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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.

Congratulations Altar Server Award Recipients for 2018

Isabelle Sims-Fortin,
Isabella Gitej
Isiah Gobind

Angel Lazaro
Jonathan Gitej
Brian Rogers



The annual Altar Server Awards Mass was held in our parish last Saturday with Aux. Bishop Vincent Nguyen presiding and presenting the awards. Six of our above named altar servers were presented with their awards and we are proud of their service to the Lord and to the parish at the altar of the Eucharist each Sunday and at School Masses and other

liturgies, such as weddings, funerals, etc.

A special tribute of thanks goes to the **Catholic Women's League** of our parish who prepared the reception lunch following the awards in the parish hall. As always, the food was exceptional. Thank you ladies!

Also, our appreciation goes to the **altar servers** who served at the Mass as well as the **ushers, Magda, our parish Office Manager** and the **NET team** who provided the music. Thank you one and all. You did our parish proud!

What is Jesus doing in the Tabernacle? Is he like Sleeping Beauty?

By Alexander Shimpf

There's actually a figure from the Old Testament who gives us a clue ...

Somewhere, in one of his numerous books, the Catholic philosopher Peter Kreeft asks this question: "What is Jesus doing in heaven right now?" The answer is classic Kreeft, at once pithy and profound: "Praying for you." The only real way to improve upon Kreeft's answer is simply to draw a further inference: If Christ is praying for us right now in heaven, then he is also praying for us right now in the tabernacles of the Catholic churches on earth.

We are sometimes tempted to think of the Eucharist as something holy yet inert, kind of like Sleeping Beauty. But that is incorrect; we should strive to change our habits of thought in this regard. To enter into the presence of the Eucharist is, instead, to enter into the presence of a Person who knows us and is praying for us at that very moment. Christ's prophetic words about the Temple in Jerusalem find their fulfillment in your local parish church: "My house shall be a house of prayer" (Luke 19:46).

Christ never ceases praying for each of us before God the Father, whether on earth or in heaven. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* makes this point in #662, "Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he 'always lives to make intercession' for 'those who draw near to God through

him.'" Again, let that thought sink in: Christ doesn't stop praying for us. Ever.

The need for someone like this, someone who loves us and literally never stops asking God for good things for us, is revealed even in the Old Testament. In Exodus 33:7-11, the intimate prayer of Moses with God is described. A designated place for prayer, a "tent of meeting," was set up outside of the Israelite camp. As Moses would enter this tent, a "column of cloud" would descend upon it, signaling the presence of the Lord, to whom Moses would then speak "face to face, as one man speaks to another." With their intercessor standing before God, the Israelites would then begin to pray "at the entrance of their own tents."

Yet the Sacred Scriptures include one additional detail, one that foreshadows the unceasing prayer of Christ: Although the prayer of Moses would eventually end, and he would return to camp, his young assistant Joshua "would not move out of the tent." In the abiding presence of Joshua there is a suggestion that intercession to God on our behalf should not actually come to an end. While we exist, it is fitting that our existence should be lifted to God in prayer. It is fitting that anytime we pray—whether "at the entrance to our tent," or anywhere else—our intercessor should be standing before God.

But we can dig deeper still. Why is it fitting to have an intercessor before God as we pray? Or, putting the question back in terms of the story from Exodus, why did the Israelites rise and pray at the entrance of their own tents as Moses prayed? Why did that somehow seem like the right time for personal prayer? Surely it was because of that "column of cloud" that indicated the special presence of God. While the people might have known in some abstract way that God was always present to them, the cloud was a tangible reminder, a summons to prayer. In this sense, the prayer of Moses *enabled* the people's prayer. His prayer called down the presence of God in their midst, prompting them to pray.

Yet what is only prefigured in Moses and Joshua is fulfilled in Christ. Christ's unceasing prayer before God the Father is truly what enables our own prayer. In praying, Christ gives us the gift of prayer.

