



# 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 (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 Manuel Duterte* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If Father Manuel 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.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2014**

The Christmas Mass times for 2014 are:

Christmas Eve – Wednesday December 24 -- 5 pm. & 8 pm.

Christmas Day – Thursday December 25 -- 9 am. and 11 am.

Our parish Advent Reconciliation will be held on

Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**Singing “Kyrie”**

As we enter each different season of the Church year it is important that our liturgy resembles the “mood”, so-to-speak, of what that particular season is all about. In our parish we have traditionally introduced the Greek form of the “Lord, have mercy”, which follows the Penitential Rite in singing the three-fold Kyrie both in Advent and during Lent, although these two preparatory seasons have a very different focus and intent one from another. In Advent, for example, we omit the singing of the Gloria at the beginning of Mass, not in a penitential way but in saving our energy to truly sing Glory to God, as the angels did at the birth of the Messiah. Part of the introductory rites of the Roman Catholic Mass, the *Kyrie Eleison* (Greek for “Lord, have mercy”) is a song by which the faithful praise the Lord and implore his mercy.

The beginnings of the Kyrie Eleison can be found in Holy Scripture, mostly in the book that served as the Church's first prayer book, the Book of Psalms (“Have pity on me, O Lord ...” *Psalms* 6:3).

Written origins of the Kyrie can be traced to the fourth century. In 390 A.D. the Gallic pilgrim Lady Aetheria tells how in Jerusalem at the end of Vespers one of the deacons read a list of petitions and “as he spoke each of the names, a crowd of boys stood there and answered him each time, ‘Kyrie Eleison’ ... their cry is without end.” The Kyrie was finally incorporated into the Latin sacramentary in the sixth century.

Since Vatican II, the Kyrie has been translated into English and is ordinarily prayed/sung by the assembly (which means everyone, ministers included) after the Penitential Rite, in keeping with the rubrics (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 30-31*). As a rule, each of the acclamations is said twice (e.g. Presider: “Lord, have mercy.” Assembly: “Lord, have mercy.” P: “Christ, have mercy.” A: “Christ, have mercy.” P: “Lord, have mercy.” A: “Lord have mercy.”)

Why is the Kyrie in Greek? It harkens back to the earliest years of the Church, when the members of the Church in Rome themselves used Greek, and Greek was the language of worship until about the middle of the third century. During the days of the Latin Mass, it was the only remaining Greek prayer.

In our parish we have sung the Kyrie Eleison on our knees as part of the penitential rite as it is primarily a penitential season. Advent will find us waiting for the Lord mindful of our need for the mercy of God which does not seek to simply give us what we deserve but what He wills. We receive mercy in that we should seek to bestow it on others. “Mercy imitates God and disappoints Satan”, said St. John Chrysostom.

**HURRY UP.... and Wait!**

The header to this bulletin article could in some ways sum up the difficulty for us modern day disciples in following the Lord and adhering to the message of Advent. I don’t know about you or

others, but I am not all that good at waiting sometimes, especially if I am in a hurry. There just never seems to be enough time, enough hours in the day to do everything that needs to be done. I walk around with a cloud of things that remain to be done, some things that need to be done in the next day or so - like the people that I need to call back, book an appointment with, or the bulletin article that needs to be submitted before the weekly Wednesday noon deadline. And there are those other things that we intend to look into doing - like getting back into shape (that is if I was ever *in shape*), but are easily put off until another day because there are so many other present demands. Someone once coined the phrase about the insistence of pressing present needs as the “tyranny of the urgent”, and boy does that phrase ever say it for me. The needs of the moment can serve as task masters to our days and even over the things we would rather be doing, no matter how important and essential those things may be.

And then Advent comes along again and tells us, urges us, demands of us, that we stop what we are doing, whatever we are doing, and wait. Well, wait for what? Wait for Jesus. But Jesus already came over 2,000 years ago and we mark that coming as His birth, the Incarnation, with the celebration and feast we call Christmas. And we do, but in the wisdom of the Church and in the wisdom of the ages we are told to wait. In fact, most of our childhood remembrances of Christmas will remind us that this has always been a difficult time of the year to wait particularly when we just couldn’t wait to see what Santa was going to bring us or what would be waiting for us under the tree on Christmas morning. Just saying this reminds me of my youth and the Christmas morning anticipation.

As one of seven children I remember sitting on my brother or sisters bed late at night talking about Christmas, sharing with one another what excited us most about it. We would talk about what we had hoped to receive as a present on Christmas morn and would describe to one another what we most admired about that requested gift. Even just talking about it made us all the more anxious about getting it.

There is an anxiety that comes with getting older, I think. When you are young the whole world and the future it holds for you seems just beyond your grasp - and the horizon of its unfolding in reality always still so very far away. We can become anxious at times in starting to live out the dreams that come with growing up. Yet once the years start to tick by then there is a creeping desire to apply the brakes a bit and slow things down, especially as we discover that the older we get and busier we get, the more time seems to accelerate. We start to wonder where the time has gone as we leave our youth in the distance of the past that, like a farm we just passed on a country road, seems to get smaller and smaller the more distance we travel from it.

