

# St. Leo The Great ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

#### Sharelife 2018: Our Last Opportunity

This weekend, Sunday May 27, is the third and final collection of the ShareLife Campaign for 2018 and even, and especially, if you didn't make a contribution this year and even if you didn't make a contribution this weekend, there is still time for you to consider giving.

I am not only the pastor of the parish but also a contributor through monthly PAG withdrawls from my personal bank account to support the functioning and work of the parish. And like you it may sometimes seem that every time we but turn around there is another special collection besides the Sunday offertory, the mortgage envelope and the Family of Faith Campaign. While all of the collections are important, necessary and achieve great good through our participation and generosity, ShareLife differs in that it is the realization of "Charity begins at home" as it benefits not just one cause but so many.

While all needy campaigns endorsed by the Church are worthy of our consideration, all of us have to set priorities in what we have and what we are able to share. ShareLife is a collection over three separate months that doesn't serve just one beneficiary but many as there are several Catholic agencies which do great work and are collectively helped through our three ShareLife opportunities to give, several of them right here in the Durham Region.

A single donation can assist in eight categories of groups being served through ShareLife:

**Family Services** – Catholic Family Services of 1) Durham, 2) Peel-Dufferin, 3) Simcoe County, 4) Toronto and 5) York Region, FertilityCare Toronto and Natural Family Planning Association

**Children and Youth** – Camp Ozanam, Covenant House, Sancta Maria House, Youth-In-Transition, Office of Catholic Youth

**People with Special Needs** – Mary Centre, Our Place Community of Hope, Saint Elizabeth Health Care, Silent Voice Canada, St. Bernadette's Family Resource Centre, St. Michael's Homes and Matt Talbot Houses, Street Haven at the Crossroads

**Elderly People** – Providence Healthcare, Society of Sharing, LA Centre for Active Living

**Single and Teen Parents** – Rosalie Hall, Rose of Durham Young Parents Support Services, Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers and the Vita Centre

**Education of Clergy** – St. Augustine's Seminary, Office of Vocations, Redemptoris Mater Seminary

Canadian Catholic Org. for Development and Peace Immigrants and Refugees – Catholic Cross-Cultural Services and the Office of Refugees

Agency Support, Advocacy and Volunteer Development – through Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto Grants-In-Aid Agencies – Birthright, Good Shepherd Refuge and special grants allocated by Catholic Charities to various Catholic agencies which provide services to those who are hungry, homeless and dying, to children in poverty. Please consider giving to ShareLife as your single contribution based on what you can afford will assist the many agencies which in turn server others. (Fr. Charles)

# THE BLESSED MOTHER COMPARED TO THE AIR WE BREATHE

Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889) was a Jesuit priest (a convert from Anglicanism) and perhaps the greatest modern poet of the English language. He died at the age of 44.

Wild air, world-mothering air, Nestling me everywhere, That each eyelash or hair Girdles; goes home betwixt The fleeciest, frailest-flixed Snowflake; that 's fairly mixed With, riddles, and is rife In every least thing's life; This needful, never spent, And nursing element; My more than meat and drink, My meal at every wink; This air, which, by life's law, My lung must draw and draw Now but to breathe its praise, Minds me in many ways Of her who not only Gave God's infinity Dwindled to infancy Welcome in womb and breast, Birth, milk, and all the rest But mothers each new grace That does now reach our race-Mary Immaculate, Merely a woman, yet Whose presence, power is Great as no goddess's Was deemèd, dreamèd; who This one work has to do-Let all God's glory through, God's glory which would go Through her and from her flow Off, and no way but so.

I say that we are wound With mercy round and round As if with air: the same Is Mary, more by name. She, wild web, wondrous robe, Mantles the guilty globe, Since God has let dispense Her prayers his providence: Nay, more than almoner, The sweet alms' self is her And men are meant to share Her life as life does air. If I have understood. She holds high motherhood Towards all our ghostly good And plays in grace her part About man's beating heart, Laying, like air's fine flood, The deathdance in his blood; Yet no part but what will Be Christ our Saviour still. Of her flesh he took flesh: He does take fresh and fresh, Though much the mystery how, Not flesh but spirit now And makes, O marvellous!

New Nazareths in us, Where she shall yet conceive Him, morning, noon, and eve; New Bethlems, and he born There, evening, noon, and morn-Bethlem or Nazareth, Men here may draw like breath More Christ and baffle death; Who, born so, comes to be New self and nobler me In each one and each one More makes, when all is done, Both God's and Mary's Son. Again, look overhead How air is azurèd; O how! nay do but stand Where you can lift your hand Skywards: rich, rich it laps Round the four fingergaps. Yet such a sapphire-shot, Charged, steeped sky will not Stain light. Yea, mark you this: It does no prejudice. The glass-blue days are those When every colour glows, Each shape and shadow shows. Blue be it: this blue heaven The seven or seven times seven Hued sunbeam will transmit Perfect, not alter it. Or if there does some soft, On things aloof, aloft, Bloom breathe, that one breath more Earth is the fairer for. Whereas did air not make This bath of blue and slake His fire, the sun would shake, A blear and blinding ball With blackness bound, and all The thick stars round him roll Flashing like flecks of coal, Quartz-fret, or sparks of salt, In grimy vasty vault. So God was god of old: A mother came to mould Those limbs like ours which are What must make our daystar Much dearer to mankind; Whose glory bare would blind Or less would win man's mind. Through her we may see him Made sweeter, not made dim. And her hand leaves his light Sifted to suit our sight. Be thou then, O thou dear Mother, my atmosphere; My happier world, wherein To wend and meet no sin; Above me, round me lie Fronting my froward eye With sweet and scarless sky: Stir in my ears, speak there Of God's love, O live air, Of patience, penance, prayer: World-mothering air, air wild, Wound with thee, in thee isled, Fold home, fast fold thy child.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Tuesday, May 29th

8:30 a.m. † Honorata Tuason

Wednesday, May 30th

7:00 p.m. † Alex Mitchell

† Vinko Korosec

Thursday, May 31st

8:30 a.m. † Vincenzina Mammone &

Attilio & Maria Tuzi

Friday, June 1st

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

† Gerdie Doherty **Sunday, June 3**<sup>rd</sup>

† Bogdan Krawczyk 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. † Melvin Nevins

#### KofC BREAKFAST

St. Leo Knights of Columbus will serve Breakfast on June 10th. following the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. Masses. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a full Breakfast of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice in the Church hall. Adults - \$5.00, Children ages 4 - 12 - \$3.00 and Children under 4 - free. Hope to see you there.



#### Living the Gospel by helping young families succeed

Camila was attending programs at Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers when ShareLife she and her daughter were kicked out of

the family home. As counsellors helped her search for an afordable apartment, she became pregnant a second time. Despite these challenges, Camila attended every program available to her at Rose of Sharon. At the end of the year, she walked out a stronger woman with a plan to achieve the life she wants for herself and her daughters. Last year, at ShareLife-funded agencies that assist young mothers, over 1,000 clients like Camila received support for their new families.

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

#### **VOCATION SEEDS**

God the Father, Creator; God the Son, Redeemer; God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier. When we go out to "make disciples of all nations", we have a lot to tell! God is present everywhere. Would you be willing to proclaim the truth of God's love and presence in your life as a priest, religious or deacon? If so, call call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at vocations@archtoronto.org 416-968-0997. email www.vocationstoronto.ca



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