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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 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 (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.



**NEW YOUTH MASS
EVERY SATURDAY
AT THE 5 PM. MASS!**

Beginning this weekend our parish will feature a Youth Mass for the young and the 'young at heart' and they will provide the music every Saturday at the 5 pm. Mass. The band, under the leadership and direction of parishioner Dennis Wardle, will

play what is called contemporary Catholic music that is used in many parishes throughout North America. St. Gertrude Parish in Oshawa has been using this music as well which has an upbeat, joyful rhythm with words that go to the heart of our relationship with the love of Christ Jesus. Catholic music writers and recording artists have been taking the world by storm with these inspirational songs and they have increasingly grown in popularity in all Christian churches. Over time the youth band/choir will grow and improve as they work out the kinks, though they have had many practices already to prepare for this new and exciting venture.

As I mentioned last Sunday, we can only best work out any sound problems in the doing, which means that as we go along we will work on the balance between voices and instruments and the overall volume and clarity for all parishioners. That's why we need your prayers for the Youth Mass and your patience as we work to achieve what liturgical music ministry is supposed to do: enhance the worship of God in God's people. It's not a show and it's not about those who sing and play instruments because the reason for our Sunday coming together is to sing the praises of our God and offer Him true worship realized in song and in silence; in prayer and in praise.

As the music that will be used is not in any Catholic hymnals, a 'Liturgy Aid' will be provided for each Saturday Mass allowing parishioners to sing the words as well as the Psalm Response.

In our young parish we look forward to this youth-oriented, youth appealing music ministry. *(Fr. Charles)*

**PREPARING FOR
ADVENT**

At first glance it might seem a tad premature to be talking about Advent when we've still got a couple of weeks to go before it even begins. However, on closer examination it's pretty obvious that in our culture practically everything about the season of Advent, and/or in a more secular sense the "holiday season", is essentially premature. The reality is that office Christmas parties will start in a week or two because the entire month of December itself will find us preoccupied with so many preparations for Christmas that the only way we can fit in a party is by having it early.



Yet the very nature of the season of Advent, the four weeks prior to Christmas, stands seemingly in opposition to our preparations because Advent is all about doing something we don't tend to do very well – waiting. That's right, hurry up and wait for Advent.

The Church in her great wisdom knows what we need to do for our own spiritual benefit and all the more at a time when we are prone to and urged to do the opposite. If life all year round is hectic, Christmas and its many demands on our time and schedules is going to make it all the more so. Hence the reason to take the time now to ensure our Advent has built-in time for personal preparation, which is to say, personal waiting.

I remember in my last parish I had put in quite a garden in my small fenced-in backyard. There were pots of plants and flowers everywhere and it looked like a mini botanical garden. I suppose I had envisioned that my garden with its many colours and flower varieties would be a place where I could sit and relax and enjoy the surroundings I had worked so hard to put in place. And when the garden was in full bloom and the warm sunny days of summer had hastened its growth and splendour, do you think I was able to relax and sip a cup of coffee, take in my garden's beauty and just enjoy it? Not a chance. The moment I'd sit down I would spy something that needed to be dead-headed, pruned a bit, moved slightly or arranged somewhat. The garden I had as my place of refuge became my place of work instead.

In my preparations and plans I had lost sight of why I had the garden in the first place. What I needed, I suppose, was someone else to tell me to sit down, relax and enjoy your garden. For me that is a good example of why I, why we all need Advent. The Church is that one who will tell me to sit down, relax and enjoy my garden, but not in a passive sense. No, the Church will tell me to be actively waiting because we already know what December 25th is all about. Oh sure, we will be and in many ways are already being bombarded with messages about the "reason for the season", which, if it ain't Christ it ain't the reason.

For example, while Advent isn't a penitential season as is Lent – a time to prepare our soul for Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection – what other preparation would be more important than preparing for and celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (going to confession) before December 24th?

The Advent we enter into will determine the quality and joy of the Christmas we will celebrate. How true.

Folks might believe that priests would themselves be the most spiritually prepared people for any religious season such as Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter, but they would be wrong. We can become just as "preoccupied" with preparations and a long list of things to do that Christmas can find us grumpy rather than glad. Deferred joys are always the sweetest. If we all take time to slow down and even just use the times in Advent when we are waiting for the bus, the kids, the cashier, to use the bank machine – to do nothing else but use those brief and fleeting moments to drink in the beauty of the summons to our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ that He Himself holds out to us, then we will have begun our waiting. We will begin to thirst for the opportunities to drink in His presence and His invitation to "Come and sit with me awhile". *(Fr. Charles)*

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19 – HOLY HOUR and the 7:00 PM EVENING MASS IS CANCELLED. MASS WILL BE AT 8:30 AM FOR THIS WEEK ONLY.

