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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

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.

PARISH LENTEN POVERTY MEAL



Good home-made soup and fresh bread will be served at our parish's Lenten Poverty Meal.

WHEN? Each Friday anytime between 5:00 pm. & 6:15 pm.

WHERE? St. Leo the Great

Parish Hall (Donations to SVDP)

(Please enter through the Carson Street doors.)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held every Friday in our parish throughout Lent beginning at 6:30 pm. followed by Mass at 7 pm.

Come, join in this weekly communal reflection and prayer on the Mystery of Christ's suffering and Death.

LOOKING FOR HOST-HOMES FOR NET FOR THE CONFIRMATION RETREAT APRIL 15

Our Parish's Confirmation Retreat will take place during the day of Wednesday April 15th in the parish hall put on by the famously popular Catholic *New Evangelization Teams* (NET). They will arrive on Tuesday April 14th between 5-6 pm. and will require accommodations in several homes with 2 girls or 2 boys to each of the host-homes. You would be asked to provide dinner on Tuesday and breakfast on Wednesday morning and the team would not return again to the host-homes once they depart on Wednesday morning following breakfast. So we're looking for homes that can provide two meals and overnight accommodation for one night. Some of the NET members have special dietary needs and we will apprise you of these when you speak with our parish coordinator, Mrs. Magda Nowak. If you would be interested in hosting a couple of the youth leaders in your home overnight, please call Magda at 905-556-1401.

"Who is going to save our Church? Not our bishops and religious. It is you, the people (the Laity). You have the minds, the eyes, the ears to save the Church. Your mission is to see that your priests act as priests, your bishops like bishops, and your religious act like religious."

(Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen in an address to the Knights of Columbus, June, 1972)

ALONE, YET NOT ALONE

(by David Brooks, Jan. 27, 2014 - New York Times Opinion Page)

There is a strong vein of hostility against orthodox religious believers in America today, especially among the young. When secular or mostly secular people are asked by researchers to give their impression of the devoutly faithful, whether Jewish, Christian or other, the words that come up commonly include "judgmental," "hypocritical," "old-fashioned" and "out of touch."

It's not surprising. There is a yawning gap between the way many believers experience faith and the way that faith is presented to the world.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel described one experience of faith in his book "God in Search of Man": "Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement...get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal. ...To be spiritual is to be amazed."

And yet Heschel understood that the faith expressed by many, even many who are inwardly conflicted, is often dull, oppressive and insipid — a religiosity in which "faith is completely replaced by creed, worship by discipline, love by habit; when the crisis of today is ignored because of the splendor of the past; when faith becomes an heirloom rather than a living fountain; when religion speaks only in the name of authority rather than with the voice of compassion."

There must be something legalistic in the human makeup, because cold, rigid, unambiguous, unparadoxical belief is common, especially considering how fervently the Scriptures oppose it.

And yet there is a silent majority who experience a faith that is attractively marked by combinations of fervor and doubt, clarity and confusion, empathy and moral demand.

For example, Audrey Assad is a Catholic songwriter with a crystalline voice and a sober intensity to her stage presence. (You can see her perform her song "I Shall Not Want" on YouTube.) She writes the sort of emotionally drenched music that helps people who are in crisis. A surprising number of women tell her they listened to her music while in labor.

She had an idyllic childhood in a Protestant sect prone to black-or-white dichotomies. But when she was in her 20s, life's tragedies and complexities inevitably mounted, and she experienced a gradual erosion of certainty.

She began reading her way through the books on the Barnes & Noble Great Books shelf, trying to cover the ones she missed by not going to college. She loved George Eliot's "Daniel Deronda" and was taken by Tolstoy. "He didn't have an easy time encountering himself," she says,

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sympathetically. "I was reading my way from darkness into paradox."

She also began reading theology. She'd never read anything written before 1835. She went back to Augustine (whose phrases show up in her lyrics) and the Early Church fathers. Denominationally, she went backward in time. She became Baptist, then Presbyterian, then Catholic: "I was ready to be an atheist. I was going to be a Catholic or an atheist."

She came to feel the legacy of millions of people who had struggled with the same feelings for thousands of years. "I still have routine brushes with agnosticism," she says. "I still brush against the feeling that I don't believe any of this, but the Church always brings me back. ...I don't think Jesus wants to brush away the paradoxes and mysteries."

Her lyrics dwell in the parts of Christianity she doesn't understand. "I don't want people to think I've had an easy time." She still fights the tendency to go to extremes. "If I'd have been an atheist I'd have been the most obnoxious, Dawkins-loving atheist. I wouldn't have been like Christopher Hitchens."

Her life, like all lives, is unexpected, complex and unique. Her music provides a clearer outward display of how many inwardly experience God.

If you are a secular person curious about how believers experience their faith, you might start with Augustine's famous passage "What do I love when I love my God," and especially the way his experience is in the world but then mysteriously surpasses the world:

"It is not physical beauty nor temporal glory nor the brightness of light dear to earthly eyes, nor the sweet melodies of all kinds of songs, nor the gentle odor of flowers, and ointments and perfumes, nor manna or honey, nor limbs welcoming the embraces of the flesh; it is not these I love when I love my God. Yet there is a light I love, and a food, and a kind of embrace when I love my God — a light, voice, odor, food, embrace of my innerness, where my soul is floodlit by light which space cannot contain, where there is sound that time cannot seize, where there is a perfume which no breeze disperses, where there is a taste for food no amount of eating can lessen, and where there is a bond of union that no satiety can part. That is what I love when I love my God." (St. Augustine)

Stephanie Collings, a member of our parish's Youth Band that covers the music at the 5 pm. Saturday Mass under the leadership of Dennis Wardle, sang a beautiful Audrey Assad song a few weeks ago called *Restless*, based on St. Augustine's words.

MASS INTENTIONS – WEEK OF MARCH 10 - 15, 2015

Tues 10 – 8:30 am – Int. Rosary Apostolate Members
Wed 11 – 7:00 pm – Intentions of Confirmation Candidates
Thurs 12 – 8:30 am – Int John McCormick req. McCormick Family
Fri 13 - 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm – Mass
Sat 14 - 5:00 pm – Antonio Tamburro+ req. Tamburro Family
Sun 15 - 9:00 am – Annette A. Vesters+ req. Vesters Family
11:00 am – Matthew Foley+ req. John & Linda Hawco

The CWL next meeting will be on Sunday March 15 after the 11:00 am mass. Visitors always welcome.

3rd Sunday of Lent – March 8

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might be calling you to one, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997.**

SHARELIFE 3rd Sunday of Lent

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Next ShareLife Sunday – April 12, 2015

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**Musicians' Retreat – St. Isaac Jogues Parish
Saturday March 21 - 10:00 am – 5:30 pm**

A musicians' retreat is being offered at St. Isaac Jogues' Parish in Pickering for anyone interested in music and Liturgy. It will rejuvenate and send you into the Easter Season and behold with a renewed spirit. You will be presented with different styles and genres of music to sing and play at Mass, some you may have never experienced before. You can come for all or part of the day. Please visit www.stisaacjogueschurch.com (form and information) or call Anna Hughes at 905-576-9398 for more info.

ST. PATRICK ANNUAL MASS

Annual Mass in honour of St. Patrick will be held on **Tuesday March 17 at 10:00 am at St. Michael's Cathedral**, 65 Bond St, Toronto. Principal Celebrant, His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. Music Alumni Choir, St. Michael's Choir School.




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