



St. Leo The Great

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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 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

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.

FAREWELL TO MY BELOVED 'JIGS'



My oldest of three dogs, 'Jigs', who was nine years old, had to be put to sleep last Sunday afternoon after a brief and so sudden development of Mast-cell tumors around his neck,

shoulders, legs and sides in just a matter of days. His breathing had become labored and he was in obvious pain and discomfort. As hard as it was to make the decision, the responsibility part of love in pet ownership had to prevail in doing what was best for him even when it was the last thing I wanted. Since Jigs' worsening condition had continued over a series of four or five days by Sunday afternoon I had no choice but to take him to the Whitby Emergency Clinic. The doctor who saw Jigs, Dr. Rosemary Barber, was so good with him and made this surreal situation less stressful for me as she tried to put together Jigs' health situation and come up with an accurate picture of where he was at. I told her that I would love for her to tell me that my fears and concerns were all in my head and that I should give him some pain pills and go back home with him. I would have loved to have been able to do just that. Following an exam and check of vital signs I was asked if I would be open to them doing an x-ray to see what was going on inside him that might explain his lethargy, sleeplessness, coughing and retching and general discomfort, obviously directly connected to his outbreak of multiple Mast Cell tumors. The x-ray showed that Jigs had developed fluid around his lungs that was squeezing them and making breathing difficult especially if he tried to lay down. There were other things visible which concerned the doctor as well and she gave me a sense of my choices. It seemed clear that delaying the inevitable would be for my benefit and not Jigs' and so I swallowed and made that fateful decision to let my buddy go for his own sake.

If you've never had to be present when a beloved pet is put down you've been spared an anxious and heart wrenching ordeal – but one that is best done with you, his master, present for you are his everything. The owner suffers far more than the pet as your head fills with the reality of what you are undertaking. Pet owners are given the option of being present or, if they are too emotional and unable to participate, are free to wait outside. For me the choice was obvious – I wanted to be with him. I wanted the last thing he heard and the last thing he saw to be my voice and my physical, praising presence with him. I could tell Jigs just wanted to go home as he panted and looked at the door. I crouched in front of him as the doctor went to get the necessary needles for the procedure. He was anxious about just leaving the same way we came but I knew that just couldn't be. I asked him, "Jigs, do you want to go home?" He closed his mouth, tilted his head in Jigs' listening and understanding fashion, and calmed down. I meant what I said to him, I wasn't lying. He would truly be 'going home' to see his beloved best friend Bear, my 150 lb. Shepherd/Wolfhound mix who died in 2012 of Lymphoma and my dad, who just loved both Jigs and Bear and told me shortly before he died that he was looking forward to seeing Bear again in Eternal Life.

The doctor returned and an initial pain killer was administered to keep Jigs calm followed by a needle with saline solution. Finally, the injection that would stop his heart was slowly administered. Jigs was lying down, upright, facing me and I was sitting on the floor holding his head in my hands and staring into those beautiful and trusting amber eyes. He never once flinched or took his gaze off of me as I told him he was a good dog, that I loved him so much and finally, "goodbye". It was so quiet, calm and peaceful as I saw the life fade from his eyes and his stare became blank. And then the awful, heartfelt pain that came knowing that in a split second, literally in the twinkling of his eyes – he was gone. I kissed his snout and gently lowered his head to the ground, fighting back tears over the enormity of what had just taken place.

I had a few moments alone with him but I was suddenly moved with the sense that he wasn't 'just dead' but truly no longer present in his body. It had been arranged that a pet crematorium in Uxbridge, Thistledown Pet Memorial, was open 24/7 and would accept Jigs' body for cremation whenever I needed to bring him. Jigs was so lovingly and carefully wrapped in a blanket by two women staff at the Emergency Clinic and placed on a gurney that was wheeled out to my car. He was gently placed in the back seat and looked like he was in a deep, deep sleep and could awaken at any moment. I drove directly to Uxbridge in a slow-motion journey that seemed to take so long and was welcomed by the owner, Colin, who had such a warm heart on this cold and windy November night. He assured me that my beloved dog would be treated as if it were his own. After talking at some length with this kind man and signing some papers I helped him unload Jigs from my car into the small crematorium building where Jigs would be cremated the following day.

I didn't really sleep that night as the memories of such a fateful heart-twisting day are not easily overcome by the mind nor are they meant to be. Every part of me may believe Jigs didn't just cease to live at my hands for the greatest reason of all - love - but that he is alive, not just in memory but in fact. I found great solace in the truth that Jesus came to save all creation. Though His dying on the Cross was meant for the human soul that is capable of knowledge of God and sin which separates us from Him, the scriptures speak many times about 'all creation' and not just humanity within it. I was also thinking Jigs would now be with my dad and my dog Bear as well as my first dog Buddy in the beautiful and awesome presence of Jesus forever. I must admit that it's a bit easier having Red and Teddy with me. They don't seem to be grieving but they're just very quiet. Death is still so hard for us humans no matter how much one believes and has great hope in Eternal Life. Yet it is also such a clear sign and reminder that Jigs mattered and matters still and will always do so in my life. Jigs was my faithful Shepherd/Collie mix who lived for and waited these past seven blessed years for only me for that's what Shepherd's do. They have one master and that natural loyalty and affection is surpassed by few. I will miss that furry guy, my 'Jiggers', with his squeezing of stuffed animals with squeakers, his protective stance against any dog or human he didn't know or trust, his quick acceptance of first Red and then Teddy when they came into my life and his never-ending desire to always be close to me and keep his eyes on me.

