



St. Leo The Great

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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 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 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.

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS SPECIAL HOLY HOUR

The Cardinal has asked all parishes to host some event that will pray for vocations in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The ordination of five men to the priesthood will take place on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica by Cardinal Collins. The Cardinal has suggested a Holy Hour as fitting for prayer for these five men along with our regularly scheduled Holy Hour on Wednesday May 10th from 6-7 pm. in the church followed by 7 pm. Mass. Come spend an hour with Jesus and pray to Him, the Lord of the Harvest, for many men to respond to His call.

JOB POSTING FOR FULL TIME YOUTH DIRECTOR FOR OUR PARISH NOW IN EFFECT

Our parish's desire to hire a full-time Youth Director has now been publicly posted on the Archdiocese of Toronto's website (archtoronto.org) and the Workopolis Job Board. Please pray for our parish's discernment process that we may hire a Youth Leader who will passionately pursue the involvement and formation of our young people into people in love with Christ and the Church. A large portion of the wage that the successful applicant will receive will be subsidized by the Archdiocese of Toronto through the Family of Faith campaign. Thank you to the Lord who makes every good gift and every noble endeavour possible. And thank you again to all of our parishioners who participated in the Family of Faith which will help to make our Youth Ministry vision a reality. (Fr. C.)

MAY: THE MONTH OF HOLY WOMEN

The month of May is most certainly the one from among the twelve when we are met with several fitting tributes to women. We think of Mary, the Mother of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, of whom the entire month is titled 'May, the Month of Mary'. Mother's Day falls on the 14th this year and this coming Saturday May 13 will recall the 100th anniversary of the first visit of the Blessed Mother to the three children at Fatima.

May is the month which marks the anniversary of my day of Ordination when the Church confirmed my vocation from the Lord to be a priest. I mention this here because priests are very devoted, not only to their parents, but particularly to their mothers. The birth of a boy and his vocation from God to priesthood are inseparable.



My mind turns to a group of women who are highly active in our very own parish and whose work, activity and prayer, under the patronage of Our Lady of Good Counsel, contributes greatly to the life and vibrancy of our faith community – our Catholic Women's League. Though our parish's CWL is relatively young since its founding, it has grown in its membership and expanded in the many projects it has undertaken. There are many activities which

benefit the women in the League themselves as well as the many and considerable contributions they make to our parish. For several years the CWL organized the annual bazaar,

though this is now the project of women of the parish, most of whom are CWL members, and it raised substantial money for the good of the parish and any special projects we have had. The Altar Server cassocks and surplices were bought with money from CWL efforts and this provided our Servers with new and dignified gowns over the worn out albs that had been given to us many years previous and were long past their years. The Coffee Sundays as well as the Funeral Lunches following funerals which take place in the parish have served as outreach to the benefit of our parishioners and their families experiencing grief and offered an opportunity for food and refreshment and the opportunity to converse with and console one another, (not to mention that they make the best sandwiches going).

While much of their work, as mandated by the 8 League Objectives, concerns the spiritual growth and development of Catholic women, what flows from their own formation is active service to the parish, the wider community and to the Church and our country itself. Like the parish community which is gathered each Sunday to be fed and formed by the Word of God and the Eucharist and then is sent out to witness what we have received to others, the CWL participates fully in this reality which also leads to their ongoing formation and the commission to assist others. Their spiritual development and formation comes first before all other activities they endeavour to do, evidenced in the eight objects of the League:

1. to achieve individual and collective spiritual development
2. to promote the teachings of the Catholic Church
3. to exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life
4. to protect the sanctity of life
5. to enhance the role of women in church and society
6. to recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere
7. to uphold and defend Christian education and values in the modern world
8. to contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony

Any group in or outside of the Church can be wrongly reduced to what people might assume these groups are on the surface - that the Knights of Columbus are Catholic men who carry swords and wear hats with feathered plumes at special events and the Catholic Women's League is a group of women fundraisers and event organizers, and yet both these assumptions are flatly misleading and erroneous. The CWL does so much that is not seen evidenced in what is seen by the fruit of their prayer, love and concern for the Church and Canada. Their provincial and national resolutions, which begin at the grassroots of the local parish CWL and then move to the provincial and national stage have produced concrete changes to the political and social fabric of our land.

