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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

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.

IN OUR NATIONS CAPITAL!

An 83-year-old Catholic priest has been arrested in Ottawa for advocating for free speech in the “bubble zone” which does not permit any pro-life demonstrations, prayer or presence of a person with a pro-life message within a certain proximity to an abortion mill. Father Tony Van Hee has been charged with intimidating or attempting to intimidate people going to the Morgentaler abortion center in downtown Ottawa, but Fr. Tony, with a sign he had on front and back of himself, never even mentioned the word abortion. The signs he displayed were about free speech. The sign on his front read: “The Primacy Of Free Speech: Cornerstone of Western Civilization.” The other sign on his back read: “Without Free Speech The State Is A Corpse.” A lawyer who is an expert in constitutional law is taking up the case in defense of Fr. Van Hee.

A first time offense under the new year old bubble zone law states that a first time offense can carry a fine of up to \$5,000. and six months in jail.

Fr. Van Hee has stated in response to the charges that “I will fight it on my own and if they fine me, I will not pay it and go to jail”.

He asked all pro-lifers to pray for him.

So, I invite all parishioners to pray for Fr. Tony Van Hee who has been charged in our nation’s capital for not only exercising free speech but promoting it as well. What have we come to when an elderly priest can be arrested for holding signs defending ones right to speak? Only totalitarian regimes would be found to do such things, but now it is here in Canada and quite frankly has been here for a while now while most of us good willed Canadians have slept.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

(Continued from last weekend’s article by our Cardinal Archbishop, Thomas Collins on the Prayer to St. Michael)

“Some of the terms found in the traditional prayer to St. Michael might be a bit unfamiliar, and so I offer the following reflections on the biblical and spiritual background to the prayer.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

One of our great Christian spiritual classics, the “Spiritual Combat” of Lorenzo Scupoli, reminds us of the struggle that we frail children of God experience in our quest for holiness. As G.K. Chesterton once observed, life is a journey, and a puzzle, but also a battle. Individually, and as a community of faith, we are called to make known the light and the love of Christ in the world where the darkness of violence and injustice too often reign. We are to imitate Christ in daily life, to love with the love of God on earth – to be like God. The very name “Michael” means “who is like God.” We call out to St. Michael the Archangel, to help us to be like God in our daily love of neighbour, and to defend us in this day of battle against all that is not of God.

In addition to the internal spiritual battle against the temptations so sin, which we all face, we are also engaged individually and as a community of faith in a great struggle against evil in this world, a world in which we find injustice and violence of all kinds, and great persecution of

Christians and other believers, with so many killed and so many forced to flee their homes. More near at hand, in our own secular society we encounter the cold grip of the culture of death, manifested in the tragic reality of abortion and euthanasia, their grim reality masked by deceptive language. We also must sadly recognize the infiltration of evil in the Church itself, in which some priest and bishops have been guilty of abusing those entrusted to their spiritual care. Though it is certainly true that it is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness, in so many ways we are engaged in a struggle against darkness.

...be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

We should not make “the devil made me do it” an excuse for our sins; Satan tempts but does not compel. God has granted free will to each of us, and constantly guides and sustains us in the exercise of our free will not only directly, but also indirectly through His saints, like St. Michael. But we are vulnerable to the snares of temptation. Each of us should reflect on the account in Genesis 3 of the tempting of Adam and Eve. That biblical passage reveals a common pattern of human folly and pride. It is a mirror in which, if we are honest, we can see ourselves. An inflated ego can lead anyone astray, and we can so easily succumb to the snares of temptation.

Christian tradition identifies three basic sources of temptation: the world, the flesh, and the devil. The world, the environment in which we live, which is scarcely conducive to a life of virtue, can ensnare us in temptation. Temptations can also come from within, from the flesh, and it is helpful to examine our consciences daily using the categories of the seven deadly sins, which are really facets of the temptations of the flesh: pride, anger, envy, greed, laziness, lust, and gluttony. And, finally, we can be tempted by the devil, the fallen angel of temptation. Read Matthew 4:1-11 for the description of the temptation of Jesus in the desert. Recognition of the Satanic dimension of evil is part of our faith, and anyone who has even for a moment observed or experienced the resilient reality of evil in this world will not ignore it. We should not over-emphasize or dramatize this fact of reality, or unhealthily dwell upon it, but we ignore it at our peril.

