

St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 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.

**FIRST COMMUNION 2016-2017
PARENT MEETINGS & REGISTRATION**

Parents of children in Grade 2 (7 years old) who wish for their child to prepare for and celebrate *First Holy Communion* at St. Leo the Great Parish are asked to choose to attend one of the two offered Information Meetings. (It is not necessary to bring the children to the meeting.)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 7:00 PM.

or

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 AT 12:30 PM.

(following the Sunday 11 am. Mass)

Parents are asked to go to our parish website — stleothegreat.ca to find information about the preparation process, the dates for First Reconciliation and First Communions, etc. Parents are reminded to bring with them:

- a copy of their child's RC Baptism Certificate,
- the downloaded and completed Registration Form,
- a \$50. as a donation to the parish to assist in covering costs.

We look forward to celebrating with you and your child Christ's gift of His Body and Blood.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

The parish will now have new office hours which will both serve the needs of our parishioners while allowing for the many daily office tasks to be efficiently administered. In order to better accomplish this dual role the new office hours will be:

MONDAY TO THURSDAY

9 am. to 3 pm.

with the office closed for one hour from 12 noon to 1:00 pm. for lunch each day.

The office will continue to be closed on Friday's.

"THROUGH MY MOST GRIEVOUS FAULT"

Since the new Roman Missal came out about 5 years ago many of the responses found in the Latin Mass were reinstated. Formerly, before the recent changes we simply said, "... I have sinned through my own fault". Now we are used to saying when we recite the Confiteor,

***"Through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault."***

as we correspondingly strike our breast three times as well. I vaguely remember someone who was questioning this restored formula posing the situation of a holy nun living a life of prayer in a cloister having to now say "*My most grievous fault*", somehow suggesting that the word 'grievous' wouldn't apply to her or to anyone else who is living an exemplary Christian life.

But this could be a dangerous approach to our relationship with God because I think it could lead to a sense that because I am close to the Lord I am free of some of the religious burden of sin. Trust me, I've personally seen this trend in those who, because

they go to church each Sunday can take a Sunday or two off each year when on vacation, which begs the question whether Mass is seen as enjoyment or endurance, feast or fast, response to a great invitation or putting in an hour or less in a church?

St. Paul in writing to the Romans: (Romans 3:23) states,

"...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Notice that St. Paul doesn't eliminate the righteous person or the one who follows the law of the Lord. Rather, all, everyone without exception falls short because we all sin, for scripture says that even a righteous person sins seven times a day. Only if we have moved toward the loss of a sense of sin can we think we are somehow *good enough* for God.

Again, I think of the powerful and useful image given by Bishop Robert Barron when he speaks about sin. He uses the image of driving in your car away from the sun with a dirty, bug spattered and dirt smeared windshield. As the driver you can easily tell that the windshield needs a clean but you're still able to see through it as you drive and may not treat it as an issue at all. However, if you change your direction and drive toward the sun, the full impact of the dirty windshield on your ability to see becomes evident as you furiously try to use the washers and your wipers to clean the dirt from the windshield so you can safely see the road ahead. You might even stop to clean the window before you proceed down the road.

The same can be said of ourselves. If we journey in life away from God we can think we are doing pretty well. Our moral windshield might not be perfect but we're doing okay. Comparing ourselves to the light around us can lead us to think that we don't need to change anything nor clean our windshield for maximum visibility and sight. We can easily consider the really bad people (the 'sinners') to be those whose names appear in the newspapers and on the news who have committed terrible crimes, and we compare ourselves to them thinking I am not perfect but I'm not as bad as they are. That is, until we bring our lives before the radiant, intense, all-illuminating light of Jesus Christ and then all our flaws, sins and silly human thinking come to bear on who and what we really are. St. Peter's recognition of his sin in denying Jesus brought him to cry out to Jesus, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Yet the Lord won't do anything of the kind. Instead he, knowing what we are made of, pursues us, loves us, offers his mercy to those who recognize they have "*fallen short of the glory of God*".

Holiness means to be set apart from everything else in this world for God. The holy Sister living a life of prayer is still a sinner like every person on the face of the earth, save the Blessed Mother. No saint in the Church's rich history would or could boast that they had no sin, in fact, so often the opposite is true. As their life drew them closer and closer to the heart of Jesus they were more and more aware of their sin, their unworthiness and their greater need for God. All sin grieves the heart of our God.

