



# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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](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 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.

## THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Rosary. It's jewellery to some, a trinket to others, considered a good-luck charm when placed on a car's rear view mirror and is often worn by rock stars and porn stars alike devoid of its powerful use as a tool against the Devil. That's right, the Devil. In an article he wrote several years ago, Fr. Gabriele Amorth, the late chief exorcist of the Vatican, wrote on *The Value of the Rosary*:



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.

I write in addition to the above: Please enunciate each word of the Rosary clearly and distinctly. Do not trample on the heels' of the words of anyone with your words. Do not speak over the leader, if you are following, or the responders if you are leading the Rosary. Remember that they also are having a conversation with Mary Our Mother and it is not polite to speak when someone else is speaking.

In the case of the public Rosary there are only two people speaking, the Leader and the Responders. Each are speaking to their Mother and listening carefully to her response within their hearts as they meditate on the scene before them in their consideration of the mystery being spoken of and interpreted and translated into their lives. Spread this powerful prayer of exorcism, The Rosary which contains the Our Father, the Perfect Prayer, prayed five times in the recitation of each set of the Rosary's Mysteries, backed up by the powerful prayers of Our Mother who prays with us as we pray 53 Hail Marys. The Eternal Father described to a group of us, through a Visionary Friend of mine, what happens when we pray the Rosary, saying, "When you pray Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now... the Blessed Mother comes instantly to your side to pray with you. And she does not come alone. She brings angels with her. And not just one or two for she is the Queen of Angels, so choirs of angels come with her. And she and Jesus are joined at the heart and cannot be separated so she brings Jesus with her. And Jesus cannot be separated from the Trinity so He brings the Father and the Holy Spirit with Him.

And where the Holy Trinity is all of creation is and you are surrounded by such beauty and light as you cannot imagine in this life. Your Mother comes as Our Lady of Grace with her hands out-stretched. Rays of light emit from her hands piercing your body, healing you and filling you with graces. This is your inheritance which was poured out from the heart of Jesus on the Cross, when the centurion pierced His Heart with the spear, into the only pure vessel ready to receive such graces at that time, Your Mother.

Now as you pray the Rosary, or even just recite one Hail Mary, you receive your portion of these graces." He also said at this time, "Anyone who goes to Mary and prays the Rosary cannot be touched by Satan." Is it any wonder that anyone who prays the Rosary from the heart is so blessed and protected and powerful in their prayers for others?"

## PRAYING THE ROSARY



One of the easiest temptations in the practice of faith, attending Sunday Mass and prayer is to think we are keeping God, Mary or the Saints' company. While that's a nice thought the reality is that we are the beneficiaries of prayer as well as those we bring to prayer. Prayer is never doing God a favour for we are the beneficiaries because when we pray, prayer changes us.

Sometimes we pray only when the going gets tough or when the self-centred world we might be living in suddenly starts to crack and crumble – and in desperation we pray. We tell God that we're desperate or afraid or unsure. We might even make a promise to give Him something if He will only get us out of our mess. We tell God we will do the things we should be doing anyway in our Christian life and even sometimes altogether dismiss Him when we don't get what we wanted and when we wanted it. And because God is God, He understands.

In the simplicity of the Rosary is found prayer; repetitive, known by heart, and utterly calming and powerful. Some have criticized the Rosary as just the mindless repeating of the same words over and over again. Yet every Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory-Be is saying to God and His Blessed Mother, "I love you." The repetition allows our minds to wander toward the mystery we have just announced and are pondering. We pause to look at the scene and to be present in all of the scenes of the Sorrowful, Glorious, Joyful and Luminous mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary as they speak and relate directly to our way of life today. For example, the first Glorious Mystery is the Resurrection. We know by the story that three days after his horrible, gruesome death on the Cross, he came back to life by the power of the Holy Spirit. It was the last thing his disciples would have expected for they saw him die, even though he had told them several times that he would suffer death and three days later, rise. For our lives it speaks also of the event which has fulfilled God's saving plan. His death is our death, his Resurrection is our Resurrection to eternal life. Through him we also rise to new life that will last forever but changes our lives right now in our response to following him. To pray the Rosary is to waste time with God, and that's time well wasted. (*Fr. Charles*)

## UPDATE ON OUR FAMILY OF FAITH PROJECTS

This past January 2016 saw the end of our Family of Faith parish campaign with the 222% reaching of our goal which means our expected set goal to raise \$390,000. was exceeded

in our raising of \$867,000. 25% of the goal set for us of \$390,000. would remain with our parish and 75% of that goal would go to the Archdiocesan Family of Faith. Anything over our set goal means that we keep 75% of what we raise and 25% goes to the Archdiocese. Therefore, \$97,500. (25%) of our set goal will return to our parish and 75% of the remaining \$477,000. raised will also return to our parish equaling (\$357,750.) while 25% will go to the Archdiocese (\$119,250.). The total amount of money that will return to our parish would be about \$455,250., understand that any parish with debt, such as ours, would pay half of their own raised money toward their debt. So over the next five years \$227,625. will go toward our parish debt and the remaining \$227,625. will be used for our replacement of new LED lighting for the church and in hiring a full-time youth minister.

