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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 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.

**ATTENTION! NEW MASS TIME
FOR SATURDAY 5:00 PM. MASS:
BEGINNING SATURDAY NOV. 11
MASS WILL BE AT 4:30 PM.
AND EVERY SATURDAY**

Spiritual Warfare *(Catholic day-long conference)*

On October 28th join Fr. Gary Thomas (exorcist) and Zachary King (Convert, Former High Wizard of a Satanic coven) at the Canada Christian College in Toronto for an exciting day of prayer, fellowship and inspiring talks that will equip and embolden you to fight the spiritual battle we are in while protecting yourself and loved ones. A reality check with messages of hope and mercy. Group and student rates available. All info and to purchase tickets: www.serviamministries.com/events/spiritual-warfare/, info@ServiamMinistries.com or 1-888-522-2070.

**HOLY HOUR RESTORED
TO A NEW TIME
FRIDAY MORNINGS FROM 7:30 – 8:30 AM.
FOLLOWED BY 8:30 AM. MASS**

Helpless or Hopeless? *by Dan Celluci*

“A person who is truly Christian is like this: passionate, given the power of resurrection, knowing that no evil is infinite, no night is without an end, no person is definitively mistaken, and no hate is invincible to love.” ~Pope Francis

When I’m not traveling, I drive my daughters to school. I usually have the news on the radio. As soon as I started the car last Monday, the first report was about the tragic event in Las Vegas. Quickly, I shut off the radio, not wanting Annie and Katie to hear the horrific details. At the next traffic light, I quickly checked my phone. My car has automatic locks and every day when I drop them off at school, I need to manually unlock the doors to let them out. On Monday, I pulled up in car line and, for a long moment, my finger hovered above the lock. I didn’t want to unlock the door. I didn’t want to let them out. I felt afraid and powerless to keep them safe. Annie’s kiss on my cheek brought me out of my paralysis and I eventually sent them off, but I couldn’t shake the feeling all day. I later relayed the experience to a friend. I told him of the helplessness I felt. His question was interesting to me, “Dan, are you feeling helpless or hopeless?” He went on to share that we are, more or less, helpless to prevent terrible situations. However, recognizing our helplessness can bring us closer to the Lord and make us more conscious of our dependence on Him. Hopelessness, according to my friend, is something much worse. “It’s one thing to realize you’re not in control, it’s another thing to not believe He is.”

In my life and leadership, do I model belief in the “power of resurrection, that no night is without an end”? As I try to process this tragedy and the tragedies that may come, may my helplessness, my desperate need of God, allow me to unlock the doors of my heart (and my car), and bring others to the hope that comes in finding our help in Him.

ALTAR SERVER AWARDS 2017

Once again six of our parish altar servers have been chosen to receive an Altar Server Award from our auxiliary bishop, Vincent Nguyen on behalf of the Cardinal Archbishop of Toronto. To be an altar server is first of all a privilege as the server, seated close to the Eucharistic Lord, is one who offers not only their worship of the Lord in Word and Sacrament but also offers the work of their hands to assist in making Christ present.

This year our six recipients are:

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| Hannah Foley | Renée Foley |
| William Funnell | Helena Pham |
| Christian Senechal | Riley Thornhill |

The six recipients will receive a medal which they are instructed to wear the next time they serve at the weekend Masses.

Altar Servers Needed



As with all parish ministries there are always people who have served in a ministry for a time and then felt it was time to step aside or discerned that they could serve in another ministry according to their gifts. As well, there are always new ministers who will step forward and serve though this can present the parish with a bit of a challenge as often parishioners are somewhat reluctant to become involved even though they have the gifts necessary for a particular

ministry. Our altar server group is no exception. We are in need of boys and girls who feel called to serve at the altar as Altar Servers at our three Sunday Masses. (Currently we have only one parish altar server who attends St. Bridget school (our largest school), one who attends St. Leo school and many servers who attend St. John Paul II school.) Some of our altar servers have moved on to high school and no longer wish to serve while others have moved away in the last year. A healthy number of servers for each of the Masses ensures that servers share the schedule more evenly with others and that there are always servers available who can substitute for another sick or unavailable server. Parents, if your child has received their First Communion and would be well suited to serve at the altar for the weekend Masses, please speak to me (Fr. Charles) and I will give you the necessary information and a registration form. Your child will receive complete training with other children and young people who come forward to serve.

