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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 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (followed by 8:30 a.m. Mass)

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 4:30 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 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 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.

NO PARKING ON NORTH SIDE OF CARSON ST.



I was asked by the Town of Whitby if I could make it known to our parishioners **NOT TO PARK ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CARSON STREET** as cars may be ticketed by police. We are hopeful that the Town will place signage indicating this currently unmarked parking ordinance.

Thank you. *Fr. Charles*

THE MARCH FOR LIFE 2019



Once again this year I attended the annual National March For Life in Ottawa. Francesco Bianco along with a few other members of the Knights of Columbus organized the coach bus which took the 37 parishioners from our parish (including five of our NET Team members) along with 19 young people from St. Therese Parish in Courtice to the largest

gathering on Parliament Hill each year.

Each year this national prolife gathering begins with speeches and prayers for and about the unborn and our struggle to gain in public recognition what we know God desires of us – that we must defend the human right to life of the unborn as well as all life from conception to natural death.

This year we heard an address from the producers of the movie, *Gosnell*, which has been recently released in the U.S. and will eventually come to Canadian theatres. Dr. Kermit Gosnell was a doctor who performed abortions at his *Women's Medical Clinic* in Philadelphia. In February of 2010 the FBI raided his clinic in the belief that he was selling illegal drugs, but their investigation took a horrific turn when they discovered a "house of horrors", as they described it. Any description of what the FBI found would not be fitting for the parish bulletin nor for the ears of decent human beings, but suffice it to say that the charges Dr. Gosnell was found guilty of committing – 3 counts of murder and 1 count of involuntary manslaughter – give a good indication of what was found in his abortuary. The courtroom throughout his trial was largely and strangely empty from the usually packed courtrooms by the media in mass-murder cases, but the media didn't report on the Gosnell case, which is all the more reason why the producers of the film felt the need to do so.

A former Director of a Planned Parent clinic in the U.S., Abbey Johnson, also spoke. A recently released movie about her conversion from being pro-abortion to prolife has also been released in the U.S. called *Unplanned*.

There were other people who spoke giving their testimony about seeking an abortion and seeing people praying outside of the abortion clinic they were to enter only to be persuaded by their conscience and the witness of others who supported the right to life of their child, to not go through with it. They had their little boys and little girls and to this day can't believe what they were going to do to them. The March helped us focus on the sanctity of life.

WHY IT'S HARD TO BE PROLIFE

You can be absolutely right about something and not have an easy time about it. On the issue of human life itself, one may know, yes know, that God is the origin of that life and that to take it is not only murder but an abomination against the gift of life itself. So, it's not a question about whether we should take the prolife stance or not, that's indisputable. What's tough is the fact that abortion is ugly, horrific and messy and it conjures up images of death and so no one wants to hear about it let alone see it. They say that after the Jewish holocaust, many Germans and others around the world denied that it happened. It was only the film footage taken by the U.S. that showed the piled corpses and the half-dead survivors that made people realize it was so horrifically true beyond words. The same has been said about the issue of abortion. As long as it remains only a word, or is masked with terms like 'women's health' and 'women's reproductive rights' as used by politicians and those who are for abortion on demand, we never have to see it or face it or see a dead human when in fact there have been millions – 1 billion, 534 million, 837 thousand, at the time of this writing since 1980. Our God sees what we have done with the lives given to us and the flimsy stances some of us Christians take and the fake assumptions that those who stand for the defense of the life of the unborn don't care about the women or their situations that find them considering abortion in the first place. The Catholic Church has been on the front line of protecting the unborn child as well as offering aid, counselling and real help to the mother when all others only talk about "a women's right to choose" but don't lift a finger to assist them beyond using them for their cause. Even the good causes such as lapel roses and money given to aid women may only be as window dressing when it comes to stopping abortion altogether. The good news is that while the last couple of generations have largely done nothing to put an end to the dirty word 'abortion' this present generation has grown a different mind, realizing that the science is on our side as to when life begins. The rest of us need to, before God, catch up. (*FrC*)



We will miss YOU!

It is with mixed emotion that we say good-bye this week to our dear NET team. We are sad to see them leave and will miss them dearly, yet we

are happy for them personally to be able to go home to see their families and loved ones. They have been a force and a presence in our parish for the past eight months and our lives have been forever touched and changed because of them. We would like to sincerely thank them first and foremost for answering the call to evangelize. We thank them for their spirit, fun, kindness, patience, love and perseverance. They brought life to our parish that we will not forget. Above all we thank them for their authentic witness to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

We will miss their sweet smiles, beautiful music and gentle presence. **Abbra, Chelsey, Faith, Joe, Luke and Will**, our dear friends, may God Bless you and keep you in his care always.

MARCH FOR LIFE - 2019

On Thursday May 9th, St. Leo The Great parishioners travelled to Ottawa to rally together with over 20 000 other pro-life supporters in the 22nd annual March For Life. We listened as political, cultural, and spiritual leaders motivated us with personal stories, messages of hope and a call to action. As Catholics, we are called to continually promote, develop and defend a Culture of Life that values life from the moment of conception to natural death.



MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Tues, May 21st</i>	8:30 a.m. + Fr. Phil Jones
<i>Wed, May 22nd</i>	7:00 p.m. + Fr. Phil Jones + Frederick Malleau + Anabela Wardell
<i>Thur, May 23rd</i>	8:30 a.m. + Delia Marquez
<i>Fri, May 24th</i>	8:30 a.m. Special Intention For the intentions of NET team
<i>Sat, May 25th</i>	4:30 p.m. + Carmine & Giuseppe Bruni
<i>Sun, May 26th</i>	9:00 a.m. + Arlene Kennedy 11:00 a.m. + Alessandro Porretta

2nd Annual "40 Cans For Lent" Food Drive:

A Huge Success

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

The Knights of Columbus would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who donated to the 2019 "40 Cans For Lent" food drive. The food drive collected over 1100 lbs. of non-perishable donations. Your generous support will provide food assistance to individuals and families experiencing poverty and food insecurity in Durham Region.

St. Leo Knights of Columbus wishes to thank parishioners of St. Leo the Great Parish for their generous donations on **Mother's Day to Roses for Life** in support of Young Mothers and Rose of Durham. **THANK YOU**

St. Leo Knights of Columbus will hold a Golf Tournament at the Oshawa Airport Golf Club on Saturday, **June 1, 2019**. Fees will be \$60.00 and will include a BBQ lunch, refreshments and prizes. Start time will be 8:00 A.M. Please join us for an enjoyable morning. Please contact Gerry Hanley at 905-409-0733, or Larry Hallihan at 905-620-0351

SVDP

The Mission of The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is: "To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy." The St. Leo the Great conference have a number of families that the members visit to provide food, clothing, beds and bed bug covers among other items. We provide a listening ear, respect and frequently make referral to other community agencies that can meet specific needs. In order to continue to meet with the poor in our community we need your ongoing support. Your loonies and toonies dropped into the poor box after each Sunday mass are what sustain us. If you take one of the envelopes at the poor box and put donations in them you will receive a tax receipt at the end of the year for annual donations of over \$10. (Be sure to write your name and address on the envelope). Consider St. Vincent de Paul as one of the charities that you support. Thank You for considering this appeal.




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