



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



## Family of Faith

### SAINT LEO THE GREAT PARISH'S FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN – Great Progress!

St. Leo the Great Parish

#### Family of Faith Campaign Update

Campaign Goal – \$390,000.

Pledges received (as of Wed. Nov. 4) – **\$233,000.**

That's **60%** of our goal! 👍

*Please note:*

Pledge totals shown here each week reflect the actual pledges we have received as of the bulletin deadline each Wednesday. The parish reports all new pledges to the Archdiocesan Family of Faith office and these appear in their published reports days after we have reported our numbers, so it will always appear that we are at variance with the numbers the Family of Faith is reporting, though the actual amounts are what you will see here each week.

Also, if you have already received the full information about the Family of Faith campaign, please consider your pledge amount and return the pledge form as soon as possible to the church, either by placing it in the collection basket or to the parish office in a sealed envelope marked with "Family of Faith Campaign" and print your name.

No one sees your pledge form except the campaign secretary who makes the weekly pledge totals report to the Archdiocesan Family of Faith office.

## QUOTABLE

I'm not sure where I originally found this but as I was cleaning my desk the other day I came across it again on a stick-it note and thought I'd share it with you.

*"If any new teachings claim that Jesus condones sin,  
then you will know that is a lie.  
The truth is that Jesus always and clearly detests  
all sin unequivocally,  
though He loves the sinner.  
And Jesus would never compromise the truth."*

And this is one I composed myself many years ago:

*"Laughter is a fresh piece of joy  
when you're all out of gum."*

## SUNDAY and THE EUCHARIST

Some Testimonies

The following are stories I would call *Glory Stories*, about how people have discovered Christ personally in going to Mass, returning to the Church or rediscovering Christ in the Church they have known all along. Just because we go to Mass every Sunday doesn't mean we've got it all figured out, right? (Fr. C.)

**Katie -**

My journey into the Catholic Church began many years ago when at the age of 17, I responded to a newspaper advertisement for an introductory course for new Catholics. To this day I don't know why I responded. I had been brought up as an Anglican and my social life revolved around the church. One year later I met my future husband who was a Catholic.

I was received into the Catholic Church in 1966 and was married a few weeks later. On the Sunday after we returned from our honeymoon, we attended Mass, but when I went for Communion I was refused in a very public manner because I wasn't wearing any head covering. I was hurt and humiliated and I felt very insecure and uncertain.

The years that followed saw me struggling with my faith and the Church. When the last of our three sons was confirmed, our attendance fell away. However, I was always aware of a spiritual emptiness.

Some years later I started to pray and to search for a Church to belong to. I began to attend courses at the Christadelphian Church and the Seventh Day Adventist Church but was put off by their anti-Catholic standpoint. Why did I care so much when I had not been to a Catholic Church for years?

The turning point came soon after this when I was overcome by a very strong conviction that I was to return to the Catholic Church. I believe this call was Spirit led. I was very nervous about doing this alone but was introduced to the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program which gave me spiritual guidance and surrounded me with so many wonderful people.

The culmination of my journey was my Confirmation at the Easter vigil when I was formally welcomed into full membership of the Catholic community. I was welcomed and accepted and I really felt I had come home.

It was with great joy that I went to the Lords table to receive Holy Communion. The hurt and sadness of the past years had gone and in its place came a great love for God. I am so thankful for all He has done for me.

When I was diagnosed with breast cancer I drew enormous strength and courage from reflecting on Christ's own pain and suffering for us. My recovery has been aided by participating in the Eucharist and by the tremendous support I received from fellow parishioners. I am nourished and strengthened by this to go out and serve and follow the Lord. As I have learned more about the Eucharist, my personal faith has deepened.

The 40 years since my first inquiry were my 40 years in the desert but I had come to the Promised Land. My journey continues but I now know I am going in the right direction and I just feel so blessed to be part of the Catholic community.

**Melanie -**

I was in great pain and saw my doctor, who rushed me into hospital, where I had tests which all turned out to be negative. The very last test was an ultra-sound. By this time I was so disturbed I took the sensor from the specialist and pressed it against my stomach where it hurt the most. What it showed so shocked the specialist that I was rushed into emergency surgery. Three days later I woke up in great pain and saw that the sheet covering me had blood on it. I lifted it and on my stomach was a colostomy bag and there were drips in my hands and nose.

