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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

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 Confessions – Thursday April 10 at 7 pm.

GOOD POPE JOHN and HUMOUR



In a months time two giants of the Catholic Church, spiritual heroes of the 20th century, will be made saints of the Roman Catholic Church. Both served as successors to Peter and both were from working class families who knew struggle and hardship as well as the simple joy of being raised in a poor family. They were of course, Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II. Both of these popes will be canonized on Sunday April 27 of this year by

Pope Francis. John Paul II, who served as Roman Pontiff for over a quarter of a century is so well known all around the world – the most photographed man in human history. But John XXIII, having died in June of 1963, only died after he had called the historic Second Vatican Council which summoned the bishops of the world to Rome, yet remains a man who perhaps few today would know for the man and the pope he was.

He was born November 25, 1881 and was named Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli. He was pope from October 28, 1958 to June 3, 1963, having only been pope just over 4 ½ years, though his impact as Supreme Pontiff has surely left its marked and sunk into the consciousness of the Church that formed him.

Pope John was a rotund man and possessed a rather large nose. Appearing as a papal grandfather to the world, he had a tremendous sense of humour. Once while having his picture taken at the Vatican, (and mindful of his place in the prophecies of St. Malachy), Pope John remarked, “The good God has known for seventy-seven years that I would become Pope. Couldn’t he have made me a little bit more photogenic!”

There is a story that often gets credited as coming from other lives, but the truth is it came from Pope John. He had invited a Canadian businessman to have lunch with him at the Vatican and afterwards invited the man alone to accompany him in a stroll in the beautiful Vatican gardens. The guest felt somewhat uncomfortable as they walked for the pope, quite talkative during lunch, was silent as he walked with his hands behind his back. Finally, the Holy Father sat down on a bench and the Canadian tried to make some conversation. He asked the pope,

“Your Holiness, how many people work at the Vatican?”, to which the pope replied, “About half of them.”

The current Bishop of Peterborough, Ontario, Bishop Nicola DeAngelis, a former Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto, once shared with me the story of when he was living in Rome in one of their Religious Houses as he was a Religious Order priest of the Congregation of the Immaculate Conception. There was a house rule that anyone from the street who came to the kitchen door was to be given food and something to drink if they asked, but that no one should be allowed into the residence for security and safety reasons.

One day a rather large man dressed in a simple black cassock and carrying a brief case knocked at the door and Fr. DeAngelis answered. The priest asked for a drink of water and when Fr. DeAngelis extended an invitation for the stranger to come inside, the priest replied, “If the street is good enough for strangers it’s good enough for me”. He was given a glass of water, which he drank, and then cheerfully handed the glass back to Fr. DeAngelis and, thanking him for his kindness, went on his way. Fr. DeAngelis never thought any more of it until sometime later when he was visiting Venice and went to Mass at the famous St. Mark’s Cathedral in the square of the same name. As the Mass began and the procession made its way past the worshippers and to the altar, much to his surprise, was the priest he had given the glass of water in the street of Rome, who was evidently, the Cardinal Archbishop of Venice and who later became Pope John XXIII.

In preparation for the eventual outcome of a conclave of Cardinals who elect a new pope, the Vatican tailors always made 5 different sizes of white cassock to be put on by the newly elected pope before he was introduced to the world. However, in the conclave that elected Pope John XXIII they hadn’t counted on one of his size to be named pope. The new pope, with great difficulty, was fitted into the white soutane which was the largest they had. While all those around him were murmuring a thousand apologies for the tight clothes, John said merrily, “Everyone wanted me to become Pope except the tailors!”

Pope Francis is a most warm and kind Pope as we have so clearly seen in this past year. Yet John XXIII had already set the stage for this same kind of gentle and caring affection for all people. Shortly after being made Pope, John XXIII was not accustomed to sleeping throughout the night and would often arise and go to his study to work or write letters. The guards with sabers and clanking spurs would routinely have to change positions as they stood guard outside his door which disturbed his nocturnal paperwork. Finally, one night when John XXIII was disturbed during his office work by the sound of the guards and by one of them who evidently had a cough, he decided he would intervene, and opened the door just as two guards greeted each other at a halt. The two men nervously called out their reports, as they had been trained to do, to which the Pope replied, “Gently, gently. You don’t need to get so excited. It would be better for you both to be home in bed. Better to go to sleep. You don’t need to watch over me; I’m protected by the Holy Spirit.” The guards obeyed and turned around to

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leave. But the Pope called them back and pressed a little box into the hand of the man nearer to him: "And here are a few pills for your cough. Good night!"

