



# 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](http://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 Victor Amole* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If Father Victor 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.

## The Rosary: Praying With Fire



October is the month of the Rosary. The Rosary is a form of prayer many older Catholics pray, perhaps fewer middle-age people follows, and thanks to the Rosary Apostolate in our parish and in many others, children are learning, perhaps for the first time in their lives, the beauty of this prayer which began more than 800 years ago – even before St. Dominic to whom it is attributed to – it has been a traditional Catholic prayer and tool composed of a series of Our Father's and Hail Mary's.

However, lest anyone should be tempted to reduce the Rosary to a pious but harmless prayer, we should understand that in modern times the Rosary is described as a powerful tool in fighting against evil. Time and again I have read the writings of mystics and saints, exorcists and lay people who claim that the answer to so many of the ills of this world and the great flood of moral decay and paganism, is in the simple but faithful recitation of the Most Holy Rosary.

Granted, for some Catholics the Rosary beads themselves are a kind of blessed object which they then hang in their cars from the rear-view mirror as a sense of safety and protection. For many others, the Rosary is profaned as a religious object as it is worn as jewellery, perhaps even fully intentionally at that as if to mock Christ, Mary and all that they symbolize and stand for.

For those who reverence it and have had their Rosaries blessed by a Priest and devoutly call on the Lord and with Mary meditate and ponder the great mysteries in the life of Jesus Our Lord, it is powerful prayer and dedicated service to the mandate to pray.

But just what are we really doing when we pray the Rosary? What is this power, this fire that we have as we meditate on the mysteries and say the Our Father's, Hail Mary's and Glory Be's? Well, take this from the Chief Exorcist of Rome, Fr. Gabriel Amorth:

*“One day a colleague of mine heard the devil say during an exorcism: “Every Hail Mary is like a blow on my head. If Christians knew how powerful the Rosary was, it would be my end.” The secret that makes this prayer so effective is that the Rosary is both prayer and meditation. It is addressed to the Father, to the Blessed Virgin, and to the Holy Trinity, and is a meditation centered on Christ.”*

Saint John Paul II in his Apostolic Letter on the Rosary, (2001) wrote:

*“The Church has always attributed particular efficacy to this prayer, entrusting to the Rosary... the most difficult problems. At times when Christianity itself seemed under threat, its deliverance was attributed to the power of this prayer, and Our Lady of the Rosary was acclaimed as the one whose intercession brought salvation.”*

Still, it is not only because a saint and an exorcist have spoken positively about the power of the Rosary that makes it so effective and even essential to the world – it actually brings about so much good for souls in the world. The *Our Father* is a model for prayer given to us by Christ Himself. The *Hail Mary* prayer is composed of scripture and a petition by the Church asking Mary, the Mother of Jesus, to pray for us in life and at the moment of death. As our Cardinal Archbishop has said, those two statements from the *Hail Mary* sum up everything we are to live for and die for: now – this present moment in this journey we call life, and at the hour, the moment when we die. That's really everything. And asking the Mother of the Saviour to pray for us during our earthly pilgrimage and at the time when we will leave this world and these bodies of ours behind. Could we ask for any more than heavenly help through life and death from the Mother of the Saviour who gave her to us from the Cross?

Personally, I have prayed the Rosary on and off throughout my life. There are times when I've prayed it every day and then other times when I've neglected it altogether for months. Yet there is something beautiful and peaceful about it that becomes a rhythm of prayer within us.

Pope John Paul I said that the Rosary is just saying “I love you” to Jesus and to Mary over and over again.

Venerable Fulton Sheen once told the story of a couple who were engaged to be married who had come to hear one of his talks, the subject of which was the Rosary. After he gave the talk, the young couple approached Bishop Sheen and the man, who had expressed interest in becoming a Catholic, said to the Bishop, “After your talk on the Rosary I don't want to

become a Catholic". The Bishop asked, "And why not?" The young man replied, "because I don't think anyone who keeps repeating the same thing over and over again is sincere."

Bishop Sheen asked the man,

"Who is this woman with you?"

The man replied, "My fiancé. We're planning to get married soon."

"Do you love her?" asked Sheen.

"Of course I do!"

"How does she know?", asked the Bishop.

"Because I told her", said the man.

"When did you tell her?"

"All the time. I tell her when I pick her up for a date. I tell her when I drop her off at home following each date. In fact, I told her this morning on our way over here to hear you speak." replied the young fiancé.

Turning to the woman, Sheen said to her,

"If I were you I wouldn't marry this man."

The woman asked, "Why not?"

Bishop Sheen stated, "I don't believe he's sincere. He just keeps going around repeating the same thing over and over again."

In this month of October, the month of the Rosary, let us take up our Rosaries and commit to pray for this world, our lives, our needs and for others. Use carefully this great weapon of beads which can change the world by our persistence. Let us take up again this powerful tool capable of answering all the prayers of the world. Please pray for our parish, for the Universal Church, for Pope Francis and all who lead us.

*(Fr. Charles)*

## FIRST COMMUNION 2016

### 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 22 AT 7:00 PM.**

or

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 25 AT 12:30 PM.**

*(following the Sunday 11 am. Mass)*

Parents are asked to go to our parish website — [stleothegreat.ca](http://stleothegreat.ca) to find full 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, and \$50.00 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.

## Mass Intentions – October 20-25

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday masses and Holy Hour CANCELLED, as Fr. Charles will be attending The Toronto Archdiocese Priests' Seminar**

Fri. 23 - 8:30 am – John Fox+ req. The Hallihan Family

Sat. 24 - 5:00 pm – Steven Closs+ req. The Closs Family

Sun. 25 - 9:00 am – Violet Blight+ & Eugene Crouse+  
req. The Blight Family

11:00 am – In Thanksgiving Carla Marchione req.  
The Franssen Family

## Rose of Durham – Baby Bottles

**Reminder:** Please return baby bottles to the box in the Quiet Room no later than Friday October 23. Thank you for your continued support.

## Big Band Dance: Saturday November 21

**Reminder:** Get your tickets for our upcoming Big Band Dance in the parish hall on Saturday November 21. Limited number of tickets available. Please call Donna 905-620-0724.

**Cherub's Cupboard** will be here selling religious articles in the church vestibule this Sunday October 18 after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses.

## THE NEW EVANGELIZATION WORKSHOP – OCTOBER 26

### Guest Speaker – Dr. Josephine Lombardi

The Catholic Teachers' Guild of Durham is pleased to present Dr. Josephine Lombardi of St. Augustine Seminary, who will give a talk on The New Evangelization.

An engaging speaker, Dr. Lombardi has spoken at the Dynamic Women of Faith and When Faith Meets Pedagogy conferences.

The evening is designed of all Catholics, to bring together the Home, School and Parish in Christ's call to make disciples of all nations. Please join us on Monday October 26 at 7:00 pm in the St. Leo the Great parish hall (entrance Carson Street). \$20/person (includes light refreshments) payable at the door. Email [emrleblanc@gmail.com](mailto:emrleblanc@gmail.com) or call 905-666-2010 x 4039 to reserve your seat.

## ROSARY APOSTOLATE IN OUR SCHOOLS

### Volunteers Male & Female Needed:

St. Leo the Great Rosary Apostolate are seeking volunteers who have Devotion to the Mother of God and who are willing to visit our elementary schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month. Please pray about joining this blessed ministry and contact Judy at 905-655-0227 for more information. Training will be provided.

**Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services** – Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday, November 7 at 2:00 pm that will be held in the Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery in Whitby. All Welcome!







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