We can so easily be naïve, and fail to recognize the cosmic context of the earthly struggle against evil. St. Paul corrects that when he writes “Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”(Ephesians 6:11-12) Along with the world and the flesh, which we can comprehend more easily, the devil is a powerful source of temptation to evil, and those who have beheld or have experienced the sheer diabolical wickedness of some of the evil in this world will not fail to acknowledge that. So we work diligently to eradicate evil, and hold accountable those who engage in it, and most importantly we offer the alternative of sacrificial love, in the imitation of Christ. But we also engage in fasting, and in prayer, and especially the Prayer to St. Michael.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,

In all our struggles we totally depend on the action of God. In Revelation 12, which is the main scriptural source for the Prayer to St. Michael, the vision of God's protection of the Church encourages the disciples of the Lord in the midst of their struggles on earth. We also call to mind the words of Jesus in Matthew 4:10: "Begone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.'"

...and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

All is done by the power of God, and we simply ask that St. Michael be our protector, acting always by the power of God, keeping in mind the words found in the First Letter of Peter, which along with Revelation 12 is a scriptural foundation for the Prayer to St. Michael: "Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you. Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you. Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith..." (1 Peter 5:6-9) Joyfully, confidently, and serenely trusting in God, we nonetheless always need to be vigilant in battling against every form of evil, and we ask St. Michael to come to our aid in that battle.

1. I encourage everyone to pray the Prayer to St. Michael regularly.
2. Parishes and other institutions of the archdiocese should celebrate the feast of St. Michael, patron of our archdiocese, each September 29 with particular solemnity.
3. I encourage all parishes to pray the Prayer to St. Michael after Mass, after the dismissal and before the Closing hymn.

REMINDER ALL YOUTH

Edge Nights (Grades 6 – 8) every **Thursday, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.

Highschool Youth Nights every **Tuesday, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.

GIFT OF SECURITIES

You can now support the Church using securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds.). You will not have to pay any capital gains on your gift and you will get a tax receipt for the full amount. Also, you can divide up your gift to as many Archdiocesan charities as you wish (e.g. Parish Offertory or building fund, ShareLife, The Shepherds' Trust etc.). For more information please contact the Parish Office or the Development Office or the Archdiocese at 416-93403411 or at development@archtoronto.org

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Book of Remembrance is on the lectern in front of the statue of Mary for the month of November. Parishioners may write the names of their deceased relatives & friends in the book.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 6th

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 7th

7:00 p.m.

Intentions of O'Brien Family
Intentions of Fr. Phil Jones

Thursday, November 8th

8:30 a.m.

† Josie Shields

Friday, November 9th

8:30 a.m.

† Fr. Bill Addley
† Stefan Sabala
† In thanksgiving for blessings received

Saturday, November 10th

4:30 p.m.

† Stefan Sabala

Sunday, November 11th

9:00 a.m.

† All Souls in Purgatory

11:00 a.m.

† Deceased Members of Benedetto Tuzi

CRAFT & VENDORS' FAIR

Saturday, Nov. 10 - St; Leo's Craft & Vendors' Fair 9:00-3:00 in the parish hall. Christmas shopping made easy. Free admission. Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League in support of our foster child in Haiti. Call 905-620-0724 for info.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Saint Vincent de Paul will once again have Christmas Angels to provide a happy Christmas for the less fortunate. Watch for an insert in the bulletin coming soon. Angels will be available the weeks of Dec. 1/2 and 8/9. If you know of a family in need please call Peggy Primeau at 905-655 9692.

VOCATION SEEDS

"To love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding, and with all the strength" and "to love one's neighbour as oneself" are the greatest commandments. If you feel that God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, **Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997**, vocations@archtoronto.org, www.vocationstoronto.ca

KofC BREAKFAST

St. Leo Knights of Columbus will serve Breakfast in the Church hall on November 11th. following the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. Masses. Everyone is invited to enjoy a full Breakfast of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice. Adults - \$5.00, Children ages 4 - 12 - \$3.00, and Children under 4 - free. Hope to see you there.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MOMS!

Join our Mother's Ministry! What keeps you motivated as you balance work and life? Our topic for November is the Working Mom and we will discuss how we manage work inside, outside and around the home. Our next meeting is on **Wed November 14 at 8pm in the Quiet Room**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Contact annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com or visit www.catholicmomsgroup.com for more information. **New members are always welcome!**



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