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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.

GRATITUDE

Gratitude can be an every-day reality in our lives before God or a feeling hauled out of the shadows of our life for special occasions such as Thanksgiving.

Over the past few years it seems we have heard of so many natural disasters, each one appearing to be worse than what many people remember in their lifetimes. The recent typhoon, Haiyan which hit the Philippines on Friday November 8th, has been recorded as “the strongest storm ever to hit land” in recorded history, and predictions from weather experts say it is only going to get worse.

I’ve been thinking about this horrific storm, the news stories, the images and film I’ve seen on the news and am aware that the one thing I always feel when I hear of these catastrophic events of nature that happen ‘elsewhere is grateful. I am grateful for what I have today, standing in this spot, being where I am and in the life I know and that this event has not happened to me. I realize too that it just as easily could have happened to me – but it didn’t.

There is also a part of me that perhaps feels a bit guilty about being grateful because somehow it just isn’t enough. I can’t just be grateful that whatever disaster has fallen on other people didn’t fall on me. That would simply be relief that somehow the gods of disaster didn’t touch me but someone else, somewhere else. I feel called, compelled to also do something before God to show my gratitude to Him for all of my blessings, comforts and ease of life due to where I live. While I am aware that each time a natural disaster takes place upon a human population, (which so often happens among the poor who already have so little, which is the case in much of the part of the Philippines effected by the typhoon), there are always the appeals made to offer assistance to the ravaged land and peoples which also brings out the scammers who try to take advantage of those who have been asked to give.

No doubt, even though it is hard to get specific numbers, thousands of people are dead, hundreds of thousands are sick and injured and so many people are homeless, without food and water and the basics of everyday life. The people of the Philippines directly affected by this typhoons power and devastation to their land and life don’t even have the luxury of time to mourn and bury their dead – they must strive to live and even survive.

Once again the Archdiocese of Toronto has issued an appeal for financial contributions to be made toward aid and the purchase of the very things people need today in order to survive. Through the Catholic relief agency which is already on the ground in the Philippines – NASSA-Caritas Philippines – aid can be quickly and directly relayed to those who need it and based on what their immediate and most pressing needs are. The media is reporting and confirming today (Wednesday November 13, at the time of my writing) that the most important contribution people can make is money which can be used by responsible, trusted and competent relief agencies such as Caritas, to purchase what is needed and get it to the general population.

As always the information for those from our parish who want to give is the same and there are many different ways people can offer their financial help.

- **ONLINE:**
People can contribute online by going to the Archdiocese of Toronto website: [www/archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) and click under News and Resources to “Click on “Click here to donate to the Humanitarian Relief Fund to aid victims of the typhoon in the Philippines
- **BY PHONE:**
By calling the Development Office at 416-934-3411
- **THROUGH THE PARISH:**
making cheques payable to –
**“St. Leo the Great Parish
Philippines Typhoon Haiyan –
Humanitarian Relief”**

Also, the Canadian government has also announced that it will match donations to the Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund made by Canadians between November 9th and December 9th 2013. Contributions made through the Archdiocese of Toronto for this relief effort will be eligible for the matching program.

Please consider acting on our gratitude for what we have by doing something for those people in the Philippines so strongly hit by this disaster.

Perhaps our greatest contribution after our tangible, sacrificial gift is the gift of prayer itself, holding up before God all those whom God sees, telling our God of love that we, too, see and desire help and healing among those whose eyes have seen so much horrific tragedy and loss.

**God of all, good and almighty,
we ask you to provide for all creatures,
and to give us an effective love
for our brothers and sisters
who suffer hunger, homelessness, lack of water,
and the fresh memory of so much devastation
in their land.**

**Bless the people of the Philippines
with your heavenly aid
and enable and bless the efforts
of those who seek to help,
through money and on the ground aid,
to bring your love, compassion and care
to all those who so desperately need it now,
especially those little ones, the children,
pregnant mothers,
and parents who have others to care for.**

Through Christ our Lord.

NOVEMBER 17, 2013

**CHILDREN'S FIRST RECONCILIATION – TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 3rd AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION – THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 5th AT 7:00 P.M.**

**COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED THIS SUNDAY
AFTER THE 9 AM AND 11 AM MASSES. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE
WELCOME. SPONSORED BY THE C.W.L.**

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FOLLOWING IN THE VESTIBULE AFTER ALL THE MASSES:
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\$10/BOX OF 15 CARDS & CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES
STARTING NOV. 30/DEC. 1 – 1.5 LB. CAKE \$15; 2 LB. CAKE W/TIN
\$25 AND "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" LAWN SIGNS FOR \$15.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE:

- WEEKLY COST OF RUNNING OUR PARISH - \$7768
- **LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION**
- Envelopes, Loose bills and change - \$4379
- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAP) - \$1929 (October)
- ➔ **TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK: \$6308**
- ➔ **Deficit in last week's collection: \$1460**

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Nov. 19 – 8:30 am – No Intention
Wed., Nov. 20 - 7:00 pm – Theresa Dohey+ Req. by the Mott Family
Thurs., Nov. 21 – 8:30 am – No Intention
Fri., Nov. 22 – 8:30 am – For the intentions of Vanessa Glyn-Williams
Req. by Dula O'Dwyer
Sat., Nov. 23 – 5:00 pm – Cornelia Floris+ Req. by Angela Meagher
Sun., Nov. 24 – 9:00 am – Anna Svetek+ Req. by Milan Svetek
Sun., Nov. 24 – 11:00 am – The intentions for the Squires Installation
Req. by Knights of Columbus Council

**St. Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert to be held in
our parish on: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29th 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.**

Christmas 2013 – 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 those things that are
extremely scarce but so necessary to the men who live on the street
which include: **new-only** socks, underwear, toothbrushes and
toothpaste, disposable razors, combs/brushes, hand soap,
deodorant, shaving cream, foot powder, lip balm, and Kleenex

tissues. **We will not be taking a collection of used clothing this
season.** You are asked to drop off these items in the church
vestibule at the Welcome Table. Thank you to all our parishioners
who think of others at this time when we are all called by the gospel
to attend to the needs of others as our own preparation for the
coming of the Lord! Please contact Larry Hallihan (905) 620-0351 for
additional information.

CATECHIST CORNER

What is Pope Francis doing?

Answer: Finding new ways to evangelize.

One of the first and necessary things to accomplish when bringing
the good news of Jesus Christ to others is to get their attention, and
more than any other pope in this past century perhaps, Francis has
done this. In a few interviews that have gone viral his words have
brought about much confusion to the catholic world. This is because
he is not trying to be theologically precise or philosophically
accurate, instead he is talking to the people sitting right in front of
him and in ways that they can understand. Pope Francis is trying to
win people's hearts, and he is willing to risk the confusion that often
comes when personal conversations are overheard.

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.

WANTED: Used glass baby food jars for school Christmas
decoration use. There is a carton in the church vestibule for these
jars. You can call Cathy at 905-655-8336 for more information.

Pies, Home-made Pies in time for the Holidays!!! CWL
members will be taking orders for home-made pies (apple, pumpkin,
turkey or beef) before/after the masses this weekend. These 9" pies
are just \$10 each. Pies must be prepaid and can be picked up Dec. 7.

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.

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

Our Catholic School Community is looking for a Supply Lunch Hour
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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.


MASS TO CONCLUDE THE YEAR OF FAITH - Sunday, Nov.
24 at 3 pm beginning with Praise and Worship 2:45 to 3 pm at St.
Bernadette Church, 21 Bayly St. E., Ajax, Feast of Christ the King. Praise
Him through the Eucharist for the gift and fruits of the Year of Faith.




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