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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.



Come worship the Lord with our awesome Youth Band At the 5:00 pm. Mass each Saturday!

Come check them out – Catholic Contemporary Music
 Last November we formed a youth band in our parish that features Catholic contemporary music. This Mass appeals to parishioners of all age but particularly to our young parishioners. Tell all our young people about it. They are awesome!
(ps. There is no accordion, trumpet or flute.... yet!)

CROWNING of the BLESSED MOTHER

May is traditionally the month of Mary and October is the month of the Rosary. When I attended elementary school at St. John the Evangelist in Whitby many moons ago I remember so well the May school celebrations of the crowning of Mary, the Mother of God. It was always festive with nice weather, streamers, flowers, all the children singing and a procession around the school with a statue of Mary. The pinnacle of our annual festival in honour of the Blessed Mother was a crown being placed on her head and our singing *O Mary We Crown You With Blossoms Today*.

I was taken back to my long-ago school days and the crowning of Mary with a recent invitation I received from the Rosary Apostolate of our parish to attend the May celebration they were putting on with the staff and students of St. Pope John Paul II school. Apparently there had been an earlier gathering in the school gym with the lower grades and the 10 am. presentation I was invited to was for the older half of the school. As the event began the children entering the gym did so with each student carrying a single rose to later be presented to Mary. The Rosary Apostolate leaders introduced the spiritual event recalling how Mary was made the Mother of God by God’s power and that when Jesus died on the Cross He gave His Mother, Mary, to John – which is to say that she was given to all of us who are disciples of the Lord Jesus.



Then the curtain was pulled back on the stage that was set for a beautifully rehearsed play that followed with a cast of students who filled the various roles in the life of St. Bernadette Soubirous who received the continuous apparitions of the Blessed Mother in Lourdes, France from February 1 to July 4, 1858. The play recalled the story of the poor Soubirous family who lived in

a part of an old jail and the family’s challenge to put food on the

table. Bernadette herself was asthmatic and of frail health and one day, while going with her sister and cousin to gather fire wood, had encountered a beautiful lady she would eventually come to know as the Mother of Jesus coming to visit her. She entered a convent and became a nun with the Sisters of Charity of Nevers. She died on April 16, 1879.



Her body was later exhumed twice, as part of the usual canonization process, and was found to be perfectly preserved and miraculously intact (incorrupt) and is placed in a crystal casket where she can be viewed to this day in the Motherhouse

chapel of the Sisters of Charity, Nevers, France. The children were all led in the praying of the Rosary with individual students announcing the mystery and another student leading in the Our Father and the subsequent 10 Hail Mary’s. As each mystery was introduced and with each Our Father and Hail Mary beautiful slides were presented on a large screen so that each Mystery and each prayer that followed offered an image to better meditate and focus ones attention.

There were beautiful songs sung throughout and recorded music as well to better set the tone of prayer as Mary was honoured.

Following the Rosary, each child processed with their rose and placed it in front of the statue of Mary, framed by an impressive grotto made by one of our parishioners.

I was glad to have been asked to attend and to be able to participate in such a well-organized and devout spiritual exercise to honour Jesus’ Mother. The work that the children had put into this event was truly remarkable and their devout prayer sincere. The Rosary Apostolate of our parish had clearly put lots of time, preparation and love into this time of prayer and honour for the Blessed Mother even beyond their regular task of visiting all of our elementary schools and teaching children about the Rosary and how to pray it. All involved; teachers, staff, students, parents and the Rosary Apostolate are to be recognized and appreciated for the due honour shown to Mary, the Mother of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



A bit of a miracle took place just prior to the event. I had arrived and was talking to a woman near the stage area when suddenly a heard a noise and gasps all around me. Apparently, the light-weight grotto tipped forward and knocked to the ground the plaster statue of Our Lady. The leaders rushed to the scene, expecting to find a shattered image of Mary but to everyone’s amazement there was not a mark on it. God takes care of all of the details, doesn’t He? *(Fr. Charles)*



