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## 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.  
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 pick up a baptism package from Fr. Charles after mass.

### 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.

## ST. MICHAEL: ANGEL-DEFENDER

Every Sunday our parish prays a prayer dating from the time of Pope Leo XIII in 1884, asking St. Michael the Archangel to defend us in the spiritual battle that has confronted every human person since the time of Creation. This is spiritual help for a spiritual battle. Michael is a mighty Angel of the Lord!

*This is the true story of a Marine wounded at war in Korea in 1950. Father Walter Muldy, a navy chaplain who spoke to the young Marine and his mother as well as to the outfit commander, always affirmed the veracity of this narrative. We heard it from someone who read the original letter and retell the story here in all its details and in the first person to better convey some of the impact it must have had when first told by the son to his mother.*

Dear Mom,

I am writing to you from a hospital bed. Don't worry, Mom, I am okay. I was wounded, but the doctor says that I will be up in no time.

But that's not what I have to tell you, Mom. Something happened to me that I don't dare tell anyone else for fear of their disbelief. But I have to tell you, the one person I can confide in, though even you may find it hard to believe.

You remember the prayer to Saint Michael that you taught me to pray when I was little: "Michael, Michael of the morning..." Before I left home for Korea, you urged me to remember this prayer before any confrontation with the enemy. But you really didn't have to remind me, Mom. I have always prayed it, and when I got to Korea, I sometimes said it a couple of times a day while marching or resting.

Well, one day, we were told to move forward to scout for Commies. It was a really cold day. As I was walking along, I perceived another fellow walking beside me, and I looked to see who it was.

He was a big fellow, a Marine about 6'4" and built proportionally. Funny, but I didn't know him, and I thought I knew everyone in my unit. I was glad to have the company and broke the silence between us:

"Chilly today, isn't it?" Then I chuckled because suddenly it seemed absurd to talk about the weather when we were advancing to meet the enemy.

He chuckled too, softly.

"I thought I knew everyone in my outfit," I continued, "but I have never seen you before."

"No," he agreed, "I have just joined. The name is Michael."

"Really?! That's mine, too."

"I know," the Marine said, "Michael, Michael of the morning...."

Mom, I was really surprised that he knew about my prayer, but I had taught it to many of the other guys, so I supposed that the newcomer must have picked it up from someone else. As a matter of fact, it had gotten around to the extent that some of the fellows were calling me "Saint Michael."

Then, out of the blue, Michael said, "There's going to be trouble ahead."

I wondered how he could know that. I was breathing hard from the march, and my breath hit the cold air like dense clouds of fog. Michael seemed to be in top shape because I couldn't see his breath at all. Just then, it started to snow heavily, and soon it was so dense I could no longer hear or see the rest of my outfit. I got a little scared and yelled, "Michael!" Then I felt his strong hand on my shoulder and heard his voice in my ear, "It's going to clear up soon."

It did clear up, suddenly. And then, just a short distance ahead of us, like so many dreadful realities, were seven Commies, looking rather comical in their funny hats. But there was nothing funny about them now; their guns were steady and pointed straight in our direction.

"Down, Michael!!" I yelled as I dove for cover. Even as I was hitting the ground, I looked up and saw Michael still standing, as if paralyzed by fear, or so I thought at the time. Bullets were spurting all over the place, and Mom, there was no way those Commies could have missed at that short distance. I jumped up to pull him down, and then I was hit. The pain was like a hot fire in my chest, and as I fell, my head swooned and I remember thinking, "I must be dying..." Someone was laying me down, strong arms were holding me and laying me gently on the snow. Through the daze, I opened my eyes, and the sun seemed to blaze in my eyes. Michael was standing still, and there was a terrible splendor in his face. Suddenly, he seemed to grow, like the sun, the splendor increasing intensely around him like the wings of an angel. As I slipped into unconsciousness, I saw that Michael held a sword in his hand, and it flashed like a million lights.

Later on, when I woke up, the rest of the guys came to see me with the sergeant.

"How did you do it, son?" he asked me.

"Where's Michael?" I asked in reply.

"Michael who?" The sergeant seemed puzzled.