Good Pope John, soon to be Saint, with your large build and bigger smile and the loving care of souls you have always shown, Pray for us. (*Fr. Charles*)

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE:

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

- Envelopes, Loose bills and change - \$4169
 - Pre-Authorized Giving (PAP) - \$1940 (*February*)
- ➔ TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK: \$6109

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Apr. 1 - 8:30 am – Maria Guther+ Req. by Valerie Hotner
Wed., Apr. 2 - 7:00 pm – For the intentions of Rev. Mr. Marijan Sisko
Thurs., Apr. 3 – 8:30 am – For the intentions of Markian Req. by Maria
Fri., Apr. 4 – 6:30 pm – Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm – For the intentions of Rev. Mr. Dave Walter
Sat., Apr. 5 – 5:00 pm – Isabel O'Leary+ Req. by Patrick & Ruth Blaney
Sun., Apr. 6 – 9:00 am – For the intentions of Ernesto Figuracion
Req. by the Figuracion Family
Sun., Apr. 6 – 11:00 am – Marquerite Laforet+ Req. by Sue Laforet

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (Brooklin Conference) will have their annual "Bundle Sunday" on Saturday, April 26 (4 pm to 6 pm) and Sunday, April 27 (8:30 am to 1 pm). There will be a truck parked in the Parish parking lot to receive your donations of clothing, shoes, and linens (only these items, please) in support of the charitable work of the Society. Please remember to bring your gently-used clothing, shoes and linens. We ask that no bags with items be left on the sidewalk, please take all items to the truck. We thank all the parishioners for their generosity.

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 30, 2014
Working wonders in our community...

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Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

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St. Leo's Card Party Friday, April 4th

Doors open at 6:15 pm. Parking available (behind church, enter from Carson Ave.) \$10.00 per person – 15 Games – Starts at 7:00 pm **SHARP**.

Blood Donor Clinic on Monday, March 31 from 4 pm to 8 pm in the Parish Hall. Please enter by the Carson Street Entrance.

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 all the masses.

CATECHIST CORNER

Did the Jews know that the Messiah was going to be God?

Answer: It is difficult to say 'yes' or 'no'.

While there are numerous Old Testament passages that make it clear that the Messiah must be a man, there are other passages that strongly suggest the Messiah must be God Himself.

Take for example what the prophet Malachi says, "Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of me to prepare the way, and the Lord whom you seek, will suddenly come to his Temple" (Malachi 3:1)

The Jewish Temple, whether built by Solomon or Herod, only ever belonged to God. No man could ever claim it for himself, unless of course, that man was also God.

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.

St. Leo Knights of Columbus Breakfast – Sunday, April 6th following the 9 am and 11 am masses. Everyone is invited to enjoy another full breakfast of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee and juice in the Church hall. Prices are: Adults \$5.00, Children (ages 4-12) \$3:00, Children (under 4) are free.

The parish recently purchased the CD from Lighthouse Catholic Media - *Seven Reasons To Be Catholic* by Dr. Peter Kreeft who is a world-renowned philosopher and best-selling author. Drawing from the treasured wisdom of such great spiritual thinkers as St. John of the Cross, Thomas Aquinas, C.S. Lewis, and Cardinal Newman, he guides the listener through his seven reasons to being a Catholic: Narrowing the choices, History, C.S. Lewis, The four marks of the church, Truth, Goodness and Beauty. Dr. Kreeft provides a reasoned approach in his talk by following the principals of philosophy and logic. What I really enjoyed was Dr. Kreeft's "to the point" attitude and logical explanations regarding the discrepancies and misunderstandings that our protestant brothers and sisters have of Catholicism. During his lecture, he also describes his "seeking of truth" which led to his conversion from Calvinism to Catholicism. Overall, this enlightening CD is a "must have" for Catholics who want to strengthen their faith, help them to understand why they're Catholic, and empower them with knowledge to defend the Catholic faith.


Francesco Bianco (parishioner)




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