PENTECOST PRAYER

**Most Holy Spirit,
you were sent into my life when I was born of water,
and now I ask on the Feast of the Birth of the Church,
that you move me and move within me to be
a person attentive to your voice, a living witness,
an active Catholic and a person of hope.
Help me to pray, convict me of sin,
show me the Father's love and use me as You will.
In You, may I come to experience in this life,
a taste and a glimpse of the joys to come. Amen**

(Fr. Charles)

Mass Intentions - May 26 - 31

Tues 26 8:30 am – Mary Forbes+ req. M. Vonk
Wed 27 7:00 pm – Rose Miraglia+ req. Larry & Brenda Beriault
Thur 28 8:30 am – Mary Forbes+ req. John & Valerie Hotner
Fri 29 8:30 am – Rosarino Morra+ req. John & Valerie Hotner
Sat 30 5:00 pm – Annibale Grande+ req. Grande Family
Sunday 31 9:00 am – Hanina Debudy+ & Helena Bogus+
req. D. J. Tomsic
Sunday 31 11:00 am – Tim Hutton+ req. Laton Family

FAMILY FUN NIGHT – SATURDAY MAY 30

The parish **Family Fun Night** has been rescheduled to **Saturday May 30 at 6:30 – 8:00 pm** in the parish hall. **Just \$5.00 per family.** Please plan to come and join other families for an evening of Trivia and other fun games and challenges. Pizza, beverages and desserts will be provided. Please register your family by calling Jeananne at 905-579-6118 or Donna at 905-620-0724 as they need to know how much pizza to order. You can sign up this weekend after all the masses in the vestibule of the church.

SENIORS' RETREAT - Hosted by St. John the Evangelist

A Day of Reflection & Spiritual Renewal will be held on Thursday May 28 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Manresa Centre in Pickering. Both Men and Women (55+) are invited to attend. There is a \$30 fee which includes lunch. Registration will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church, Whitby. Please call Theresa at 905-668-0406.

St. Leo Knights of Columbus wish to **THANK** all parishioners who generously donated a total of \$494.00 to 'Roses for Life' on Mother's Day weekend, in support of Rose of Durham and young Mothers who benefit from their services.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast – June 14

Following the 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses - everyone is invited to enjoy a full breakfast of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice in the parish hall. Adults - \$5.00, children 4-12 - \$3.00 and children under 4 free.

St. Gregory's Healing Mass – Wednesday May 27 at 7:00 pm. The celebrant will be Fr. Robert O'Brien.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, filled with Infinite Love; broken by our ingratitude and pierced by our sins; yet loving us still; accept the consecration we make to Thee of all that we are and all that we have.

Take every faculty of our souls and bodies, only day by day draw us nearer and nearer to Thy sacred Heart; and there as we shall hear the lesson, teach us Thy Holy Way.

I Will Bless Every Place Where A Picture of My Heart Shall Be Exposed and Honored.

Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Mother of Perpetual Help, your very name inspires confidence. We come before your holy picture in praise and thanksgiving to God, seeking your intercession with Jesus, your Son for all the needs of Our lives today. We celebrate Your holy motherhood as we proclaim Jesus Christ Our Lord and Redeemer.

DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING – Reigning Mercy

The Sisters of Life will be hosting a Day of Prayer & Healing for Women in Toronto on Saturday May 30. Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? Hope and healing are possible and God's mercy endures forever. For confidential registration, please call the Sisters of Life at 845-357-0258 or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

MERCY & HOPE – Mass for those Grieving


The Sisters of Life will have a special Mass for those Grieving the Loss of a Loved One through, tragedy, miscarriage, stillbirth or abortion on Sunday May 31 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 830 Bathurst Street (at Bloor). There will be 2:00 pm Holy Hour, confession available, and 3:00 pm Mass. For more info call 416-463-2722 or email tgoronto@sistersoflife.org.




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