



St. Leo The Great

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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

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.

SAINT LEO THE GREAT PARISH'S
FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN
We're getting there!

St. Leo the Great Parish

Family of Faith Campaign Update

Campaign Goal – \$390,000.

Pledges received (as of Wed. Nov. 4) – **\$291,500.**

That's **75%** of our goal! 👍

Many of our parishioners will receive a phone call this week from one of your fellow parishioner/volunteers to discuss briefly with you the Family of Faith campaign and its goals and whether you will be making a pledge. If you have thought about it already you may wish to state the amount to the caller, however, we will not be taking pledges, Visa card numbers or banking information from you. This will only be asked of you when you yourself complete a pledge form. If you didn't receive one in the mail from the parish office you may pick one up at the new Family of Faith table in the vestibule.

Again, a sincere thank you to all of our parishioners who have already made a sacrificial gift and those who will do so in the weeks to come. (Fr. Charles)



Singing “Kyrie”

As we enter each different season of the Church year it is important that our liturgy resembles the “mood”, so-to-speak, of what that particular season is all about. In many parishes we have traditionally introduced the Greek form of the “*Lord, have mercy*”, which follows the Penitential Rite in singing

the three-fold *Kyrie* both in Advent and during Lent, although these two preparatory seasons have very different focuses and intents. In Advent, for example, we omit the singing of the *Gloria* at the beginning of Mass, not in a penitential way but in saving our energy to truly sing *Glory to God*, as the angels did at the birth of the Messiah. Part of the introductory rites of the Roman Catholic Mass, the *Kyrie eleison* (Greek for “*Lord, have mercy*”) is a song by which the faithful praise the Lord and implore his mercy.

The beginnings of the *Kyrie eleison* can be found in Holy Scripture, mostly in the book that served as the Church's first prayer book, the Book of Psalms (“Have pity on me, O Lord ...” Psalm 6:3).

Written origins of the *Kyrie* can be traced to the fourth century. In 390 A.D. the Gallic pilgrim lady Aetheria tells how in Jerusalem at the end of Vespers one of the deacons read a list of petitions and “as he spoke each of the names, a

crowd of boys stood there and answered him each time, ‘Kyrie eleison’ ... their cry is without end.”

The *Kyrie* was finally incorporated into the Latin sacramentary in the sixth century for Matins, Mass and Vespers, according to Canon 3 of the Synod of Vaison (529). I remember it like it was yesterday.

Since Vatican II, the *Kyrie* has been translated into English and is ordinarily prayed/sung by the assembly (which means everyone, ministers included) after the Penitential Rite, in keeping with the rubrics (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*). As a rule, each of the acclamations is said twice (e.g. Presider: “Lord, have mercy.” Assembly: “Lord, have mercy.” P: “Christ, have mercy.” A: “Christ, have mercy.” P: “Lord, have mercy.” A: “Lord have mercy.”)

Why is the *Kyrie* in Greek? It harkens back to the earliest years of the Church, when the members of the Church in Rome themselves used Greek, and Greek was the language of worship until about the middle of the third century. During the days of the Latin Mass, it was the only remaining Greek prayer.

ADVENT: HURRY UP.... AND WAIT!

The header to this bulletin article could, in some ways, sum up the difficulty for us modern day disciples in following the Lord and adhering to the message of Advent. I don't know about you or others, but I am not all that good at waiting sometimes, especially if I am in a hurry. There just never seems to be enough time, enough hours in the day to do everything that needs to be done. I walk around with a cloud of things that remain to be done, some things that need to be done in the next day or so - like the people that I need to call back, book an appointment with, or the bulletin article that needs to be submitted before the weekly Wednesday noon deadline. And there are those other things that we intend to look into doing - like getting back into shape (that is if I was ever *in shape*), but are easily put off until another day because there are so many other present demands. Someone once coined the phrase about the insistence of pressing present needs as the “tyranny of the urgent”, and boy does that phrase ever say it for me. The needs of the moment can serve as task masters to our days and even over the things we would rather be doing, no matter how important and essential those things may be. The Family of Faith campaign that has been in full swing these past weeks has added so much more to my daily schedule as there are so many people to contact, enlist and orient to what this campaign will promise for the good of both the Archdiocese of Toronto and our own parish.

