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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

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.

BE HOPEFUL, DESPITE EVERYTHING



Archbishop Joseph Ratzinger in 1977

It is always a little sad when the miracle doesn't happen. So, when the Supreme Court waved its magic gavel last summer (in the U.S.) and rhetorically ended the citizens' debate over the newly discovered "right" to same sex marriage, the decision was greeted with frustration and a deep sense of betrayal on the part of many faithful Catholics. We had hoped our highest court still capable of a rational ruling.

For many the decision was ominous, both as an indicator of just how far we have come off our moorings as a society, and of how law and government will now be bent against the truth and those who defend it. After all, to tell a lie you must deny the truth, but to sell a lie you have to silence it.

It was, of course, quite clear which direction the court was leaning before the vote, so the decision itself was not shocking. But the rhetoric the court used to defend it, and the triumphalist crowing of the opinion makers in society that greeted it was sobering, indeed. No further denial is possible; the forces arrayed against us are formidable—in strength if not sanity.

In the wake of all this, we are left to wrestle with the question of where we go from here.

In substance, I think *Obergefell* simply reaffirms what we already know to be true: the divide between the Catholic Church and our increasingly secular culture is widening, and there are rough times ahead for Catholics, and for the Church as an institution. The signs of the times flatly contradict the assumption that it will continue to be business as usual for the Catholic Church.

As the volume and vigor of those opposed to both Church teaching and our right to teach it grows, it is becoming clear that we, as Catholics and followers of Jesus, are now an island of unwelcome oddballs in the ocean of the new paganism, and the tide is coming in.

And while the cultural counter-narrative to reality is ever more deeply entrenched—as evidenced by *Obergefell*, and surreal instances like the disparate response to the undercover Planned Parenthood parts-trafficking videos and the killing of Cecil the Lion—it is no cause for despair. The threat of the immoral, anti-religious social consensus rising around us may be fairly new to us, but it is not at all new to Mother Church. This is by no means her first rodeo.

What all this called to mind, for me, was then-theology professor Josef Ratzinger's 1969 radio address, in which he speculated that the Church would become much smaller, much poorer, and much more marginalized in the years to come. For anyone watching the turning of the tides in society, it seems like his assessment is both prophetic and imminent.

Societal sea changes notwithstanding, what we must not miss is that Ratzinger also said the Church would become both stronger and more faithful—a pruned tree ready once again to flourish and bear the fruit capable of nourishing man, and healing a poisoned culture. Most importantly, he foresaw that postmodern man—in the despair born of a life lived in thrall to the empty ideologies of the post-Christian culture—would find in the Church the home he had always been searching for.

The Church, so envisioned, would certainly be a Church of persecution, maybe even martyrdom, but we have been here before. *Obergefell*, and the ringing exultation of the growing immoral minority which followed, recalled sharply to me the astonishing reality that, at its origins, the Church was essentially 12 men leading a couple hundred faithful followers against the massive, institutionalized cultural, moral, and intellectual paganism of Rome. And yet, astoundingly, these 12 men and their disenfranchised followers won, and they won by witness not warfare. They paid dearly for the victory—as Christ promised his followers they would—but they won.

They were, as we are, an island of unwelcome oddballs in an ocean of paganism.

This should serve as a rousing reminder to us that to Christ belongs the victory. The work of evangelization in his Church is his, not ours, and both in life and death we belong to Christ, not to the world. Our part is to put on the full armor of God and step boldly into the fray. The rest is a work of the Holy Spirit, in which we are privileged to have been granted a part.

If we can remember this truth, and stand in it, we will be able to give the same joyful witness the first Christians did, and it is that witness—given in some cases even unto death—that won the world, and can do so again.

When the day comes when this new paganism has exhausted itself and collapses, and that day will come, the faithful Church will be there—indeed will have always been there—to welcome and gather our brothers and sisters broken and disillusioned by what this brave new world promised, and failed to deliver. This is what Benedict saw all those years ago, and it is for this reason that we, the faithful remnant on Oddball Island, must strap on our sandals and shoulder our packs for the long, good work before us.

