



# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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](http://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.

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the parish office and leave a message with the parish secretary at 905-655-3286 x 101.

**“...In Case You Missed It...”**  
**FROM LAST WEEKS BULLETIN**  
**“DEATH WITH REAL DIGNITY”**

**Doctors cannot promise patients absolute control over their dying moments.** (from Mercator.com, May 9, 2016 by Martin Cullen, an intensive care specialist in Sydney.) If you missed the article, please just go to our parish website at [stleothegreat.ca](http://stleothegreat.ca) and click on the heading ‘Bulletins’, and then on Bulletin May 22 2016.

**THE TIMES, THEY ARE A CHANGING**

In 1964 singer Bob Dylan wrote and sang the song *The Times They Are A-Changing*. That song was made popular when I was just 5-years-old and yet I’d have to say that I have not witnessed as much sweeping and rapid change in all my life as I have in the past decade.

We all know and experience the reality that with the passing of time comes change – in our bodies and in our minds, in our families and neighbourhoods, and all around us, but in most cases the change that comes along with our own growth is subtle. However, the changes I am speaking about are changes that are anything but subtle and, in fact, are more in-your-face changes that have come upon the world in rapid succession.

So often when people speak of a perceived threat from a new idea, particularly one that has moral and ethical implications, they speak of the *slippery slope* which holds that one thing leads to another and that passive acceptance of a relatively small thing can eventually lead to the realization of a larger issue, possibly even if the major change wasn’t intended or foreseen. So often, though, we do see the eventual reality of what the implementation of one thing will lead to and are therefore able to speak out against it.

The changes I speak of are so well known, so visible and have come along with such great speed that one could hardly believe they are a present part of our world now.

Same-sex marriage, (which doesn’t exist in the Catholic world), the popularizing of the so-called 60 + and counting different genders. In 2014 Facebook listed between 56 to 58 genders that could be referred to when addressing people on facebook. Obviously, the idea of two genders as intended and made known by God as male and female (Gen. 5:2) and reaffirmed by Jesus (Mark 10:6-9) have suddenly become many and all in the last couple of years.

We can see how the slippery slope of the sexual revolution of the sixties has led to the high and growing divorce rate which has also spurned on the idea that if marriage is disposable then so are children, even when they are most vulnerable in the womb. Worldwide, from January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year to today – Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> as I write this bulletin article, we have aborted 16,732,550 of our children in the womb and this day alone have killed 50, 679 innocent children through abortion (and it’s only 10:20 am. as I am writing this). At this moment today there have been statistically 170,000 births which means each day we are murdering almost 1/3 of our children at every second, every minute and every hour of the day. It remains unseen and largely unspoken of and when it is referred to by our leaders

and politicians they use other words to cleanse and sanitize it, like, “women’s health issues” or “reproductive rights”, etc. Murder, too, now has many different names, it would seem.

In recent years the issue of same-sex marriage has evolved which has brought with it a kind of bullying toward those who oppose it like has not been seen before. Businesses who have been asked for their services for a same-sex wedding have faced heavy fines and often have gone out of business as a result of this sweeping “accept-or-else” attitude.

And now the issue that has hit North America concerns gender and washrooms, both public and private from the Obama Administration.



Bishop James D. Conley, Bishop of Lincoln, Nebraska, (pictured above) has written recently:

“On Friday, May 13, the U.S. Department of Education and Department of Justice issued a joint instruction, which they called “significant guidance,” to public school districts across the country.

The guidance stated that in order to receive federal funds for education, every public school district must provide services, restrooms, and “equal access” to all students according to their stated gender identity.

The federal government has ordered that when any student and his parents tell the school that his “gender identity” has changed—if he was born a boy, for example, but considers himself a girl—the school must treat him, in every possible way, like an actual girl. The government declared that the boy who says he is a girl must be permitted to change in locker rooms with other girls, to stay in girls’ rooms on overnight trips, and, very often, to participate on girls’ sports teams.

This “guidance” is deeply disturbing. In fact, the administration’s action is simply wrong. It is wrong to deny the fundamental difference between men and women; and to teach children that our identity, at its very core, is arbitrary and self-determined. God created us male and female, and policies like this deny the basic beauty of God’s creation.”