"Michael, the big Marine walking with me, right up to the last moment. I saw him there as I fell."

"Son," the sergeant said gravely, "you're the only Michael in my unit. I hand-picked all you fellows, and there's only one Michael. You. And son, you weren't walking with anyone. I was watching you because you were too far off from us, and I was worried.

Now tell me, son," he repeated, "how did you do it?"

It was the second time he had asked me that, and I found it irritating.

"How did I do what?"

"How did you kill those seven Commies? There wasn't a single bullet fired from your rifle."

"What?"

"Come on, son. They were strewn all around you, each one killed by a sword stroke."

And that, Mom, is the end of my story. It may have been the pain, or the blazing sun, or the chilling cold. I don't know, Mom, but there is one thing I am sure about. It happened.

Love your son, Michael

### MICHAEL OF THE MORNING PRAYER

**Michael, Michael of the morning, Fresh chord of Heaven adorning,  
Keep me safe today, And in time of temptation,  
Drive the devil away. Amen.**

OCTOBER 12, 2014

## First Reconciliation/Communion Parent Information Mtg.

There will be two Parent Information Meetings for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation/First Communion for all parents of children ages 7 (or in Grade 2). Parents are asked to choose one of the two offered meetings: Either **Thursday October 16 at 7:00 pm.** OR **Sunday October 19 at 12:30 pm.**

Parents are kindly asked not to bring their children. Please bring a photocopy of the original baptismal certificate for your child, and a \$50 Registration Fee. You may choose one out of 9 available Sunday Masses in the Easter Season 2015: The 3 weekend Masses are April 11/12, April 18/19 or April 25/26. Go to our website for full information and forms.

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Oct. 14 – 8:30 am - John Forget+ Req. by Susan McLaughlin  
Wed., Oct. 15 – 7:00 pm – Deceased members of Knights of Columbus  
Thurs. Oct. 16 – 8:30 am – Gerard Brennan+  
Thurs., Oct. 16 – 9:15 am – John Paul II School Mass (Church)  
Fri., Oct. 17 – 8:30 am – No Intention  
Sat., Oct. 18 – 5:00 pm – Tony Vonk+ Req. by Madelaine Vonk  
Sun., Oct. 19 - 9:00 am – In Thanksgiving Req. by Bayer Family  
Sun., Oct. 19 – 11:00 am – Tyler Cudney+ Mary & Gil Mailer

### 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 Breakfast** is on **Sunday October 19** following the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. Everyone is invited to enjoy another full breakfast of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice in the parish hall. Prices are: Adults \$5.00, Children 4-12 years \$3.00, Children under 4 free.

**The Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner** is on **Saturday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Holy Land Pilgrimage

Fr. Keith Wallace, pastor of St. Bernadette, will be leading a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – November 16-25, 2014. Cost is \$2595 plus tax. Airfare/4-star hotel/2 meals/admissions/daily mass/coachbus. Call Fr. Keith 905-683-1533.

### 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.

### Development and Peace

As part of the Caritas campaign against global hunger launched by Pope Francis, you are invited to join Development and Peace on Saturday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at St. John the Evangelist Parish, 903 Giffard St., Whitby from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm in our St. Joseph’s Meeting Room, to learn about our parish-based “Sow Much Love” initiative. Small-family farms are vital in the fight against global hunger but they are losing access to the seeds they need for planting. Come learn what you can do to help build a global food system that makes sense for the poor and for our planet. A **simple soup lunch will be served.** RSVP to Mark Lacy – (905) 668-1182. Mark.Lacy@dcdsb.ca.

### 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](http://www.stmichaelcollegeschool.com/admissions) under Open House Information.

### Celebrate Your Marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

Married couples: You deserve a weekend to cherish being together; to rediscover each other and focus on ways to make your relationship even better. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers this opportunity. Consider giving each other or another couple that you know the gift of a weekend away from daily pressures; time to be with each other and with God on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. See [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). Upcoming Weekend Date: November 7-9, 2014. For further info. or registration please contact: Cora & Mike Bryce (905-896-2958) or [coramikebryce@sympatico.ca](mailto:coramikebryce@sympatico.ca).







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