Jigs was the sad 'product' of a Richmond Hill, Ontario puppy-mill that was rightfully closed down. He was rescued by a shelter in Barrie along with his brother. His brother was

adopted but Jigs wasn't as he continued to wait with the many other homeless dogs for a forever home. Once *he* chose me, (for that's what really happens in dog-adoption), he fit right into my life and became an integral part in my day to day routine.

Jigs died on a day which meant particularly nothing to him but has much meaning for me as a day of endings: the end of the Church's liturgical year in the Feast of Christ the King, the final day of the Year of Mercy, and on a cold, extremely windy November day when mercy swept him from my life. I take comfort in knowing this hurt will ease with time but my love for him and his for me shall never end and I look forward with the grace-filled hope of seeing him and being with him again and forever in the endless home that is Jesus. *(Fr. Charles)*

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION

Throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto every parish will participate and hold a Day of Confession for those who wish to prepare themselves for a more worthy celebration of Christmas by availing themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Parishes have been instructed to choose a day within the designated week so that those wishing to avail themselves of the Sacrament of God's love and forgiveness may do so from a choice of many parishes and confession times. The following dates and times will be available in our immediate area. I will hear confessions on Thurs. Dec. 15th by myself while other parishes may have two or more priests.

Holy Family - Whitby

Wednesday, December 14; 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

St. Leo the Great - Brooklin

Thursday, December 15; 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; and 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist - Whitby

Sunday, December 18 at 7 pm.

There will be copies of an Examination of Conscience for young children, teenagers as well as for adults in the vestibule which assist in helping you to do a bit of a moral inventory on your life and the areas and particular sins you may have committed.

I highly recommend you take a copy home with you to better prepare when you have time to review the various areas of human sin based on the Ten Commandments. *(Fr. Charles)*

MORE WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

As our parish continues to grow our parishioners know just how hard it is sometimes to have a Mass said for an intention or particularly for someone who has died. The calendar of weekday and Sunday Masses quickly fills up with Mass requests and in the event of a death of a family member, friend or fellow parishioner one often can't have a Mass said for their benefit for several weeks or even months.

The Office of Spiritual Affairs of the Archdiocese of Toronto has granted that our parish may now have two designated days for multiple Mass intentions which means that several names of intentions and memorials can be offered at Wednesday evening Masses at 7 pm. and Friday morning Masses at 8:30 am. As usual, the name or names of the intention will be announced prior to the celebration of Mass. This change takes effect immediately for the good of our parishioners and those they wish to remember in the highest prayer, the Mass. *(Fr. C)*

MASS INTENTIONS – NOV 29 – Dec 4, 2016

Tue, Nov 29	8:30 a.m.	Guido Facchinin+
Wed, Nov 30	7:00 p.m.	Int of Ermin Figuracion Kathleen, Joe & Jason Mercer+
Thu, Dec 1	8:30 a.m.	Vincenzina Mammoni+
Fri, Dec 2	8:30 a.m.	Int of Marta, Maria, Olga Horunzak Special Intention Michael Murphy+
Sat, Dec 3	5:00 p.m.	Michael Meagher+
Sun, Nov 27	9:00 a.m.	Int of Diane Van Allen & Family
	11:00 a.m.	Int of Benedetto Tuzi

LEO'S LUNCH

Monday, November 28 at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
Tickets are available after Masses in the vestibule.

CHILDREN'S FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 29 at 7 p.m. in the church with several priests assisting.

LECTIO DIVINA WITH CARDINAL COLLINS

We are inviting everyone to attend a Lectio Divina on the Book of Psalms with Cardinal Thomas Collins (after His Eminence celebrates the **7pm Mass**) on Monday **November 28th** at the Holy Family (located at 91 Ribblesdale Dr. Whitby ON) parish hall. For more details please call the office at 905 665 6470.

ST. LEO KofC BREAKFAST

December 11th following the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. Masses. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a full breakfast of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice in the Church hall. Adults - \$5.00, Children ages 4-12 - \$3.00 and Children under 4 - free. All funds received will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

CHRISTMAS CARDS, CAKES & SIGNS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Campaign Life Christmas Cards, Christmas Cakes and Christmas Lawn Signs after all weekend Masses in the vestibule.

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. Items necessary to the men who live on the streets include: new-only socks, underwear, toothbrushes and deodorant, shaving cream, foot powder, lip balm and Kleenex tissues. We cannot accept used clothing. Please drop off these items in the bins located in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for your continued support.




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