



St. Leo The Great

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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
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MEAL

**SOUP & BREAD –
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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.)

CALL FOR CONSCIENCE Campaign



Canadians shouldn't have to compromise their conscience.

- Canada legalized **assisted suicide** in June, 2016.
- Despite protection in federal legislation, the Ontario College of

Physicians & Surgeons currently **forces** doctors to provide referrals for what they refer to as “medical aid in dying”.

- No other country in the world forces physicians to act **against** their moral convictions or personal beliefs.
- **Why won't Ontario protect doctors and health care workers?**

From February 6 until March 31 a healthcare coalition comprised of doctors, nurses and health care practitioners along with many agencies including the Archdiocese of Toronto are calling for doctors to be able to follow their conscience in not having to refer patients who are asking for Euthanasia. The Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience represents more than 110 healthcare facilities (with almost 18,000 care beds and 60,000 staff) and more than 5,000 physicians across Canada. In the coming weeks, members of Ontario's Provincial Parliament will review Bill 84 which deals with legal issues related to euthanasia/assisted suicide. At present, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing doctors to participate, despite their objections, when a patient decides to end their life. No other country does this.

As of June 17, 2016, it is now legal for patients to request physician-assisted suicide in Canada. Almost every other province has created a process to provide MAID (Medical Assistance In Dying) without compromising healthcare provider's consciences. Ontario's newly introduced legislation, Bill 84, does not include any conscience protections.

Despite limited conscience protection in federal legislation (Bill C-14) and freedom of conscience enshrined in the *Canadian Charter of Rights & Freedoms*, the CPSO has abandoned thousands of doctors who cannot provide referrals for medical assistance in dying. In fact, they are threatening to investigate these doctors and some even suggest they should move into cosmetic surgery or sports medicine or out of medicine entirely. **While health care workers respect the decision of patients, these doctors entered into medicine to save lives, not end them.**

Take the time to visit CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, join the "Call for Conscience" and write directly to your elected MPP asking them to protect conscience rights.

Visit
CanadiansforConscience.ca
and sign the online petition.

EUTHANASIA, DOCTORS AND SECOND THOUGHTS

It's also interesting to note that a recent article in the *National Post* by Sharon Kirkey on February 26 reveals that all on the Euthanasia front is not well as some doctors who have worked with persons wishing to terminate their lives haven't felt the same about the issue as when they first agreed to administer assisted suicide. Having experienced first hand what it really feels like to administer lethal medicine which brings about the imminent death of a person, many are saying they no longer wish to do so.

“Some doctors who have provided assisted death are now asking to be taken off the list of providers. Some doctors who have helped the gravely ill end their lives are no longer willing to participate in assisted death because of emotional distress or fear of prosecution if their decisions are second-guessed, according to their colleagues.

In Ontario, one of the few provinces to track the information, 24 doctors have permanently been removed from a voluntary referral list of physicians willing to help people die. Another 30 have put their names on temporary hold.

While they do not have to give a reason, a small number have advised the province they now want “a reflection period to decide whether medical assistance in dying is a service they want to provide,” according to a health ministry spokesman.

The Canadian Medical Association says reports of doctors backing away from the act are not just anecdotal. “I can't tell you how many, but I can tell you that it's enough that it's been noted at a systemic level,” said Dr. Jeff Blackmer, the CMA's vice-president of medical professionalism.

For some doctors, the act is simply too distressing, he said. “We're seeing individuals, or groups of physicians who are participating and really feel like they're alleviating pain, alleviating suffering,” Blackmer said. “And then we're seeing doctors who go through one experience and it's just overwhelming, it's too difficult, and those are the ones who say, 'take my name off the list. I can't do any more.'”

MARCH 5, 2017

Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Tue, Mar 7 | 8:30 a.m. | No Mass |
| Wed, Mar 8 | 7:00 p.m. | No Mass |
| Thu, Mar 9 | 8:30 a.m. | No Mass |
| Fri, Mar 10 | 7:00 p.m. | Special Intention |
| Sat, Mar 11 | 5:00 p.m. | Kim + |
| Sun, Mar 12 | 9:00 a.m. | Marccious Gubran + |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Betty Rutter + |

COME AND SEE WEEKEND

Friday, March 17 (Begins at 7 p.m.) to Sunday, March 19, 2017 at St. Augustine's Seminary. Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please contact (the Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations at 416 968 0997; email vocations@archtoronto.org

THE EUTHANASIA DECEPTION

A forum featuring a screening of The Euthanasia Deception documentary on **Saturday March 11, 2017**, 9:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. at St. Isaac Jogues Parish, 1148 Finch Ave, Pickering. Freewill donations are welcome and appreciated. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. **TO REGISTER:** Please email sijProLife@gmail.com Speakers: Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director: Euthanasia Prevention Coalition; Kevin Dunn, Producer/Director The Euthanasia Deception; Charles Lewis, anti-euthanasia activist and journalist; Matthew Wojciechowski, Campaign Life Coalition Dr Althea Barthos & Dr. Julia Cataudella.

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.

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.

FASHION SHOW

St. Leo's CWL will be holding a Fashion Show on Sunday, April 30th at 1:00 featuring clothing from Alia in the Oshawa Mall. Tickets \$15 each. Tea / Coffee and Sweets will be served. Available at Coffee Sunday or by calling 905-620-0724.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - 50th Anniversary

Did you know that as pressure to privatize the natural resource of water increased, Development and Peace focused on water as a human right and campaigned for public control of water systems in areas where millions of people suffer from water scarcity? To find out more about the work of Development and Peace or to become a member or donor, visit the website at <http://www.devp.org/en/get-involved>

CALL FOR CONSCIENCE

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording in the legislation intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. No other country does this. Provinces across Canada do not do this. Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to assisted suicide/euthanasia. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, join the "Call for Conscience" and write directly to your elected Member of Provincial Parliament asking them to protect conscience rights.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling. Upcoming Weekends: March 17-19, October 20-22, 2017 at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. For more information and application, please go to www.wwme.org or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925.

VOCATION SEEDS


Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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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