All around us people are busy getting Christmas started while at the same time the Church is calling us to wait until Christmas to celebrate Christmas. A worthy entering into the “waiting” of this Advent will find us not passively anticipating Christmas but waiting for the present-tense searching for the Lord’s return with joy. Jesus came in history (the past reality); Jesus comes to us now in the today moment (mystery), and His future coming should be awaited with preparation and joyful hope. Advent will train us to be active disciples who await the coming of the Lord always. Happy Advent! (*Fr. Charles*)

**MASS INTENTIONS- Week of Dec. 2 – 5, 2014**

Tues. Dec.2 - 8:30 am – Intentions of Joe & Kathleen Mercer  
Wed. Dec.3 - 7:00 pm – Intentions of St. Leo CWL Members  
Thurs. Dec.4 - 8:30 am – Intentions of Tim & Linda Hutton  
Fri. Dec.5 - 8:30 am - For The Rosary Apostolate Members

**BLOOD DONOR CLINIC - WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 1 FROM 4:00 - 7:30 PM. IN THE PARISH HALL.**

**The Sacrament of FIRST RECONCILIATION (First Confession) will be on TUESDAY DECEMBER 2 AT 7:00 PM**

**CWL NEWS**

**Ladies of the Parish** – The St. Leo the Great CWL would like to invite you to attend their Annual Christmas **Potluck** on Sunday November 30 after the 11:00 am mass in the parish hall. Come and enjoy good food, fun and fellowship.

**Christmas Cookies** will be available to purchase after all the masses on December 13/14 in the vestibule of the church.

**Christmas 2014 – Cornerstone Men’s Hostel**

Once again this Advent Season, St. Leo the Great Parish will be collecting items for the Cornerstone Men’s Hostel in Oshawa. Cornerstone has asked us to restrict our donated items to items which are so necessary to the men who live on the street which include: new-only socks, underwear, toothbrushes and deodorant, shaving cream, foot powder, lip balm, and Kleenex tissues. We will not be taking any used clothing this season. You are asked to drop off these items in the church vestibule at the Welcome Table. Thank you for your continued support.

**Knights of Columbus News**

St. Leo the Great Knights of Columbus will be selling **Campaign Life Christmas Cards and Christmas Cakes** for the next 2 weekends. Cakes - \$15.00 small & \$25.00 large. Cards - \$8 box.

Also, available to purchase are **“Keeping Christ in Christmas” Lawn Signs** \$15.00 and **Car Magnets** \$3.00 each or \$5.00 for 2.

**Breakfast:** On December 7 following the 9 and 11:00 am masses in the parish hall. Everyone is invited to enjoy a **free full breakfast** of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice. **A free will offering to the St. Vincent de Paul would be very much appreciated.**

**St. Bridget Catholic School Christmas Outreach**

This past October, a tragic fire destroyed Fairview Lodge Nursing Home in Whitby, displacing 192 elderly residents. St. Bridget Catholic School Christmas Outreach is dedicated to bringing a little bit of hope and joy by giving a gift to each and every one of the 192 residents. We are asking for any donations you can offer from the list below to be dropped off at St. Bridget C.S. by Monday Dec.8. All inquiries call Karen Cusato 905-655-1875 ext. 4015. Lip balm, hand or body cream, wrapped candies/chocolate, shortbread cookies, puddings, slipper socks, gloves, winter hats, scarves, puzzle books, playing cards, magazines, combs, razor/shaving cream, change purse, Christmas pins. Thank you.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2015**

The 2015 Offertory Envelopes are available for pickup from the tables in the vestibule. The envelopes are arranged in numerical order. If you wish to keep your same envelope number for 2015, please take your box this weekend. You must print your full name and address on the front of each envelope for the month of January. This allows us to enter the correct information in the parish database. Failure to do this, will result in you not receiving a tax receipt for donation made in 2015.

If this year you used an envelope in the 500 series, please note that you have been allotted a new number.

If you cannot remember your envelope box number an alphabetical listing has been provided which will also reference your envelope box number.

If you are not currently using Offertory Envelopes and wish to do so for 2015, please complete a parish Registration Form at the Welcome Table. On receipt of this Registration Form, the office will assign envelopes to you and you will be phoned for pickup.

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING 2015**

Parishioners currently on the Pre-Authorized Giving, please pick up your envelopes from **the Table Marked PAG Only.**

**What’s So Great About Being Catholic – Jason Evert**


If someone were to ask you, “What’s so great about being Catholic?” How would you respond? What would you say? Hopefully you would have a huge grin on your face and joyously begin revealing the wonderful treasures and traditions that our faith provides. Sadly, many Catholics would be taken aback by the question, fumbling for words, or probably stumped altogether on how to answer the question. In [What So Great About Being Catholic](#), Jason Evert uses his humour and engaging speaking style to highlight our glorious faith as revealed through the Church Fathers, the Saints, the Martyrs and the Sacraments. To confidently talk about your faith you must immerse yourself in it. Are you familiar with the lives of Saints? No? Then study them! If we are all called to a life of sanctity, then we must know about those who have reached it, learn from them, and try to be like them. Coaches and professional athletes are mentored by Hall of Fame coaches and athletes, shouldn’t Catholics have the same mindset when striving for holiness? How are you with Church doctrine? Not sure about it? Confused? Then stretch your mind and learn about the mysteries and traditions of your faith. Ask and it will be given to you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you...Find the answers! As Jason explains, “Non-Catholics need explanations.” How can we help them see the beauty, good, and truth, when we don’t have eyes to see it ourselves? Ever given thought about The Sacraments? Could you explain their history and purpose? Why not? If a family heirloom was passed down from generation to generation and ended up on your lap, you would know everything about it and share it with others when you had the opportunity. If you were given free gifts of grace in order to share in the divine life with the Lord, why wouldn’t want to understand them fully and talk about them? Overall, this is an informative presentation that will unveil the beauty of the Catholic Church, its traditions and treasures. Jason has inspired me to delve deeper in Catholic doctrine and the lives of Saints. Hopefully Jason’s presentation will inspire you to increase your knowledge and give you confidence to share your faith with passion and joy. F. Bianco




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