In our own parish the Catholic Women's League continues to bring Catholic women together, expand their Catholic faith and understanding, assists in their spiritual formation as well as a strong social bond and contributes greatly to the life and health of our parish community and beyond. There are far too many activities going on all the time in the work they do at St. Leo the Great that it would take a column itself to list them all.

Suffice it to say that I, as pastor, and all in our parish have been the recipients and beneficiaries of their presence, activity, prayer and their involvement. On behalf of all our parishioners I thank the CWL for their prayerful, active "Yes" to God. (Fr.C)

MAY 7, 2017

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue, May 9	8:30 a.m.	Int of Jacob Nowak
Wed, May 10	7:00 p.m.	Robert Oldman +
Thur, May 11	8:30 a.m.	
Fri, May 12	8:30 a.m.	Int of Kyle Jackson
Sat, May 13	5:00 p.m.	Barbara Gay +
Sun, May 14	9:00 a.m.	Carmelita Buggie +
	11:00 a.m.	Arlene Kennedy +

FATHER CHARLES' ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Please join us for coffee & cake to celebrate Father Charles' 24th Ordination Anniversary on May 7 after 11 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall.

SHARELIFE BREAKFAST – MAY 7

St. Leo Knights of Columbus Breakfast following the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. Masses this Sunday. 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. All proceeds will go to ShareLife.

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

Holy Family Parish is the site of the New Evangelization Summit The Annual New Evangelization Summit will be held in Ottawa and streamed live to Holy Family parish on May 12 & 13. Tickets are available from Holy Family parish for \$35, includes lunch. This two-day conference will inspire people and help them in their faith. For more information please go to <https://www.newevangelization.ca>

MARIAN CONFERENCE

Marian Conference on Saturday, May 13th, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima commencing with the Holy Rosary at 9:30 followed by a Sung Mass, two spiritual talks and concluding with Exposition and a Rosary procession with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima and Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 3:00pm. Confessions will be heard in the morning and afternoon. Lunch is available in the Parish Hall for a nominal fee of \$5. Please RSVP by May 8th.

PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY

In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady appearing to the 3 children at Fatima. Bring your Rosary, children & grandchildren.

Day: Saturday, May 13, 2017

Time: Praying the Rosary – 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet – 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Location: Thickson & Dundas (Sobeys Plaza)

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

Living the Gospel by providing for those in need...

“One of the core components of our Pastoral Plan is Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love. As a Catholic community we are called to be the hands and face of Jesus in our communities. One of the ways that we do this is through our annual ShareLife appeal, which provides resources to agencies serving the poor and marginalized not only in our archdiocese, but also around the world. ShareLife is a tangible way that we can put the Gospel value to love one another as I have loved you into action, and I invite all parishioners to support the mission work of the Catholic church by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife.” —*Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.*

Our goal is \$38,400.00 and we have raised \$14,780.00 so far.

Today is ShareLife Sunday – May 7, 2017

Thank you for your generosity.

LUNCH & LEARN WITH DR. JOSEPHINE LOMBARDI

The Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee invites you to attend a lunch and learn on **Becoming Experts in Humanity** - Understanding the Factors that Influence Human Behaviour and Limit Authentic Freedom with guest speaker Dr. Josephine Lombardi.

Date: **Thursday, May 25, 2017**

Time: 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Location: Durham Catholic District School Board's Pope Francis Centre, 652 Rossland Road West, Oshawa. Join us for lunch and nourish your soul. Pre-registration is required. RSVP at:

<https://dcpic-drjosephinelombardi.eventbrite.ca>

MOTHER'S DAY BASKET & LEO'S LUNCH

Mother's Day Basket Raffle tickets and Leo's lunch tickets can be purchased in the vestibule after all the Masses.

VOCATION SEEDS

The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our archdiocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

MARCH FOR LIFE


The National March for Life will take place in Ottawa on Parliament Hill on Thursday, May 11th. Rally 12:30 p.m. & March 1:30 p.m. More information at marchforlife.ca




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