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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.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 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 Manuel Duterte* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If Father Manuel 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.

'Some People Are Deserving of Incivility' ???

In a July 2014 article online found on [The Daily Signal](#), Catholic Ryan Anderson addressed the words of New York Times reporter Josh Barro who tweeted to Ryan that "some people are worthy of incivility" alluding that anyone who defends traditional marriage is not worthy to be treated with respect and dignity. Imagine what a person who is for same sex marriage would say if it was said of them that their stance made them unworthy of people treating them with civility? Yet, there it is – bullying at its best (or worst). Why would I print this in the bulletin in the first place, you might ask? Because, simply, the sign of a healthy society is a society where we can have a discussion, even an argument over issues. But very few discuss issues anymore. If you are pro-life and you attended the March For Life in Ottawa last year you would have seen 25,000 people (men, women, children, the elderly) come together to make a statement for the sanctity and protection of the Unborn. In the outskirts of that assembled crowd you would have also seen and certainly heard an opposing voice of those who are so-called pro-choice. I say 'heard' because though they were few in number, perhaps 40-50, they were venomous in their words, women stripping off their tops as adults and children walked peacefully by. Their hateful taunts were all the more heated for any priests they laid their eyes on. This isn't debate – rather it is hate and anger that says we will not discuss this issue – we will shut you up and shut you down.

That is pretty much what we've seen in the Marriage Debate, if it can be called a 'debate' at all, over whether same sex couples should be able to marry. The problem is, while it seems that so many have sided with the proponents of same-sex 'marriage', they have done so with little to no argument. I'm sure many Catholics who know someone who is homosexual, because they love and care for them, have passively given their personal endorsement saying, "Why shouldn't they be able to marry like everybody else?" That's where we need to have discussion and debate and, as our Cardinal Archbishop said when he spoke at our parish last week, "use faith and reason".

Ryan T. Anderson is one such gutsy Catholic who has participated in that debate and discussion so necessary to society at large. He takes on a NY Times reporter over his idea that those who are for Traditional Marriage, warrant 'incivility' heaped on them.

As I recounted Monday at [The Daily Signal](#), The New York Times reporter Josh Barro thinks some people are "unworthy of respect." Yesterday Barro doubled-down and tweeted back at me that "some people are deserving of incivility." He argued that I am such a person because of my views about marriage policy. You can see the entire exchange below and [on my twitter page](#). What Josh Barro says or does doesn't really affect me. I'm not a victim, and I'll keep doing what I do. But incivility, accepted and entrenched, is toxic to a political community. Indeed, civility is essential for political life in a pluralistic society.

It also has deep roots.

The Hebrew Bible tells us that all people are made in the image and likeness of God and have a profound and inherent dignity. Sound philosophy comes to a similar conclusion: as rational beings capable of freedom and love, all human beings have intrinsic and inestimable worth. And so we should always treat

people with respect and dignity—we should honor their basic humanity. We should always engage with civility—even when we sharply disagree with them. Faith and reason, the natural law and the divine law, both point to the same conclusion.

Just as I think the best of theology and philosophy point to the conclusion that we should always treat people with respect, so I think they show that marriage is the union of a man and a woman—and that redefining marriage will undermine the political common good.

The work that I've done for the past few years for The Heritage Foundation has been at the service of explaining why I think this to be the case. Bookish by nature, I thought the best contribution I could make to public life was to help us think about marriage. So while my early work after college was in philosophy and bioethics, and my graduate coursework was in the history of political philosophy, I put my dissertation about economic and social justice on hold so I could devote myself to this debate at this crucial time.

Along with my co-authors, a classmate of mine from Princeton and a professor of ours there, we set out to write a book making what we considered the best philosophical argument for what marriage is and why it matters. Our book seemed to help the (U.S.) Supreme Court think about the issue, as Justice Samuel Alito alluded to it twice. The reason I've written various and sundry policy papers for Heritage, and traveled across the country speaking on college campuses, and appeared on numerous news shows (including, of course, Piers Morgan) is that I know the only way forward in our national debate about marriage is to make the arguments in as reasonable and civil a spirit as possible.

Some people, like Barro, want to do everything they can to shut down this discussion. They want to demonize those who hold contrary viewpoints. They want to equate us with racists and claim we are unworthy of respect and ought to be treated with incivility. This is how bullies behave. In all of recorded history, ours is the first time where we can have open and honest conversations about same-sex attraction and marriage. This discussion is just beginning. It is nowhere near being over.

All our fellow citizens, including those identifying as LGBT, should enjoy the full panoply of civil rights—the free exercise of religion, freedoms of speech and press, the right to own property and enter into contracts, the right to vote and have a fair trial, and every other freedom to live as they choose, consistent with the common good.

Government redefinition of marriage, however, is not a civil right—nor will redefining marriage serve the common good. Indeed, redefining marriage will have negative consequences.

We make our arguments, in many fora, as transparently as possible. We welcome counterarguments. And we strive to treat all people with the dignity and respect they deserve as we carry on this conversation.

