigil itself being the highest point of all liturgies as we celebrate again what Christ has done for us and won for us in His Death and Resurrection.

Now I know this all sounds only too familiar to Catholic ears and is the kind of speak that can make us automatically tune-out.... but not if you really think about it.

Much has been said about Jesus both among Christians and outside of Christianity in both religious and secular circles. Some of it is true and much of it is but a mere human reduction of Jesus as just a man out of history. He has been called by some a fraud, a miracle worker, a preacher, a crazy man, a prophet, a good man, a great teacher and so many other things..... but not God. Creatures describing the Creator as merely created.

He has been seen, most especially in modern, politically correct times among the leaders and starters of the great world religions, as just another one of many leaders. Christianity, the religion Jesus founded isn’t even as old as several of the others so you’d think that if Jesus is THE ONE He would have been around far earlier, perhaps even from the beginning.

Truth is, He was from the ‘beginning’ and in fact infinitely and eternally beyond that. He is “God come from God, Light come from Light, True God from True God; Begotten, not made” as the Nicene Creed tells us. He is from God and He is God.

In the line up of all the leaders of the world religions none of them ever claimed to have come from God – except Jesus. Others said they were messengers or prophets of God and that

they spoke for God but they never claimed to be God, save Our Blessed Lord. This is most significant for us Christians especially as we may feel drawn into the thinking of the world to reduce Christ to just another religious figure, a holy man.

Venerable Fulton Sheen in his 1958 book *Life of Christ*, which is still in print, makes the case for Christ right from the first words of the book: "Christianity, unlike any other religion in the world, begins with catastrophe and defeat. Sunshine religions and psychological inspirations collapse in calamity and wither in adversity. But the Life of the Founder of Christianity, having begun with the Cross, ends with the empty tomb and victory."

#### 1. CHRIST WAS EXPECTED – PRE-ANNOUNCED

Sheen presents us with distinguishing truths making Christ distinct, the first being that He was expected. No one knew centuries before that the leaders of other world religions could be expected, except Jesus. In fact, all of the ancient religions and civilizations expected Him. Plato and Socrates even spoke of the Universal Wise Man "yet to come"; Confucius spoke of "the Saint"; the Sibyls, of a "Universal King"; the Greek dramatist, of a savior and redeemer to unloose man from the "primal eldest curse".

#### 2. CHRIST'S COMING SPLIT HISTORY IN TWO

The second point Sheen makes is that when Jesus came He split history in two marking it as before His coming and after His coming.

#### 3. JESUS CAME INTO THIS WORLD TO DIE

Fulton Sheen's third point is that unlike us whose goal is to live, Jesus came into this world to die – it was the goal of His life. Death is always an interruption to our plans but for Christ it was forever His intended achievement for our redemption. "Death was a stumbling block to Socrates – it interrupted his teaching. But to Christ, death was the goal and fulfillment of His life, the gold that He was seeking. Few of His words or actions are intelligible without reference to His Cross. He presented Himself as a Saviour rather than merely as a Teacher.

#### 4. JESUS DOES NOT FIT INTO THE CATEGORY OF A GOOD MAN

Sheen makes the point here that Jesus is not just a good man. If Jesus was not all that He said He was, then he is not a good man but a liar. Yet if He was all that He said He was then He is far more than what so many reduce Him to as a 'good man'. He is either who He says He is or He is nothing at all and would be the worst of men. Jesus is God made flesh, from the eternal, heavenly realm yet born in time. "Born of a woman, He was a man and could be one with all humanity; born of a Virgin, who was overshadowed by the Spirit and 'full of grace,' He would also be outside that current of sin which infected all men." He is not just a good man but the God-Man.

"But He was not only a man. He would have us either worship Him or despise Him – despise Him as a mere man, or worship Him as true God and true man. If He is what He claimed to be, a Saviour, a Redeemer, then we have a virile Christ and a leader worth following in these terrible times; One Who will step into the breach of death, crushing sin, gloom and despair; a leader to Whom we can make totalitarian sacrifice without losing, but gaining freedom, and Whom we can love even unto death."

### Holy Land Commissariat in Canada

Pontifical Collection of Good Friday on April 3, 2015

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on Good Friday April 3, 2015. As we respond to this appeal, the visit of Pope Francis in the Holy Land from May 24 to 26, 2014 vividly comes to mind and we revisit the words of Scripture that marked his prayer at the Holy Sepulchre: "I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as He said. Come; see the place where the Lord lay." (Matthew 28:5-7)

The Pontifical Collection of Good Friday is a unique moment of loyalty to the Resurrection of the Christ Jesus and of solidarity with the Christian who are the "living stones" of those consecrated places. We are invited to this gesture of commemoration and unity for the benefit of the Holy Places and Christians so as to give a tangible form to the remembrance of the Christ Jesus and the constant support of our present day brothers and sisters!

With gratitude, Gilles Bourdeau, OFM

Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

### St. Leo Knights of Columbus Breakfast

On Sunday April 12 following the 9:00 and 11:00 am masses. Everyone is invited to enjoy a **full breakfast** of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice in the parish hall. Adults \$5.00, Children (ages 4-12) \$3.00 and Children (under age 4) free.

### CWL Up-coming Parish Events

**Coffee Sunday, April 19** following both Sunday Masses.

All parishioners are invited to come and enjoy coffee, tea, juice and sweets while getting to know our fellow church community.

**Family Fun Night, Saturday April 25 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

Come and join other families in the parish hall for an evening of trivia and other fun game challenges, while enjoying pizza, sweets, tea and coffee, only \$5.00 per family.

**Fashion Show, Saturday May 23** from 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Fashions by the all Canadian Peach Tree Originals of Markham. \$15.00 per person. Tea, coffee and sweets will be served. Call Donna 905-620-0724 or Jeananne 905-579-6118 for tickets.

### SHARELIFE – Palm Sunday

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When he was presented with a top youth achievement award at a recent gala at The Carlu, Kiwayne was only a short distance from the streets where he had been homeless, and a world away. In the building's food court a few years ago, he recalls falling asleep at the table – exhausted – trying to avoid having to go back outside. "I was going down the wrong path and didn't know if I'd live to be 21," he says. For the past two years since moving into his own place Kiwayne has been studying construction engineering at George Brown College and working part-time at the Provincial Advocate's Office. Kiwayne grew up in a foster care and, at 17, he found himself on the street until a friend told him about Covenant House. "Covenant House gave me stable housing that allowed me to go back to school and learn life skills." Says Kiwayne.




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