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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.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 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 pick up a baptism package from Fr. Charles after mass.

### 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.

# THE WEIGHT OF THE HOLY MASS

*(From Catholic Society of Evangelists Newsletter, August, 1999)*

Last weekend in my preaching on the Gospel I touched on the truth that like Zacchaeus, anyone who encounters Christ is changed by the encounter or at least senses somehow that He is like no other. No sooner had Zacchaeus come down out of the sycamore tree at Jesus' bidding does he begin to call Jesus "Lord". St. Paul says that it is only by the Spirit that we can call Jesus Lord.

Speaking about this encounter I linked that meeting with the Lord to our own meeting of the living Jesus in every celebration of the Mass. It is truly Him in His flesh and blood hidden in the appearance of bread and wine we receive. If it was just a piece of bread we were receiving each Sunday, couldn't we just do this from home? People could just buy bags of hosts and in prayer to Jesus receive the bread by themselves and among families and remember Jesus.

No, because that is not what Jesus instructed us to do nor is it what the Church has done these two millennia. Jesus let the crowds who had been following Him go after He had revealed to them that He would give them His Flesh and Blood to eat and drink. Their words in leaving were, "Who can stomach such talk? How can He give us His Flesh to eat and His Blood to drink?" And they no longer followed Him. But every single defender of the Catholic faith has rightly pointed out that though Jesus loved them and wanted them to follow Him, He was willing to let them go if they refused this important, crucial teaching and truth.

The Mass we celebrate is modeled exactly from what the Church was doing immediately after the Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus into heaven as seen in the Acts of the Apostles. These Jewish converts, as followers of Jesus, could no longer go to the synagogue so they met in their houses and brought bread and wine (no bibles were allowed since these had not been written yet) and shared the remembered words and deeds that Jesus had said and did. They had a Liturgy of the Word and then they celebrated the Eucharist.

Christ also instituted a priesthood that would be called personally by Him to minister and serve God's holy people in the proclamation and teaching of the Gospels and all Sacred Scripture and to do the holy work of acting in the person of Christ in the celebration of the Eucharist when, through the words and actions of the priest, the Holy Spirit would come down on the bread and wine and forever change them into the Body and Blood of Jesus.

It is pretty much impossible to get our minds around such a mystery which appears so ordinary through words and gestures and surrounded by responses and songs and the same formula every time it is celebrated and to somehow 'see' that something extraordinary is taking place and Someone Extraordinary has come in flesh and blood in what still looks like, tastes like bread and wine – but it's the mystery we have been given by Christ Himself and the wise and intelligent of the Church have themselves bowed down before and received themselves. The Eucharist has fostered vocations, fed countless billions, given life

to Saints and comes to us still each Sunday at St. Leo the Great Parish in Brooklin, Ontario. Humility is the only way the Eucharist can ever be understood and received. Only when we drop our need for proof or some further sign can we receive Him truly in our inward ascent of faith that says I Believe!

What truly saddens the priests of today and should sadden us all, is the general and widespread neglect of this great gift and mystery, trumped by sports, selfishness and self-centeredness that does not really believe. It has all led to a very un-authentic, spiritless attitude toward the most incredible gift of Jesus Himself made manifest in every celebration of the Mass whether it be at St. Leo the Great in Brooklin, St. Peter's in Rome or in a garbage dump among the poor. Christ is made present in the manner in which He chose, under the appearance of bread and wine, in order to feed us as He knows we should be fed to nourish our spirits, bodies, minds and hearts. *(Fr. Charles)*

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*The following TRUE STORY was related to Sister M. Veronica Murphy by an elderly nun who heard it from the lips of the late Reverend Father Stanislaus SS.CC.*

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**One day many years ago, in a little town in Luxembourg , a Captain of the Forest Guards was in deep conversation with the butcher when an elderly woman entered the shop. The butcher broke off the conversation to ask the old woman what she wanted. She had come to beg for a little meat but had no money.**

**The Captain was amused at the woman and the butcher. 'Only a little meat, but how much are you going to give her?', he wondered.**

**'I am sorry I have no money but I'll hear Mass for you, ' the woman told the butcher. Both the butcher and the Captain were indifferent about religion, so they at once began to scoff at the old woman's idea.**

**'All right then,' said the butcher. 'You go and hear Mass for me and when you come back I'll give you as much as the Mass is worth'.**

**The woman left the shop and returned later. She approached the counter and the butcher said. 'All right then we'll see.'**

**He took a slip of paper and wrote on it 'I heard a Mass for you.' He placed the paper on the scales and a tiny bone on the other side, but nothing happened. Next he placed a piece of meat instead of the bone, but still the paper proved heavier.**

**Both men were beginning to feel ashamed of their mockery but continued their game. A large piece of meat was placed on the balance, but still the paper held its own. The butcher, exasperated, examined the scales but found they were alright.**

**'What do you want my good woman? Must I give you a whole leg of mutton?' At this he placed the leg of mutton on the balance, but the paper outweighed the meat. A larger piece of meat was put on, but again the weight remained on the side of the paper.**

**This so impressed the butcher that he was converted and promised to give the woman her daily ration of meat.**

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As for the Captain, he left the shop a changed man and became an ardent lover of daily Mass. Two of his sons became priests, one a Jesuit & the other a Father of the Sacred Heart.