The Church, the Bride of Christ, has what the world needs. In every age, she is pleased to give her truth, goodness and beauty to her children, so that we, in turn, might give it to the world. It is the only effective inoculation against the diseased ideologies that obscure the truth in our time, and the only adequate answer to the lies of a world gone mad; the world in which the Church, then and now, must work and witness.

So let us, to whom the great good news of the Gospel has been entrusted, be sharp and ready weapons in the Holy

Spirit's hands. Let us diligently learn our faith, live our faith and share our faith, come what may, out of love for Christ and the multitudes around us dying for lack of the nourishment that only the Church can give.

In the dark days ahead, the earliest saints and martyrs may be our brightest beacons. May God grant that, through their intercession and the patronage of our Blessed Mother, we may have the courage, faith and humility to follow their lead; leaving the island to put out into the deep for a catch.

Steve Greene is Director of Kino Catechetical Institute at the Diocese of Phoenix, and co-host, with his wife, Becky, of The Catholic Conversation radio show, which airs on Immaculate Heart Radio in Phoenix. (Crisis Magazine)

Parish Feast Day –Nov. 10 @ 5 pm

Two Anniversaries Celebrated:

November 10th is the annual Feast Day of our parish patron, St. Leo the Great, and each year on this date we celebrate with an evening Mass which begins with a brief procession from the parish hall to the church. We will celebrate our name day on

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10TH at 5:00 pm.

but this time we expect the church will be full as our neighbouring school, St. Leos, will be with us to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of their school.

Normally we celebrate our Feast Day Mass at 7 pm., however, the school has requested we hold it at 5 pm. so that they can hold their reception at the school following the Mass. There will, of course, be local dignitaries who will speak following the Mass and make presentations.

Plan to attend if you are able to make it to the early Mass time of 5 pm.

An interesting part of the history of the school and the parish for the future will derive from our two different names – St. Leo's School and St. Leo the Great Church. St. Leo's was the name of the school which was actually founded before the parish was. The school was founded in 1965 and St. Leo the Great Parish was formed 20 years later in 1985 with Fr. Maloney as pastor. You need to know that in the history of the Church there are many different saints with the name of Leo, however, somewhere along the line between 1965 until the time I came here as pastor in 2009 the parish experienced a name change, or perhaps it would be better to say a name clarification. Older documents from the parish contain letterhead which simply said "St. Leo's Church", however, the cornerstone of the church, which was dedicated in 2006, clearly stated "St. Leo the Great". The stained glass window above the entrance to the church was that of Pope St. Leo the Great as well as the bronze statue at the back of the church. It was all rather confusing and the bank as well as the Government had us listed as "St. Leo's Church". So, I contacted the Bishop and we successfully applied for and received canonical approval that we officially be recognized as St. Leo the Great Church, and subsequently, that approval has been accepted by our bank and the government as well.

Our namesake is the famous historical pope who reigned as Supreme Pontiff in the early 5th century and withstood the forces of none other than Attila the Hun himself, convincing him with words not to march on Rome.

Mass Intentions – October 27 – November 1

Tues. Oct. 27 8:30 am – Denys William Delhanty+ Req. J. Winget
Wed. Oct. 28 7:00 pm – John Fox+ Req. Fox Family
Thurs. Oct. 29 8:30 am Lionel & Georgine Murphy+ & Peggy & Lloyd Murphy+ Req. Jackie Winget
Fri. Oct. 30 8:30 am Ken Wesley+ Req. St. Leo CWL
Sat. Oct. 31 5:00 pm Elizabeth Lim+ Req by her daughters
Sun. Nov.1 – ALL SAINTS DAY

REMINDER – NOVEMBER 1 – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR.

ST. LEO THE GREAT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE HOLDING A RECRUITMENT DRIVE IN THE PARISH HALL ON THE WEEKEND OF OCT. 31/NOV. 1 AFTER ALL THE MASSES.

ST. LEO'S C.W.L. - CRAFT/VENDORS SALE – Sat., Nov. 14 - 9 am to 3 pm in the parish hall. Free Admission. Something for Everyone! Christmas Shopping Made Easy!

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.

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 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 is 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 discern and pray about joining this ministry. Contact Judy at 905-655-0227 for more information. Training will be provided.

THE NEW SUNDAY MISSALS GO ON SALE THIS WEEKEND - \$5 EACH. AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE.


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




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