MASS INTENTIONS- Week of Nov. 18-23

Tues. Nov. 18 – 8:30 am – David Busby+
Wed. Nov. 19 -8:30 am – Intentions of Stella Gorman
Thurs. Nov.20 – 8:30 am – Intentions of Martin Martens
Fri. Nov. 21 – 8:30 am – Intentions of Joe & Kathleen Mercer
Sat. Nov. 22 - 5:00pm – Paul Olejniczak+ Req. Karen
Sun. Nov. 23 – 9:00 am – John Jeronimo+ Req. Johnson Family
Sun. Nov.23-11:00am–Bronislaw Zubrzycki+ Req. Nowak Family

**THE SHOT HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD
Fr. Andrew Fisher**

As a sports enthusiast, I've witnessed many famous athletic moments. "The Miracle on Ice" when Team USA defeated the Soviet Union in Olympic hockey, Mario Lemieux's goal to clinch the 1987 Canada Cup and Joe Carter's World Series winning walk-off homerun. One sporting moment that I was not alive to witness, but have seen multiple times on television, was the New York Giants defeating the Brooklyn Dodgers, clinching the National League pennant. Why is this particular event worthy to be mentioned? Well, many witnesses, game announcers, and players (including Bobby Thomson –the player who hit the game winning home run), believed that the baseball was not hit well enough to clear the left field fence. It was as if the ball was "guided" into the stands. **On May 13th, 1981 a bullet meant to kill Saint John Paul II was mysteriously guided off course, saving his life.**

In The Shot Heard 'Round The World Fr. Andrew Fisher gives a gripping account of the prophecy made 64 years before the shooting, the events surrounding the assassination attempt on the Holy Father, and the multiple miracles that saved him. By Saint John Paul II's assessment, "*It was a mother's hand that guided the bullet's path.*" He attributed his survival of the shooting to the direct intervention of the Blessed Mother, to whom he had an ardent and lifelong devotion. This is the main point that Fr. Andrew wants the listener to meditate on - How often do we invite Mary's intercession and intervention into our lives? If you want to develop a stronger devotion to Mary, this is a CD you must have.
Francesco Bianco

2015 SUNDAY MISSALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE VESTIBULE. COST IS \$5.00.

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.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC AT ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH HALL ON MONDAY DECEMBER 1 FROM 4:00 – 7:30 PM.

**CHILDREN'S FIRST RECONCILIATION WILL BE ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 2 AT 7:00 PM
PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION WILL BE ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 9 AT 7:00 PM**

CWL HOMEMADE GOODIES

With Christmas coming, why not save yourself some time and have a meal ready to cook. The CWL will be taking orders for Pies and Soup. Please read the bulletin insert and complete the order form and enclose your cheque and return it via the collection basket to the attention of the CWL. Additional order forms and envelopes will be available in the Quiet Room.

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

The Rosary Apostolate in the Schools

Through the Rosary Apostolate, children are experiencing the power of the Rosary! Dedicate your time to praying the Rosary with children once a month in our Catholic Elementary schools. The Rosary Apostolate is welcoming new members. Please call Judy Delaney at (905) 655-0227.

**CHRISTMAS - Truths, Symbols, Myths,
Legends & Customs-Apologues**

Saturday November 22, after the 9:00 am Mass at St. Bernadette's Parish Hall, Ajax. When discussing your faith it helps to have not only the truths but also to be knowledgeable about symbols, myths, legends and customs which surround it. Why not get ready for Advent and Christmas by taking advantage of this great opportunity to learn and share. Contact Tom Kennedy at 905-427-6137.

MUSICAL EVENING – CHRISTMAS JOY

A musical evening of Christmas Joy on Saturday November 29 at 7:00 pm at St. John the Evangelist Church in Whitby. Featuring the Junior Choir of St. Michael's Choir School and St. John the Evangelist Church Choir. Proceeds will be in support of their renovation fund. Please contact 905-668-3676 for tickets.

BEL CANTO CHOIR CONCERT – Holy Family Parish, Whitby


Holy Family Refugee Committee will be hosting a Christmas concert on Sunday November 30 at 7:00 pm in support of the Refugee Sponsorship Fund with the Bel Canto Choir from Scarborough. The spirited and renowned Bel Canto Choir will be singing joyous, uplifting Christmas spiritual and season themed songs. Tickets will be available after all weekend masses in November and through the parish office of Holy Family 905-665-6470 - \$20 per person, children free.




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