And then Advent comes along and tells us, urges us, demands of us, that we stop what we are doing, whatever we are doing, and wait. Well, wait for what? Wait for Jesus. But Jesus already came over 2,000 years ago and we mark that coming as His birth, the Incarnation, with the celebration and feast we call Christmas. And we do, but in the wisdom of the Church and in the wisdom of the ages we are told to wait. In fact, most of our childhood remembrances of Christmas will remind us that this has

always been a difficult time of the year to wait particularly when we just couldn't wait to see what Santa was going to bring us or what would be waiting for us under the tree on Christmas morning. Just saying this reminds me of my youth and the Christmas morning anticipation.

As one of seven children I remember sitting on my brother or sisters bed late at night talking about Christmas and we would share with one another what excited us most about it. We would talk about what we had hoped to receive as a present on Christmas morn and would describe to one another what we most admired about that requested gift. Even just talking about it made us all the more anxious about getting it.

There is a greater anxiety that comes with getting older, I think. When you are young the whole world and the future it holds for you seems just beyond your grasp - and the horizon of its unfolding in reality always still so very far away. We can become anxious at times in starting to live out the dreams that come with growing up. Yet once the years start to tick by then there is a creeping desire to apply the brakes a bit and slow things down, especially as we discover that the older we get and busier we get. Time seems to accelerate and we start to wonder where the time has gone as we leave our youth in the distance of the past that, like a farm we just passed on a country road, seems to get smaller and smaller the more distance we travel from it.

A worthy entering into the "waiting" of this Advent will find us not passively anticipating Christmas but waiting for the present-tense searching for the Lord's return with joy. Jesus came in history (the past reality); Jesus comes to us now in the today moment (the present) and His future coming should be awaited with self-preparation and joyful hope. Advent will train us to be active disciples who await the coming of the Lord always. Happy Advent! (*Fr. Charles*)

Advent Prayer As I Consider the World Situation

God of comfort,

these times seem so uncertain, so scary.
The world seems darker than it has in the past
and I am less sure of myself.

Maybe that's a good thing; maybe now I am
turning to You with a realization that I need You
so much more and that my life is not in my own
control. Let me not forget all of those around the
world who are frightened at this moment. Help
those who are victims of terrorism and war. Be
with those who have lost so much in the past
year. Hold us all in Your loving arms and let us
be comforted by the strength and peace You want
to offer us through the birth of your Son, Jesus.

Thank you for the many gifts you offer us.

Mass Intentions – Dec. 1 - 6

Tues. Dec. 1 - 8:30 am – Vwe Sangkuhl+ req. Hilde Schmid
Wed. Dec. 2 – 7:00 pm – Joe Mercer+ and his daughter Kathy
req. Hilde Schmid
Thurs. Dec. 3 - 8:30 am – Robert St. Denis+ req. Madge St. Denis
Fri. Dec. 4 - 8:30 am - Gladigs Beardmore+ req. Jackie Winget
Sat. Dec. 5 - 5:00 pm - Eleanor Tomas+ req. Joe Tomsic & Family
Sun. Dec. 6 - 9:00 am – Alex+ req. The Smith Family
11:00 am – Eleanor Tomas+ req. The Frank Family

**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 p.m.**

**CONFIRMATION GRADE 7 – Parent Information &
Registration Meetings will be held on Thursday January 14
at 7:00 pm and on Sunday January 17 at 12:30 pm. Please
choose to attend one of these meetings. Please go to the
parish website at www.stleothegreat.ca for more
information.**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2015

The Christmas Mass times for 2015 are:
Christmas Eve–Thursday, December 24 – 5 pm & 8 pm
Christmas Day – Friday, December 25 – 9 and 11 a.m.

**2016 WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE
AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP IN THE 'QUIET ROOM'**

Knights of Columbus News

Campaign Life Christmas Cards \$8.00 package, Christmas
Cakes \$15.00 for small and \$25.00 large, "Keep Christ in
Christmas Lawn Signs" \$15.00 and Magnets \$2.00 each.
Available after all weekend masses in the vestibule.

Parish Breakfast - Sunday December 6 following the 9:00
& 11:00 am masses. A full breakfast of eggs, sausages,
baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice will
be served. Prices: Adults \$5.00, Children 4-12 years \$3.00,
Children under 4 free. All the money received from the
Breakfast will go to The St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank
you for your support.

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. 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
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