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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*

BAZAAR & GARAGE SALE RESULTS

Two weekends ago four of our parish service groups and fellowship groups came together to organize and put on a Parish Bazaar and Garage Sale in the parish hall and the parking lot with the sole intention of raising funds to assist the parish in the cost of our youth ministry. The Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Mother's Group and the St. Vincent de Paul as well as several other parishioners sold books, glassware, baking, hot dogs and hamburgers, held raffles and games and raised a whopping **\$5,607.!**

Jackie McVeigh, CWL President stated:

"Thank you to all the service groups working together to raise funds for the Youth Ministry at St. Leo's. It was a pleasure working with all of you and it was great to build our community with each other at St. Leo's".

On behalf of all parishioners I extend thanks to the many men, women and youth who planned for and worked so hard toward the goal of raising funds to help offset the parish's cost of continuing to build a solid foundation for Youth Ministry at St. Leo the Great parish. May God bless you all for your efforts, big hearts and care for our youth.

(Fr. Charles)

PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

This past Friday, following a week of 'goodbye's' and blessing our dynamic missionaries of Abra, Will, Chelsey, Faith, Joe and Luke who for the last months were our NET Team, the team loaded up their van and trailer and headed to Ottawa, the headquarters of the National Evangelization Teams, to debrief on their year spent in our parish along with all of the other Road Teams and Parish Teams sent to various parts of the country. They will enjoy a time of retreat and quiet before either continuing to work for NET in some capacity or resuming their former lives of school or work.

Looking back, it is hard to believe that they have been here and are gone already as the time has passed so quickly in their busy schedule of living with our parish families in Host Homes, planning and putting on Alpha, Edge and Impact each week and visiting our elementary and secondary schools on a regular basis. They seemed to always be on the go if not in their office and at their desks planning and preparing for their encounters with our young people.

At the Pot Luck which followed the last Mass the team provided the music for, as they have for the last eight months, it was moving to hear the remarks of the youth in the 'open mic' forum

where anyone who wanted to personally thank the NET Team had an opportunity to do so. Several parents and Host Home family members commented on how they loved having the team living with them, but it was the youth who expressed their personal gratitude in having drawn closer to the experience of Christ through the work of our missionary team of six. There were laughs, smiles and tears as we parishioners said our goodbyes to the six young people who stopped in the lives they were living to come to us and share Christ, in their youthfulness and energy, with us.

WHERE WE ARE HEADED NOW

In case our parishioners may have forgotten our plan for youth ministry with the direction and teams from NET Ottawa, we are about to enter into what could be called Phase II in the building of our youth program. Our intention is to lay a firm foundation for youth ministry that will last into the future, meeting the needs of simply yet profoundly, as the NET motto says, *"Bringing youth to Christ"*. Our first NET team did the work of evangelization in meeting and mingling with our youth from grade six to grade twelve and inviting them to come to the weekly youth groups appropriate to their age group. A second team of six or seven will be sent to us on October 1, 2019 to continue this work but to specifically focus on training our youth leaders (parishioners who have shown the gifts and the desire to assist in leadership) as well as those parishioners, both adult and youth, who want to become involved in assisting the work of youth ministry in set up, coordinating, facilitating food, etc. This second NET team will be here for eight months and will complete in this period ending in May 2020 the direct involvement of NET Ministries, the work only NET could have accomplished among us with their youth missionaries who aren't afraid to approach anyone, especially youth, about a relationship with Christ in the life of the Church.

HIRING A FULL-TIME YOUTH MINISTER

Mid-way through Team II's evangelical work with our youth, our parish will hire our Full-Time Youth Director who will work with the NET team for their remaining 5 months in order that a smooth transition of NET to the youth director may take place. The hiring of a youth minister will be done in such a way as to ensure that the same spirit and energy of youth ministry established under the direction of NET will continue. A youth director by themselves could not do the work that a whole team of 'Netters' can do, but with the trained leaders and volunteers who have expressed a heart for our youth, the same evangelization spirit will be visible and continue.

Following a busy year that largely follows the school year, the youth director and team will continue to offer various activities, sessions and social events to bring the youth together while gearing up for the fall when, sometime in September 2020, the various youth groups will resume.

In the end youth ministry is all about Jesus Christ, who gave us the Holy Spirit so that He would not merely be a life to be copied but a veritable life to be lived. We all need Jesus Christ. Our youth desperately need Christ, though in the world they might have no sense of this reality. Our God has so beautifully drawn close to us and will do so as we open our lives to Him. *(Fr. Charles)*

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, May 28th	8:30 a.m. Intentions of Agata & Slawek
Wed, May 29th	7:00 p.m. + Fr. Phil Jones + Anne Kraemer
Thur, May 30th	8:30 a.m. + Vincenzina Mammone & Attilio & Maria Tuzi
Fri, May 31st	8:30 a.m. Intentions of Teresa
Sat, June 1st	4:30 p.m. + Paul Frendo Cumbo & Edward Kennedy
Sun, June 2nd	9:00 a.m. + Rosetta Cardinale 11:00 a.m. + Anabela Wardell

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

The winner of the Mother's day basket is Laura Talsma

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.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MOMS!

Join our Mother's Ministry! Mothers of all ages are invited to join us on Wed Jun 12th at 8pm in the Quiet Room. We meet once a month to discuss different topics but most importantly we laugh, learn and share with likeminded Catholic women. Thank you to everyone who donated to our special baby shower last week! The Rose of Durham and Pregnancy Help Centre of Durham greatly appreciate your generous support. Contact annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com or visit www.catholicmomsgroup.com for more information. New members are always welcome!



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**Next Sunday, June 2 is the next ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**



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

Marriage Preparation Course

St. John the Evangelist Church
903 Giffard St. Whitby
Tuesdays 7pm – 9 pm
October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, & 19.
To register for this course, please contact the parish office at 905.668.3676. \$150 per couple.

St. Gertrude's Parish Marriage Preparation Course

September 6/7th
Friday 6-9pm and Sat. 9am-6pm
Cost per couple \$200.00 includes lunch on Saturday
Please contact the parish office to register.
905-433-0828 or stgertrudeschurch@gmail.com

VOCATION SEEDS

Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we will come to him. How will I respond to that love? Am I being called to the priesthood or religious life? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon,, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997, vocations@archtoronto.org, www.vocationstoronto.ca




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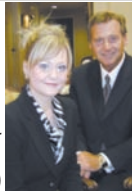


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