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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.

THE MOST FORGOTTEN PERSON: THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jewellers become accustomed to working with fine stones; mechanics become used to working with tools and automobiles; priests become used to working with the spiritual, and Christians can become used to referring to God as simply God. But what of the Third Person of the Trinity of Persons: The Holy Spirit Who is rarely ever mentioned by us Christians except on special occasions when we haul out the Spirit for Baptism and Confirmation and then neatly tuck Him away for the next special occasion when (and if) it comes along?

[I do hope that my readers aren't going to be saying to themselves by this time in the second paragraph, "Here's another boring writing on the Holy Spirit as yet another facet of our spiritual life we're supposed to attend to".] Why is it important at the beginning of Lent to think of the Holy Spirit? Because the Spirit is real fire, real power, real energy and a real force to be reckoned with and is present and available to anyone who is baptized. I can only speak for myself as a priest when I reluctantly admit that I don't give enough time to the Holy Spirit of God, and I should for my own sake and for the sake of the Church I am called to serve. There is a human tendency to take for granted anything or any one not immediately perceived as necessary. It's a neglect.

SACRED SCRIPTURE

In Sacred Scripture the word 'spirit' is most often used to describe the human soul or man himself. That's why since we've had the new translation of the Roman Missal, four times in the Mass when the priests says, "The Lord be with you", the people respond "And with your spirit". This is the small 's' reference to the word 'spirit', but when the word is fittingly capitalized it refers to the Holy Spirit of God.

It is clear from the scripture writers and the teachings of the Early Church Fathers that the Holy Spirit is a distinct Person of the Trinity and the Holy Spirit is not 'generated' somehow by God the Father and God the Son, rather, the Holy Spirit is "spirated". Spiration means "the act of breathing". We recall when Jesus "breathed" on the Apostles and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit". Before this breathing of the Spirit the Apostles had some human knowledge of the works of God and the mission they were being called to but lacked the supernatural power of knowledge and wisdom to do it. They had no power until the Holy Spirit was given to them. The same formula of this breathing of the Spirit is used by the bishop when he Confirms a candidate who desires the fullness of the Spirit's manifold gifts: "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit".

In the Old Testament the phrase "the Spirit of the Lord rushed on him and..." and then is followed by some great superhuman deed of power that was done through the power of the Holy Spirit through the person who received that power. In the New Testament the word 'spirit' is used 156 times, and in the majority of cases it is clearly speaking about the power, working and presence of the Holy Spirit "Now the Lord is *the Spirit*, and where *the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*" (2 Corinthians 3:17), while in other cases it is referring to an evil spirit, "do not rejoice

that the spirits submit to you", (Luke 10:20) or of a merely human power "I will pray with the spirit, but I will pray with the mind also", (1 Corinthians 14:15).

THE MEAT AND POTATOES OF IT ALL

So, why did I feel so moved to write about the Holy Spirit? Principally because the Holy Spirit has moved me to do so. Any one of our parishioners or people who have read my bulletin articles in the bulletin or on line know that I so often speak of the evident and perhaps less-evident evils taking place in the world today, right now. Yet it's not inside information or a secret because it's right there staring us all in the face in the news, on the internet and heard in the teaching voice of the Church. I speak about what's really going on because I have a sense that most people don't seem to know about what is going on in the world around them in the areas of Euthanasia, Abortion, Human Cloning as well as the ever pervasive threats to Marriage and the Family and the gift of life itself. Human sexuality is so misunderstood from its proper context as 'gift' from God and there are many an educator today who clearly desires to teach small children about such things as would make moral, God-fearing adults blush. I sense that people don't know because most of the people I meet – and I meet a lot of them – don't talk about it. Or worse: perhaps people don't care and that's just darned right scary.

At around this time last year I became famous among some in Brooklin for apparently composing the Ten Commandments and the teachings of the Church through the sending of an Examination of Conscience with a cover letter inviting Catholic parents with children in our Catholic schools to come back to the practice of their Catholic Faith. Canon Law states that the pastor of a parish is responsible for all of the souls living within his parish boundaries, Catholic or not. For our entire congregation who received the same Examination of Conscience aid in their bulletins along with a silent majority of Catholics, there was no issue. However, for a handful of Brooklin Mom's it was a war they hoped we see me ousted from the parish that they sadly had no affiliation with, though they cleared their consciences by blaming that on me as well. Throughout the time when the venomous Facebook entries were being made about me, the parish and the teachings of the Catholic Church and when my name appeared in the Toronto Star newspaper – I slept like a baby! Why? The Holy Spirit. That peace that only the Spirit can bring was in me. While I knew what was going on and being said about me, I knew I was right with God evidenced in the gift of the Holy Spirit and His unmistakable peace.