Father Stanislaus finished the story by saying, 'I am from the Religious of the Sacred Heart & the Captain was my father'.

'From this incident the Captain became a daily Mass attendant & his children were trained to follow his example. Later, when his sons became priests, he advised them to say Mass well every day and never miss the Sacrifice of the Mass through any fault of their own.'

### PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE:

- WEEKLY COST OF RUNNING OUR PARISH - \$7768
- **LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION**
  - Envelopes, Loose bills and change - \$4918
  - Pre-Authorized Giving (PAP) - \$1929 (October)
    - ➔ TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK: \$6847
    - ➔ *Deficit in last week's collection: \$921*

**This Sunday is the Feast of St. Leo the Great. Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall after the 11 a.m. mass.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Nov. 12 – 8:30 am – Mass

Wed., Nov. 13 – 7:00 pm – Antonio Tamburro+ Req. by Teresa & Vince Corvinelli

Thurs., Nov. 14 – 8:30 am – Mass

Fri., Nov. 15 – 8:30 am – Mass

Sat., Nov. 16 – 5:00 pm – Glenn Doolan+ Req. by the Wardle Family

Sun., Nov. 17 – 9:00 am – For the children being baptised in Dec. 2013

Sun., Nov. 17– 11:00 am – Arthur Turcotte+ Req. by Lorraine Ebata

**St. Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert to be held in our parish on: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29 AT 7:00 P.M. Tickets available after all weekend masses. Adults - \$25 and children (Gr. 2 to Gr. 8) \$5.00.**

**THE NEW SUNDAY MISSALS ARE ON SALE THIS WEEKEND AT A COST OF \$5.00 EACH AND ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME TABLE.**

**Ladies of the Parish** – The St. Leo CWL would like to invite you to attend our meeting on Sunday, Dec. 1 following the 11 am Mass.

### IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

The Book of Remembrance, in which parishioners can record the names of their deceased family members, is on the lectern (on the right-side of the altar) in front of the statue of Mary. You may enter the names of those you wish remembered. During the month of November all the Holy Souls will be remembered at all the masses.

**Coffee Sunday** – November 17<sup>th</sup> after the 9 & 11 am masses. All parishioners welcome in the parish hall for refreshments.

**The Court of Brooklin** will be having their Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 10 am to 3 pm. For more info. please call the Court at Brooklin (905) 655-7718.

### SUPPLY LUNCH SUPERVISOR NEEDED AT BLESSED POPE JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our Catholic School Community is looking for a Supply Lunch Hour Supervisor to assist school staff in maintaining a safe learning environment for our students. As a Supply Supervisor, you will be called upon on a rare occasion when one of our regular supervisors cannot do their regular shift due to illness, appointments, etc. You will be responsible for assisting staff with the supervision of students located on the school premises during the daily lunch period. Interested candidates please contact the office at 905-655-2291.

### SHARELIFE

Thank you to your parish community for your support of the 2013 ShareLife Parish Campaign. Your generosity helped ShareLife exceed its parish campaign goal and raise \$12,639,810 for the work of our agencies. The ShareLife office has released a Report to Donors outlining the results of the 2013 campaign and demonstrating how our support has made a difference. Copies of the report can be downloaded from the ShareLife website at [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org).

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - February 4 – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**Contact Patrick Sullivan for more information - 905-655-3286 ext. 103 - [Patrick.sullivan@utoronto.ca](mailto:Patrick.sullivan@utoronto.ca)**

**The Shepherds' Trust Special Collection - November 16 & 17.** The Shepherds' Trust has a mission to provide, comfort and care for those who have steadfastly cared for us – our retired priests. As parishioners, we have our own memories of a Catholic priest who made a positive, meaningful and lasting impact in our lives. Each year, thousands of people contribute to the Shepherds' Trust. The collection will take place in all parishes in the Archdiocese on Nov. 16 & 17. Envelopes will be distributed this weekend of Nov. 9 & 10. We want our priests to retire safely and with dignity. The Shepherds' Trust allows us to help achieve this goal. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

### Holy Land Wood Art – HLWA Inc. - November 23 & 24

The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem – the Birth Place of Jesus – is selling their handcrafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area. The past few years have been extremely hard for the community as a result of declining tourism. Some Christians responded by fleeing the Holy Land and the absence of a living Christian community is very dangerous for the Holy Sites such as the Church of the Nativity. On November 23 & 24, we will be having some of their beautiful art held for sale (after all weekend masses in the vestibule) in an effort to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.







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