Not only has this reality of non-gender specific washrooms hit U.S. schools but even the department store chain of *Target* has announced that all of its stores will welcome transgendered persons to use the washrooms of their own choice. An online petition put out by the American Family Association, which has gained significant momentum, has arose, of course, calling Target to change their policy or lose

customers. They are calling for a chain-wide boycott of Target stores.



Here in Canada, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has announced a bill that would criminalize anti-transgender speech, with violators receiving up to two years in prison. (Perhaps even my writing about this in the bulletin as a threat and opposition to Catholic teaching and values could land me in jail some day.)

The new bill, introduced May 17 on the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, aims to amend the Canadian Criminal Code to expand the country's "hate speech" prohibitions to include any public speech or communication that "promotes hatred" on the basis of "gender identity" or "gender expression." It would also change the Canadian Human Rights Act to cover transgender people.

"As a society, we have taken many important steps toward recognizing and protecting the legal rights for the LGBTQ2 community — from enshrining equality rights in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms to the passage of the Civil Marriage Act," Trudeau said in a speech, adding, "There remains much to be done, though. Far too many people still face harassment, discrimination, and violence for being who they are."

Trudeau deemed these sorts of actions and sentiments "unacceptable."

"To do its part," the prime minister continued, "the Government of Canada today will introduce legislation that will help ensure transgender and other gender-diverse people can live according to their gender identity, free from discrimination, and protected from hate propaganda and hate crimes."



And most recently in Canada we have been faced with the specter of Euthanasia which, our Cardinal Archbishop, Thomas Collins, recently called a coming "Maelstrom". At the Mass held on May 12 at Ottawa's Notre Dame Cathedral, during his homily, His Eminence mentioned Edgar Allan Poe's story "*The Descent into the Maelstrom*,"

wherein is described a great whirlpool that sweeps to destruction at the bottom of the sea anyone unfortunate to be caught in it, as a fitting image for the current situation on Doctor-Assisted Suicide in Canada. The Cardinal said that, "n February 2015 the Supreme Court tossed out prohibitions against assisted suicide and euthanasia, saying that such prohibitions "unjustifiably infringe" Charter rights (section 7) of the individual, which are the rights to "life, liberty and security of the person."

Cardinal Collins called euthanasia not only "evil," but a "scourge," warning that Canadians "need only look to the countries of western Europe that have gone before us down this dark path to see what is in store."

All of the aforementioned issues which pose a real threat to the world as we know it are not signs of progress but a great and real regression into a society without God. It disguises itself as being all-embracing and accepting of persons but in reality shouts, "God, we don't want you nor do we acknowledge you."

I will close with this sobering and eventual outcome that is the result of humans ignoring or changing God's laws:

*"And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind and to things that should not be done. They were filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, covetousness, malice. They know God's decree, that those who practice such things deserve to die— yet they not only do them but even applaud others who practice them."*

(Roman 1:28-29a,32)  
(Father Charles)

**MASS INTENTIONS – May 31 – June 5, 2016**

Tues., May 31 – 8:30 am – Czeslava Hapon+ Req. D. & J. Tomsic

Wed., June 1 – 7:00 pm – Giovanni & Marianna Corvinelli+  
Req. Vince & Teresa Corvinelli

Thurs., June 2 – 8:30 am – For the intentions of Maureen Holly

Fri., June 3 – 8:30 am – For the Intentions of Tom Barker

Sat. June 4 – 5:00 pm – Ruth Grennan+ Req. Knights of Columbus

Sun. June 5 – 9:00 am - Helena & Walter Bogus+ Req. by  
Joseph & Donna Tomsic

11:00 am – Barrie Coop+ Req. The LeBlanc Family

**This Sunday is the final Sunday for St. Leo's Choir at the 11 a.m. Mass. From this point, we go into "as available" mode. Rehearsals have ended and will resume on Thursday, September 8 at 7:30 pm. We are always happy to welcome new members!**

**Body and Blood of Christ – May 29, 2016  
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**St. Leo the Great Knights of Columbus News** - Upcoming General Council Meeting is on Tuesday, June 7 at 8 pm and Officer's Meeting on Wednesday, June 22 at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall.

St. Leo the Great Knights of Columbus would like to extend a very grateful thank you to all parishioners who supported the Roses for Life fundraiser. We received \$444.00 to support Rose of Durham and Young Mothers.



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