MY POINT

The Holy Spirit will guide our hearts in the knowledge of Christ's truth. When we cry out to God and ask for His help, God hears us but we are not being specific enough in the beautiful relationship God has given us and revealed in the mystery and the majesty of the Trinity. If I am afraid I should pray to the Holy Spirit. If I want to know something that is beyond my merely human capacity to know things, I should pray to the Holy Spirit. If I want to be inspired, I should pray to the Holy Spirit. If I look at the world around me that seems to be increasingly removing itself from a lived and believed faith in the power of God and of

right and wrong and moral imperatives, then I should pray to the Holy Spirit. If I don't know what I should do; if I'm seeking to know God's will in a particular circumstance; if I desire to know what my vocation in life is; if I desire the healing power of God; if I want to really know that I am a beloved and irreplaceable child of God, precious in the eyes of God – I should pray to the Holy Spirit. In James 4:2b we hear: "You do not have, because you do not ask." Beginning now, I urge you to do just that – ask the Holy Spirit to do for you what you cannot do for yourself.

Cardinal Mercier wrote:

I am going to reveal to you the secret of sanctity and happiness. Every day for five minutes control your imagination and close your eyes to all the noises of the world in order to enter into yourself. Then, in the sanctuary of your baptized soul (which is the temple of the Holy Spirit) speak to that Divine Spirit, saying to Him:

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You.

Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me.

Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders.

I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept all that You permit to happen to me.

Let me only know Your Will.

If you do this, your life will flow along happily, serenely, and full of consolation, even in the midst of trials. Grace will be proportioned to the trial, giving you the strength to carry it and you will arrive at the Gate of Paradise, laden with merit. This submission to the Holy Spirit is the secret of sanctity.

"COME, HOLY SPIRIT!"

(Father Charles)

NEXT WEEK I will discuss the Sin Against the Holy Spirit, a topic that is so often misunderstood and worries many a Christian as to whether they have unwittingly committed this sin which, Jesus said, "Will not be forgiven".

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE:

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

- Envelopes, Loose bills and change - \$3871
- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAP) - \$1940 (February)

➔ TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK: \$5811

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Mar. 11 – 8:30 am – No Intention

Wed., Mar. 12 – 7:00 pm – No Intention

Thurs., Mar. 13 – 8:30 am – No Intention

Fri., Mar. 14 – 6:30 pm – Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm - Mass

Sat., Mar. 15 – 5:00 pm – Barb Clavette+ Req. by Mary Franssen

Sun., Mar. 16 – 9:00 am – No Intention

Sun., Mar. 16 – 11:00 am – Paul Ponce de Leon+ Req. by his family

First Sunday of Lent – March 9, 2014

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, **contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997, email – vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca**

Lunch Time Supervisor Position Available - Blessed Pope John Paul II Catholic School is seeking a lunch time supervisor for Monday to Friday 11:05 am to 12:05 pm starting immediately. Please call Mrs. Bough-Ganam at 905-655-2291 or drop into the school.

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Together we are continuing to work wonders...

"Help one another. This is what Jesus teaches. This is what I do. And I do it with my heart...I love doing it because this is what the Lord has taught me. But you too must help us and help each other always. And thus in helping each other we will do good for each other". **Pope Francis**

Our Holy Father reminds us of the importance of caring for each other. Through ShareLife agencies, we reach out to some of the most vulnerable, marginalized and needy people in our community, helping our neighbours, friends and fellow parishioners as they work through difficult times. This demonstrates our commitment to Catholic charity in a meaningful way. Please consider supporting ShareLife, the annual appeal of our Archdiocese, during this Lenten season. **Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.**

First ShareLife Sunday – March 30, 2014

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

CATECHIST CORNER

Are we supposed to bow during Mass at any point? I have noticed some people doing this.

Answer: Yes.

During the Creed all of the people are to make a profound bow, that is, a bow with the body, when in the Creed they say, "...and became man."

We also are to make a bow with the head before receiving the Eucharist, that is, before the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion says, 'the Body of Christ.'

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 :

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