The gifts needed for an altar server are:

- Respect for the church and the sanctuary as a holy place where God lives among his people
- Respect for the Eucharist, Jesus’ body and blood
- an understanding that to serve at the altar of the Lord is a privilege
- a willingness to serve
- a healthy sense of prayer and respect in the presence of the Lord.

(Fr. Charles)

**EDGE LIFE TEEN
YOUTH MINISTRY**

Teens in grade 6 thru 12 are always welcome to join us weekly for Edge and Life teen nights. Mark your calendars for our next big social events. October 26th Edge "Holy-ween", November 11th Lifeteen "Illuminate". Don't miss out on all the fun and fellowship!

Edge Nights each Thursday evening for grades 6, 7 & 8
- Next Edge Night Oct 19th, 6:30 - 7:45pm.
Lifeteen Nights each Saturday evening for grade 9 - 12
- Next Lifeteen Night is Oct 21st, 6:15 - 7:30pm

To register go to our parish website stleothegreat.ca and download and print the registration form. You can find it under the Youth Ministry tab on the home page. Registration forms are also available in the vestibule or can be picked up at the office during business hours. The nominal annual registration fee for both programs is \$40 per youth. You can bring the form with you to any of the nights or you can drop off the registration form with the fee at the parish office. If the office is closed, simply leave it in the outside office mailbox. For all Youth ministry inquiries please contact me, Dennis Wardle, personally at the church by calling (905) 655-3286 ext. 103 or email me at youth@stleothegreat.ca. Thank you everyone for your continued prayers and incredible support, Peace and blessings (Dennis Wardle, Youth Director)



The Sunday 11:00 am mass choir is looking for new members to join this already wonderful group. All ages and vocal abilities are welcome.

The only requirement is that you need to like singing. The choir sings at the 11:00 mass on Sundays and we rehearse on Thursday nights from 7:30 -9:00 pm. If you have been thinking about joining the choir, then now is the time to give it a try. Also, if you know someone who may be interested in joining, please encourage them to try it out too. For more information about joining this talented and fun group, please see Ted, the director, after the 11:00 mass or come out to the church on Thursday night at 7:30pm. He can also be reached by phone at 647-302-6996. Thank you.

THE LIVING ROSARY

Please come join us as we offer a night of prayers for those who are dealing with the recent natural disasters in the south. St. John's CWL is hosting the Living Rosary on **Thursday, October 26th at 7:30 pm - 8:15pm** in the Parish Centre. All are welcome including beginners and children gr.2+. All prayers and pictures provided through slideshow. Participants are welcome to say the Rosary in their native language! This Rosary includes colourful ropes, colourful lights, music, coffee/tea and of course cake!

Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Fri, Oct 20 | 8:30 a.m. | Elisa Polenta + Int of Rosemary White |
| Sat, Oct 21 | 5:00 p.m. | Int of Joyce Gay |
| Sun, Oct 22 | 9:00 a.m. | Maria Caprio + |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Thomas & Josephine Mitchell + |

There will be no daily Masses from Tue, Oct 17 to Thur, Oct 19

VOCATION SEEDS

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Ever wonder what St. Vincent de Paul is all about? The St. Leo the Great Conference of St. Vincent de Paul has been working to help the needy for many years. They are a group of volunteers who gather each month to pray, plan their charity work for the upcoming month and to report on the previous month's activities. From the generous donations they receive, they are able to assist numerous families year around. If you would like to get involved please call Peggy Primeau 905-655-9692.

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

The St. Leo the Great Knights of Columbus are inviting everyone to the Annual Spaghetti Dinner on October 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tickets sold after each Mass. Adults \$15.00, Youth (4-12) \$10.00, Children under 4 Free.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

Upcoming Weekend: **October 20-22, 2017** (Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga)


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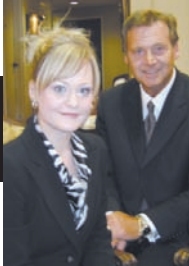
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