

# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 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 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (followed by 8:30 a.m. Mass)

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 4:30 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 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 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 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 Pius Alejo* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If *Father Pius Alejo* 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.

## OUR NEW CHURCH LIGHTS



It is indeed a great day in our parish when some of our generously given *Family of Faith* money has paid off now in the realization of the new LED lighting project for the church. *[In our Family of Faith Campaign case statement we focused on three areas with which to focus the portion of money we would receive: Youth Ministry, Church Light Replacement and paying money toward our debt. Our campaign raised over \$860,000, which meant that 75% of the money raised beyond our target of \$390,000, would come back to our parish over the five year period of the campaign. Half of our money would go toward*

*our parish debt and the remainder would be distributed between youth ministry (which began this past year) and the church lighting replacement, now completed.]*

Our new lighting and fixtures (Versailles – Gothic style) are appropriate and suitable for a parish such as ours with its expanse of space to be lit. LED lighting offers a substantial cost savings of hydro and does not need replacing for at least 15 + years. The fixtures themselves compliment the window framing design of our church windows and emit a warmer glow of light from the sides, top and bottom. The lights are on a ‘two-stage system’ which means that each set of fixtures can either be fully on with light emitting from the bottom and sides or just the sides only. The former fixtures only cast light downward and were very expensive to maintain as many would burn out or fade out within months of having the bulbs and ballasts replaced. The height of the former lights also presented a significant maintenance challenge as they were close to the ceiling and the center nave lights were affixed directly over the pews, making accessibility difficult. Each of the former lights also put out a great deal of heat – 800 degrees – which made cooling of the church in the summer a constant challenge.

The lighting project has been underway since its inception two years ago. A vote of appreciation goes to Jason Smith who offered much of his time meeting with various lighting installers over time. It became apparent that while LED is a newer and most popular technology, its application in a worship space setting of a Catholic Church was a challenge. Some LED lighting presents a more white/blue colour of lighting and with the grey stone, blue and beige paint of our walls and white and blue tiling on the floor this would make for a very drab, cold feel. Also, glare was a major factor as much of the lighting options offered to us was more industrial and warehouse suited and not at all for a church, not to mention the bright light that made it difficult to focus. For me personally, bright lights can trigger migraines.

Our Finance Council also worked toward finding and approving a cost-efficient form of lighting that would enhance our church and provide superior lighting for reading, singing, prayer and most especially the Mass. We found Mills Architectural Lighting in Toronto and both their price and their expertise in church lighting persuaded us to go with them.

Last weekend, while only the lights on the north and south sides of the church had been completed, the nave (center) of the church appeared shadowy and dark, as did the sanctuary. The new lights are such a contrast to the poor lighting we had

grown accustomed to. And now the People of Light are bathed in light that helps us to better see Jesus.

I would like to thank Mr. Harry Mills of Mills Architectural Lighting for his hard work and many hours spent with us on this project. I would also like to thank parishioner Kevin Coughlin, who has a wealth of experience in construction for his continued oversight generously shared with us in his involvement in every step of this endeavor. The electricians, who worked in the church for the past two weeks, showed great respect for the church as they wrestled with the wiring challenges of our high ceilings.

I would like to thank all of our parishioners who pledged to be part of the Family of Faith campaign which has reaped visible rewards already for the good of our parish community.

(Fr. Charles)

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## THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING THE BEGINNING AND END OF ALL THINGS

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. It is one of many opportunities the Catholic Liturgical Church year offers to each of us considering the creature which is called time, receive it as a gift and begin to really live differently.

Yet, for many Catholics who commemorate the Feast, it is just one more somewhat familiar sounding celebration which we go through every year at this time.

This mistake is at least right on one count, it really is all about time.

The Catholic Christian notion of receiving time as a gift from God is one of the many things which make us counter-cultural. In fact, the number of things which make us counter-cultural is increasing as the West abandons its foundations in Christendom and embraces a secularist delusion.

Our actually choosing to live the Christian year, in a compelling way, can become a profoundly important form of missionary activity in an age which has become deluded by the barrenness of secularism.

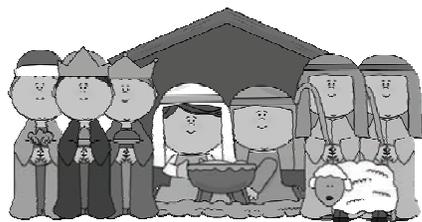
A robust, evangelically alive and symbolically rich practice of living liturgically can invite our neighbors to examine our lives and be drawn to the One who is its source - Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End - as the emptiness of a life without God fails to fulfill the longing in their own hearts.