### LED LIGHTING PROJECT

One of our parishioners, Jason Smith, who has a wealth of experience in A/C, Heating and Mechanical as well as lighting has been serving our parish well and personally assisting me greatly in meeting with various lighting companies to present them with our lighting situation and the proper solutions for us. He has been working on this since early spring and the task of getting various contractors in to look at our current lighting and replace them with LED fixtures has been an interesting one to say the least. All of the first vendors offered us LED lighting that would only be suitable in a warehouse but would blind parishioners if they ever looked up. One company, using one of our lower current fixtures, installed an LED light just so we could see the difference. The result, unfortunately, was piercing blinding light.

The next phase took us to church lighting experts and while one reputable company offered to make new fixtures equipped with LED, the price was astronomical and out of the question. Another company offered three beautiful choices for church fixtures and their price was within our budget range, so we are now looking at the cost of an electrical company making necessary changes to the wiring so that we will have visibly pleasing church fixtures that will go well with our church interior and will also have dimmable, LED lighting that will be warmer but offer good reading light for the pews.

### FULL TIME YOUTH MINISTER

One of our priorities is to hire a full-time youth minister. Through the Family of Faith campaign, parishes like ours who carry a considerable debt are offered long-term financial assistance from the Archdiocese in hiring a Youth Director. Since this has been announced many parishes have received funding help from *FofF* so that they are not impeded from being able to hire a qualified person to lead parish youth ministry. The problem is, many of the top qualified people have already been hired in parishes. A few people have approached me telling me they are interested in the position but I feel that I would like to have a wider group to choose from so that we will choose the right person for the job. We already have the Youth Mass in place (2 years now this November) under the gifted and capable direction of parishioner Dennis Wardle. We will have to focus on the hiring of someone who is best suited and dedicated to working with young people. We will endeavour to advertise, interview and hire an energetic person who loves the Lord, the Church and the youth with a special heart. Let us ask God to continue the great work he has begun both in us and among us. *(Fr. Charles)*

### ALTAR SERVER AWARDS 2016

Our parish is pleased to announce the six recipients of the Annual Archdiocese of Toronto Altar Server Awards for 2016 from our parish:

**Kyla Armstrong**  
**Joshua Mullin**  
**Kathleen Rogers**

**Breyanna Gobind**  
**Jacob Nowak**  
**Madeline Tabash**

These six St. Leo the Great Altar Servers received their awards at St. Isaac Joques Church last Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from our Regional Bishop, the Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen, at the annual Altar Server Awards Mass for the Eastern Pastoral Region. We are proud of all our servers and encourage them to continue to serve well at the Altar in our parish and congratulate our six recipients of this special award this year. (Fr.C)

### MASS INTENTIONS – OCT. 25 - OCT. 30, 2016

Tues., Oct. 25 – 8:30 am – Intension of Margaret Forget  
Wed., Oct 26 – 7:00 pm – Oliveen Trainor+ req. by Sullivan Family  
Thur., Oct 27 – 8:30 am – Jason Mercer+  
Fri., Oct 28 – 8:30 am – Mark Doris+ req. Larry & Brenda Berault  
Sat., Oct 29 – 5 pm – Steven Closs+ req. Closs Family  
Sun., Oct 30 – 9 am – Vincenzina Mammone+ req. Tuzi Family  
11 am – Int of Josephine & Carlos Felipa

### CONFIRMATION CLASS #4 IN THE PARISH HALL ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26 – 7 PM TO 8:30 PM.

**St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Annual Spaghetti Dinner** – Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016 in the parish hall after the 5 pm Mass. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for youths 4-12 and children under 4 are free. Please enter parish hall from Carson Street.

### Coffee Sunday – Next Sunday after the 9 am and 11 am Masses in the Parish Hall.

**A big thank you to all St. Leo Parishioners & Friends** who were able to support this year's BAZAAR. Whether you donated or bought books, candy, crafts, home baking, preserves, toys, Kids Zone, Christmas items, penny social items, Knights of Columbus breakfast and/or lunch, take-out food, your participation was greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the hardworking bazaar volunteers who spent many, many hours preparing for and cleaning up after the event. It's always good to see so many people working together and enjoying each other's company. We hope everyone had a good time. Thank You one and all !  
The Gourmet Christmas Tree Raffle Winner – Claire Baker

**This is World Mission Sunday.** Every parish across the world will celebrate this unique Sunday. It's a global sign of the Universal Church and Mission. Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is beginning, where it is new.

### Come and See Weekend

**Friday, Nov. 4 to Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016 at St. Augustine's Seminary.** Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please contact (the Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)



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