How does Christ do this? How does he give us the gift of prayer? Again, the presence of God is the key. We can say that Moses "made God present" to the people in a visible but sporadic way through the column of cloud that descended upon the tent of meeting. But Christ makes God present for us in a lasting and personal way by unceasingly asking the Father to send the Holy Spirit into our hearts. Christ is the mediator "who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit" (CCC, #667).

The Holy Spirit is the fire Christ wishes to cast upon the earth (Luke 12:49), the one who teaches us to pray and unites us to Christ. In receiving the Holy Spirit, we receive the gift of prayer at its very source, God himself.

A few people have asked for a copy of the poem I wrote. I will put it in next Sunday's bulletin. (Fr. Charles)

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 23rd

8:30 a.m. † Carl De Cordoba

Wednesday, October 24th

7:00 p.m. Intentions of Margaret Forget

† Simone Mastrangelo

Thursday, October 25th

8:30 a.m.

Friday, October 26th

8:30 a.m. † Hallam Welch

Saturday, October 27th

4:30 p.m. † Steven Closs

Sunday, October 28th

9:00 a.m. † Christine Riley

11:00 a.m. † Ian Gardner

REMINDER ALL YOUTH

Edge Nights (Grades 6 – 8) will begin on **Thursday, October 18 at 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. No pre-registration is required.

Highschool Youth Nights begin on **Tuesday, October 23rd at 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** No pre-registration is required.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MOMS!

Join our Mother's Ministry! We meet once a month to talk about different topics of interest. Meet other Catholic moms from the neighbourhood and grow in faith and friendship! Our next meeting is on **Wed November 14 at 8pm in the Quiet Room.** Contact annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com or visit www.catholicmomsgroup.com for more information.

New members are always welcome!

VOCATION SEEDS

Jesus' life was the best 'job description': sympathy; mercy; service; compassion; and total giving. Life is rewarding when one lives for others. Do you want to serve or be served? If you are willing to serve 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 Annual Spaghetti Dinner

St Leo Knights of Columbus is inviting everyone to its Annual Spaghetti Dinner, complete with meat balls, salad, dessert, tea, coffee and soft drinks with beer and wine cash bar in the Church hall.

Date: Saturday, October 27, 2018 @ 6:30 P.M.

Tickets sold after each Mass

Adults - \$15.00

Youth 4 - 12 - \$10.00

Children under 4 – Free

SACRAMENTS 2018-2019

FIRST RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION

Registration in the Church – Parents only

Sunday, Nov 4 at 12:30 p.m. or

Tuesday, Nov 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Please bring:

- A Registration Form (available on our website)
- A **photocopy** of your child's Baptism Certificate
- \$50 registration donation

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

We still have some spots available for our parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land. At this time we would like to extend the invitation to those outside our parish. We would be leaving on **Saturday, March 2 and returning Tuesday, March 12, 2019.** If any of our parishioners would be interested in being part of this 10-day spiritual quest the cost is **\$2695** (double occupancy), plus airport tax & fuel surcharge (confirmed at **\$695**).

If you are interested in this journey to the Holy Land with our parish please email –

Catherine Duncan at catherine.duncan@sympatico.ca

To walk in the places Jesus walked and to hear the Gospel proclaimed in the very places it was first heard and to invite Jesus our Lord and Saviour to journey with us as we journey to Him in faith is the dream of a lifetime for many. Make it yours and come with us.

Our Lady of Guadalupe & the Theology of the Body

Presenter: Sr. Helena Burns, fsp,

Renown speaker in both Canada and the USA

Saturday, October 27, 2018 - 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

St. Bernadette's Parish

21 Bayly St. East Ajax.

What is it about Our Lady of Guadalupe and her message that has pierced so many hearts over the centuries? Come and listen to this extraordinary talk. Refreshments. Bring a friend. Contact Susan Kennedy 905-427-6137 or susangkennedy@gmail.com

St. John the Evangelist Parish

903 Giffard Street, Whitby

Marriage Preparation Program

**Tuesday Evenings, in the St. Joseph Room
from October 23 – November 27, 2018**

7pm to 9pm, in the St. Joseph's Room

Cost: \$150 per couple

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