In a particular way, Catholic Christians are invited to mark time by the great events of the Christian faith in a Liturgical calendar. However, like so much that is contained within the treasury of the Catholic Church; the practice must be understood in order to be fully received as a gift and actually begin inform the pattern of daily lives.

First, we must jump into the treasure chest, find the jewels and put them on! Otherwise, these practices can become meaningless and seem to some to be empty show or the vestige of a bygone era.

They are neither! They proclaim the very meaning of life. Jesus Christ is King and we are the seeds of His Kingdom scattered in the garden of a world which is waiting to be born anew.

## Christmas Eve Family Mass Children's Choir and Pageant



This year St. Leo the Great church will be organizing a children's choir and a pageant for the 4:30 p.m. Family Mass on Christmas Eve. The choir will lead a

carol sing before Mass as well as leading the congregation during the Mass itself. Students from grades 2-12 are invited and encouraged to sing in the Children's choir. No previous experience is necessary to join and it is lots of fun. Additionally, students from grade 1-8 are invited to play a part in the pageant. The pageant will take place during the Gospel. All abilities are most welcome. Students can join either the choir, the pageant or both. Both are very special contributions to the Mass that enable the children to help us all celebrate the joy found in this holy season.

Practice times for the 2 groups run simultaneously. They will be held from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Sundays Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. A final dress rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December the 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 until noon. If you or your child is interested, please mark your calendar and try to attend all of the practices. Parents are welcome to drop their children off at the start of practice and then pick them up when practice is finished. Please meet in the parish lounge. For more information, please contact Ted Schuck at (647) 302-6996, at [tedschuck@rogers.com](mailto:tedschuck@rogers.com), see him after the 11:00 mass or just show up for the first rehearsal on Nov 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

### **NEW BEGINNINGS**

Are YOU or anyone else you care about enduring a separation or divorce? Perhaps a family member, a friend or even a colleague is hurting. New Beginnings offers assistance to those who are grieving this loss. At present, New Beginnings is looking for volunteers for co-facilitation at St Leo the Great. No experience is required as full training will be provided. If you are passionate about helping people and/or have personal experience with separation/divorce, then please reach out! For more information please call, Alex Lopechuk at 416 921 1163 x 2230 or email [alopechuk@cfstoronto.com](mailto:alopechuk@cfstoronto.com)



Come join us for some faith and friendship! St. Leo the Great's Catholic Moms Group is meeting every second Thursday of each month at 8 pm in Boardroom 1.

### **Next meeting on Dec 14**

All those called to Mothering are Welcome!  
To be added to our email list contact:

[annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com). Check out:  
[www.catholicmomsgroup.com](http://www.catholicmomsgroup.com)

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue, Nov 28	8:30 a.m.	Armenio Medeiros +
Wed, Nov 29	7:00 p.m.	Simone Mastrangelo + Alberto Ibanez +
Thur, Nov 30	8:30 a.m.	Vincenzina Mammone & Attilio & Maria Tuzi +
Fri, Dec 1	8:30 a.m.	Filomeno & Carmela Colavecchia+
Sat, Dec 2	4:30 p.m.	Rosalia & Antero Reyes +
Sun, Dec 3	9:00 a.m.	Mark Mason +
	11:00 a.m.	Nora, Youssef & Karam Karam +

### **WOMEN AT THE HEART OF PEACE**



**Together, let's take action for peace!** In June 2017, the Minister of International Development and La Francophonie presented

Canada's new International Assistance Policy. Canada therefore committed to ensuring that women and girls have the opportunity to take active roles in establishing and maintaining peace in their communities. Despite its remarks in support of women and peace, the government did not increase the international aid budget and chose instead to increase the military budget by 70% over 10 years.

**Sign the Development and Peace – Caritas Canada Action Card today!** Together, let's call on the Canadian government to give women the resources they need to be at the heart of peace. Sign our Action card provided in the bulletin or go online: [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act)

### **Advent Parish Mission at St. John the Evangelist Parish**

St. John the Evangelist Parish Whitby, invites you to come on out for an Advent Parish Mission led by Fr. Ben St. Croix, CC. The theme for our mission will be "Waiting in Hope". During three evening sessions together, Fr. Ben will speak on various topics that include knowing the love of God, surrender and knowing His will in our lives, the gift of faith, the importance of community, what is the new evangelization and how you are called to be part of it. Come and discover, or rediscover, the love God has for you personally and the beautiful plan He has for your life as we prepare this Advent season for his visitation! Please bring a friend! We look forward to seeing you there!

### **December 4, 5, 6, 2017 - 7pm to 9pm**

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