One of the most unfortunate parts of my exchange with Barro last night was his reaction toward those who identify as LGBT and aspire to lives of chastity. They freely choose to live by their conviction that sex is reserved for the marital bond of a husband and wife. Some of them also seek professional help in dealing

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with and perhaps even diminishing (not repressing) their same-sex sexual desires.

I have written in their defense and against government coercion that would prevent them from receiving the help they desire, [as New Jersey and California have done](#). Barro describes my support for their freedom as “sowing misery...doing a bad thing to people...making the world worse.”

There really is anti-LGBT bigotry in the world. But Barro does a disservice to his cause when he lumps in reasonable debates about marriage policy and the pastoral care that some same-sex attracted persons voluntarily seek out as, in his words, “anti-LGBT.” If we can’t draw a line between real bigotry and reasonable disagreement, we’re not helping anyone.

This debate isn’t about restricting anyone’s personal freedom. However it goes, people will remain free to live their romantic lives as they choose. So too people who experience same-sex attraction but aspire to chastity should be free to lead their lives in line with their beliefs, and to seek out the help they desire. We can have a civil conversation about which course of action is best—but let’s leave aside the extremism.

Barro asks, “Why shouldn’t I call you names?” My answer is simple: you should not practice the disdain and contempt you claim to abhor.

All my life, I’ve been educated at left-leaning institutions. Most of my friends disagree with me about these issues. But they’re still friends. And their feedback has made me a better person.

My final tweet to Barro is where I still remain committed: “people on all sides of LGBT debates and marriage debates need to find a way to discuss these issues without demonizing anyone.”

From Love, By Love, For Love – Fr. Michael Schmitz

Father Michael Schmitz explores some of the most difficult topics in the Church today. With compassion, clarity, and humor, he shows that the Church’s teachings on contraception and same-sex attraction are rooted in the yearnings for authentic love that is hot-wired in all of us. This talk is geared towards young adults, however the message is meant for all of us. Fr. Michael challenges us to remember that every little thing we do to our bodies matter because we are made in the image and likeness of God...We know that our culture does not promote this. It tells us that we have the right to do what we want with our bodies, and we have witnessed the unfortunate results of this mentality. Also, If you struggle in defending the Church’s teachings on homosexuality and gay-marriage, then I highly recommend this CD. Fr. Michael thoughtfully explains why homosexual sex/marriage is wrong and how the “media” seems to try to tear down Catholicism for it’s supposed “hatred,” this CD reinforces the fact that this is FAR from Catholic teaching. Francesco Bianco

For more information on this and other CDs, please visit [Lighthousecatholicmedia.org](#)

Also, check out our Lighthouse Catholic Media display in the vestibule for other great titles.

Please return baby bottles to the box in the Quiet Room no later than Friday October 24. Thank you for supporting Rose of Durham.

MASS INTENTIONS

There will be no daily mass from Oct. 21 to Oct. 24 as Fr. Charles will be attending the Priests’ Seminar.

Sat., Oct. 25 – 5:00 pm – Steven Closs+ Req. by the Closs Family

Sun., Oct. 26 – 9:00 am –For the Intentions of the Bayer Family

Sun., Oct. 26 – 11:00 am – Edmund Beaudette+ Req. by the Plommer Family

The Rosary Apostolate in the Schools

Through the Rosary Apostolate, children are experiencing the power of the Rosary! Dedicate your time to praying the Rosary with children once a month in our Catholic Elementary schools. The Rosary Apostolate is welcoming new members. Please call Judy Delaney at (905) 655-0227.

The Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner is on Saturday, Oct. 25th at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Tickets

are \$15 adults, children 4-12 are \$10 and under 4 are free. The dinner is being catered by Bella Notte Restaurant. Tickets are on sale this weekend.

Campaign Life Catholics

Campaign Life Coalition presents two pilgrimages to sacred places in Quebec and in Washington, D.C.

Quebec – Friday, Oct. 24 to Sunday, Oct. 26, 2014

Holy Doors at Notre Dame du Quebec *St. Anne de Beaupre*

Cap de la Madeleine - \$295each – 2 people sharing a room

Washington, D.C. & Pennsylvania – Nov. 21-24, 2014

Watch the biblical play “MOSES” come to life on stage, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception* and more - \$650 each (4 people to a room) \$698 each (2 people sharing) and \$750 for solo.

Contact: Yoli at Campaign Life Coalition 416-204-9749 or 1-800-730-5358.

St. Michael’s College School

The Office of Admissions of St. Michael’s College School is now considering applications for September 2015. Open Houses for interested parents and their sons will be held on the following evenings: Thursday, Oct. 23 and Tuesday, Oct. 28 commencing at 7:30 pm and concluding at approx.. 9:00 pm. Location: St. Michael’s College School, 1515 Bathurst Street (at St. Clair Ave. West). While St. Michael’s is a private school, we offer academic scholarships and financial aid to qualifying students. Please register at [www.stmichaelcollegeschool.com/admissions](#) under Open House Information.

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A parishioner who is in the nursing profession has recommended a fellow nurse who has provided live-in nursing care for an elderly couple who are relocating out of the country. She is available to any elderly couple who would be interested in having a live-in care-giver beginning this November. If interested call the parish office for contact information.




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