



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:

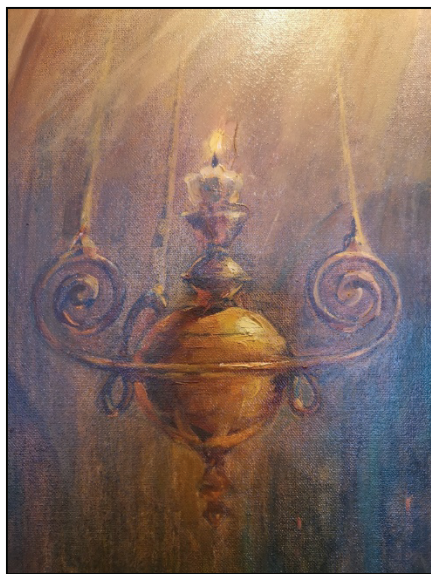
All families attending St. Leo's are requested to register with the parish.

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.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



In every church and chapel where the Blessed Sacrament is enshrined in a Tabernacle the world over, a candle burns near it to signify in light the Real Presence of Jesus Christ therein. In many parishes the sanctuary candle's cost is covered by an individual who asks that the candle

burn for Jesus' presence and the intention they bring before Him, for He is the Light of the world and the One who answers all prayer.

When I visited Lourdes many years ago, I was surprised and refreshed to see that the only thing for sale on the grounds of this magnificent and holy shrine dedicated to Our Blessed Mother and her appearing to St. Bernadette in 1858 is the various votive candles that are lit and placed by the faithful for literally a world of intentions. And of all the reasons one could give for why Catholics light candles, the simplest and most profound of them all is found in the sign at the candle stands in Lourdes which states: *"This continues my prayer"*. A candle is not a replacement for prayer but the light of it, flickering, gently moving, is a visible sign that our prayer continues on in the heart of God.

Sometimes, often in more modern churches, you actually have to look around to see where the Tabernacle is located and most often your best indication is in looking for the sanctuary lamp. In our parish, our beautiful and worthy Tabernacle, so generously and anonymously donated to the parish by a donor, is situated prominently and centrally to the sanctuary and the whole church, and is easy to see as is the single candle behind red glass located to the left. Sometimes the glass may be amber but most often it is red, which has always reminded me of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that burns with love for us.

The idea of the Sanctuary Lamp is nothing new or contemporary but in fact, ancient. In Exodus 27:20-21, the Tabernacle of God was to be made of a specific material – bronze, and a candle was to be lit and kept perpetually burning as a sign of God's presence:

"You yourself are to command the Israelites to bring you pure oil of pounded olives ready for the regular mounting of the lamp.

In the Tent of the Presence outside the Veil that hides the Tokens, Aaron and his sons shall keep the lamp in trim from dusk to dawn before the Lord. This is a rule binding on their descendents among the Israelites for all time."

After the Reformation with the split of Protestants away from the Roman Catholic Church, so many of those time-honoured and meaningful signs and symbols of sacramental life with Christ were stripped away from Protestant churches, but remained within Catholicism.

Richard White, a historian and graduate from Wycliffe College in Toronto, writes of the stripping away of all things Catholic from the churches and liturgy of the reformers:

"It doesn't do much but flicker and hang there. Sadly, it hasn't always been allowed. We owe a debt of gratitude to a courageous group of 19th century ritualists who restored the humble sanctuary lamp after an absence of many centuries.

In the years after the Church of England broke with the Church of Rome in the 16th century, our Protestant reformers set out to make worship as un-Catholic as possible both in doctrine and in appearance. Our Protestant forefathers opted for a simpler form of worship.

Under King Edward VI and Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, "altars" were surgically removed and replaced by "communion tables," candles were all but removed, the finery of the priest's vestments was replaced by something plainer, unleavened communion bread was replaced by "real" bread, short sermons replaced by much longer homilies, and the ritual of making the sign of the cross expunged from the service. In the interests of Protestant purity, the sanctuary lamp was joyfully removed. Depending on who was the Archbishop of Canterbury was over the years, worship seldom strayed from the drabness of its Protestant centre.

If you would like to offer an intention through the offering made to the parish of just \$10.00 for the sanctuary candle to burn for 1-week, simply contact the parish office to book this. The intention will be stated at the beginning of the Mass Intentions in our parish bulletin, though this is not a Mass intention and is not announced by the priest at any of the parish Masses.

SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR 1-WEEK: \$10.00

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, November 19th

8:30 a.m. † Vincenzina Mammone

Wednesday, November 20th

7:00 p.m. Deceased members of KofC Council #11528
† Armenio Medeiros

Thursday, November 21st

8:30 a.m.

Friday, November 22nd

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 23rd

4:30 p.m. † Margaret Ann Bunker

Sunday, November 24th

9:00 a.m. † Antero & Rosalia Reyes

11:00 a.m. Deceased family members of Anna Maria
Mammone

Sanctuary Lamp Intention: Intentions of Enoia Pacheco



The Vincentians of the Saint Vincent de Paul conference of St. Leo the Great want to thank the parishioners for your ongoing support. Without your generosity we would be unable to extend a helping hand to the less fortunate within our community. In the months of September and October we made 33 home visits. We distributed \$2330 in food cards, We paid two enbridge gas bills \$584 in total and purchased two double beds, mattresses and bed bug covers, We also provided a family in need with \$150 Walmart card to purchase back to school outfits and supplies. We delivered 28 backpacks with school supplies to 28 neighbours in Need. Know that you have made a difference to those we visit by letting them know they are not alone and that we care and love them.

THE MALISH FAMILY OUTINGS

As the Malish family is settling in in their new home country, they are eager to explore the area and meet new people. The refugee committee would like to organize some outings for them on their days off. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule with all the weekends they are available. Some weekends it's only Sabina & kids and it can be as simple as a play date with kids of similar age. Please contact Cindy at 905-260-0524 if you have any questions.

VOCATION SEEDS

“By your endurance you will gain your souls.” Be patient with yourself and with God as you await the sign of your call. 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 email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca**

FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASS for the Children
Preparing for First Holy Communion is...
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The Shepherds' Trust Collection **November 16/17**

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. They have been instruments in living out a “faith in action.” Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. The Shepherds' Trust supports our priests to help them live their retirement years with dignity. The Shepherds' Trust collection this year will take place in all parishes in the Archdiocese during the weekend of November 16-17. Envelopes are available in the vestibule. As well, please consider remembering The Shepherds' Trust in your will. This trust fund is a tangible way to care for those who cared for us and to give thanks for the blessings we have received through them. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



We remember all the souls in purgatory and all the dead whose faith is known to God alone

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are at peace.

If they experienced punishment as we see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be.

For God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever.

Those who trust in the Lord will know the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

(Wisdom 3:1-9)




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