I wished I had not opened my eyes; I was petrified and distressed at what had happened to my body – it was all cut up. I asked the nurse for some pain killers but she said I had already had so much morphine she couldn't give me any more. Frightened, I said to her, 'What is happening to me'. She said, 'Be quiet, you are lucky to be alive. Not many people would have survived the operation you've had.' I could see an open window and wanted to jump out of it.

I knew that Jesus had saved my life, but for what purpose I couldn't understand. I felt I could only suffer as he did. The surgeon who operated on me was Jewish and said that everything had been done and I should pray to God. My body was not healing – it was full of infection.

A nun visited me every day and prayed with me. She said there was a chapel and asked if I would like to go to Sunday Mass. I said 'Yes.' I thought I will meet with Jesus as the pain in my body was unbearable. The Sister took me to the chapel in a wheelchair with all the apparatus in my body and I saw many other sick people in wheelchairs.

At communion time I suddenly found tears running down my face although I wasn't crying. I was also anointed with the oil of healing.

*I felt at peace – a peace that cannot be expressed in words. I felt loved.*

Despite the tears, I was praying with joy, knowing that Jesus in the Eucharist would heal me. Strangely, I wasn't surprised. The tears washed away my pain and cleansed my sick body of the infection. *I knew I would heal.*

When the Sister took me up to the ward I felt so happy and I was not frightened any more.

I had to have two more operations and spent 12 months in and out of hospital, and everything went well.

**Tina -**

I am a minister of the Eucharist. One of the parishioners had just had open heart surgery that wasn't entirely successful and she had to have a second operation. As I was giving her communion the host seemed to become enlarged and I could see it pulsating and the words came into my mind 'my heart is beating with yours, don't be afraid'. I was really astonished and started to cry. The experience only lasted a minute but it was so real and beautiful. My friend is well now and busy helping her family and others.

As Catholics, we have no idea really about Who is coming to us when we receive Jesus in the Eucharist. As one Catholic speaker said, "So many Catholics come to Mass hungry and thirst for God and they leave Mass still hungry and thirst, having no idea Who it was they have just received.

**Mass Intentions – November 17 – 22**

Tues. Nov.17-8:30 am – Francis Campos+ req. Athaide Family  
Wed. Nov. 18- 7 pm – **Sacrament of Confirmation**  
Thurs. Nov.19-8:30 am - Eleanor Tomas+ req. The Ralph Family  
Fri. Nov. 20- 8:30 am - Ken Wesley+ req. by The Wesley Family  
Sat. Nov. 21- 5:00 pm - Jessie Jamespulle+ req. The Family  
Sun Nov. 22 - 9:00 am – Frances Dwyer+  
11:00 am – Charma Figuracion+ req. Figuracion Family

**SWINGSHIFT BIG BAND DANCE**

The Catholic Women's League is sponsoring the **Big Band Dance on Saturday November 21 with "Swingshift Big Band"**. Even if you don't dance, you would enjoy listening to this wonderful music – 11 piece orchestra, as well as, two vocalists. Live music, wonderful lunch, door prizes, dance contests, lots of fun. Look for the balloon in the foyer to buy your tickets. The proceeds from the dance help the League to meet their commitments to be parish, Rose of Durham, Catholic Missions, Shepherds' Trust, St. Michael's Scholarship Fund, etc.

Tickets can be purchased after all the masses \$30.00 each.

**ST. LEO CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

Please join our Christmas choir for the Christmas Eve Mass at 8:00 pm. The 11:00 am Sunday Mass choir invites you to join us for 5 rehearsals that will culminate with Christmas Mass. We rehearse on Thursday evenings 7:30 – 9:00 pm in the church. Our Christmas "Choir Lite" rehearsals begin Thursday November 19. Please contact Bill Targett at [princt2gmail.com](mailto:princt2gmail.com).

**Christmas 2015 – 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 donate items which are so necessary to the men who live on the streets which include: **new-only socks, underwear**, toothbrushes and deodorant, shaving cream, food powder, lip balm, and Kleenex tissues. We cannot take any used clothing this season. Please drop off these items in the "Quiet Room" at the back of the church. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT**

The St. Vincent de Paul members will be sponsoring the Christmas Angel Project again this year. Please see next week's bulletin insert for further details.

**SHEPHERDS' TRUST SPECIAL COLLECTION – Nov.15/16**

This fund does more than just support our priests' in their twilight years it represents a very tangible gesture of thanks for the blessing we have received. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**CHILDREN'S FIRST RECONCILIATION will be on Tuesday December 1 at 7:00 p.m. We will have 7 priests to assist.**


**PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION will be on Tuesday December 15 from 9:00-11:00 am and from 6:00-8:00 pm.**




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