Is it any wonder we are so confused today about sin? One only has to look at the U.S. Presidential race (to the bottom) over the past few weeks and the mainstream medias' so apparent bias toward support of Hillary Clinton and against Donald Trump. The Second Candidates Debate which took place last week saw both

candidates pointing to what I would call the sins of the other. Hillary called out Trump on the scandal about him which had just broke a few days earlier when a video recording of Donald Trump talking about women was released. Mr. Trump had said crass, derogatory and degrading things about women as he talked with another man. It was shameful, no dispute. Hillary, using her well-rehearsed lines she had developed over the many days of rest she had before the debate obviously thought she would capitalize on the media storm as she sought to expose Donald Trump as being demeaning of women. This from a woman whose own husband, a former president, had a history of not just saying but doing things to women I wouldn't dare print here, all the while Hillary attacked and villainized these women, even threatening them and worse. And the media has largely and so obviously left Bill Clinton's sins and Hillary's own sordid past and horrific political track record untouched while the media feigns shock over what Donald Trump had said eleven years previous with no mention of what Bill Clinton did in action. This of course is the same media which drove the movie *Fifty Shades of Gray* to be an all-time hit as it depicts degrading things toward women. Where was the outcry toward this movie from the mainstream media? It didn't exist, in fact, they loved it and celebrated it and made it known and popular. Yet Donald Trump says something in a private conversation that is revealed to the world and the media pretends it hasn't heard anything worse, ever. (Can you tell which side I'd be on were I an American?)

My point is, sin is sin. We can't delight in sin but should call it out particularly when it is so public. The debate began with a question from the studio audience which reminded both candidates that "our children are watching". True. Whether sin is committed by the holy man or woman who desires to be a saint or the person who lives devoid of any semblance of a sense of sin. All of us have fallen short of God's glory. He is the One who picks us up, wipes away our sins, makes clean our spiritual windows so that we can see again. He is the One who came to call sinners to himself, a saint being a sinner who falls and, by God's grace, gets back up again.

So, indeed, all of us can rightly and with remorse say, "Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.", for all have sinned.... but we shouldn't be content to leave it that way. *(Fr. Charles)*

MASS INTENTIONS – OCT. 11 - OCT. 16, 2016

From Tues., Oct. 18 to Thurs, Oct. 20 there will be no daily Masses as Fr. Charles is attending the Priests' Seminar.

Fri., Oct 21 – 8:30 am – Susan Martin+

CONFIRMATION CLASS #3 IN THE PARISH HALL ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19 – 7 PM TO 8:30 PM.

St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Annual Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016 in the parish hall after the 5 pm Mass. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for youths 4-12 and children under 4 are free. Please enter parish hall from Carson Street.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Every parish across the world will celebrate this unique Sunday. It's a global sign of the Universal Church and Mission. Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is beginning, where it is new. Please be as generous as possible to the collection for the Propagation of the Faith, for more than 1200 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands and some of our Canadian dioceses that depend on the World Mission collection. Envelopes are available this weekend at the back of the church and in the vestibule.

The Holy Door Pilgrimage

Please join the St. John the Evangelist parish council in completing a third and final pilgrimage through a Holy Door of Mercy on Saturday, October 29. It will take place at Our Lady of Grace Shrine, Mary Lake, King City. The bus will leave the St. John the Evangelist Church parking lot at 8:30 am and will return by 3:00 pm. Cost of bus is \$10. To make inquiries or to reserve a seat, please contact Iris at 905-668-3218

Come and See Weekend

Friday, Nov. 4 to Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016 at St. Augustine's Seminary Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please contact (the Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email : vocations@archtoronto.org

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. that will be held in the Mausoleum at Resurrection Catholic Cemetery in Whitby.

Holy Family Parish CWL Annual Bazaar – Sat, Nov 5 - 9 am to 6 pm and Sun, Nov 6 – 9 am to 2 pm. A full breakfast and hot lunch will be served (Sat only). Many Christmas gift ideas, handmade items such as quilts, table runners, aprons, knitting as well as home baked goodies and apple pies. Also, a penny social raffle for cash prizes. Santa will visit from 11 to 12:30. Lots of fun and something for everyone.

St. Mary of the People Catholic Women's League will be hosting their annual "Tree Lights Bazaar" on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 9:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall at 532 Stevenson Rd. N., Oshawa. Events featured will be Baking, Penny Sale, Flea Market, Tea Room & Raffle.




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