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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 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (followed by 8:30 a.m. Mass)

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 4:30 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 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 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.

The Prayer to St. Michael, Patron of the Archdiocese of Toronto

by Cardinal Thomas Collins

St. Michael is the patron saint of our Archdiocese, and several of its central institutions. After the death of Michael Power, our heroic first bishop, St. Michael's Cathedral was dedicated on the Feast of St. Michael, September 29th, 1848. It is fitting that, as a community of faith, we celebrate our heavenly patron, St. Michael the Archangel, and that we ask for his intercession.



We hear about St. Michael in the Bible, especially in the Book of Daniel and in the Book of Revelation, which remind us that the personal struggles that each of us confronts during our brief passage through this earthly life, and the challenges that the Church itself confronts, are all set within the majestic perspective of the triumph of good over evil that is made clear in Rev. 12, and that is reflected as well in Ephesians 6. God calls on each of us to engage courageously in a battle against evil that transcends our individual life story, and to help us to seek the intercession of St. Michael.

For many years the traditional Prayer to St. Michael was prayed at the end of weekday Mass. In 1994, Pope John Paul II referred to it: "May prayer strengthen us for the spiritual battle that the Letter to the Ephesians speaks about: 'Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.'" The Book of Revelation refers to the same battle, recalling before our eyes the image of St. Michael the Archangel. Pope Leo XIII certainly had this picture in mind when, at the end of the last century, he introduced throughout the Church a special prayer to St. Michael:

'St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil...' Although this prayer is no longer recited at the end of Mass, I ask everyone not to forget it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world." Pope Francis has also recommended this prayer.

The Prayer to St. Michael is deeply rooted in the Word of God and in the living faith tradition of the Church. Each of us can so easily become caught up in the illusions of our rich and individualistic society, but the Prayer to St. Michael reminds us of the stark seriousness of the daily battle against evil in all its forms. It is a bluntly realistic prayer in its recognition of the harsh fact of evil, something from which we can all tend to avert our gaze. More than that, however, it is a joyfully confident expression of serene trust in the power of God. That is the source of our joyful hope; it is the divine energy that drives the evangelization of the world. Like all prayers addressed to Our Lady or to any of the other saints, this prayer addressed to St. Michael really leads us to Christ, our merciful Redeemer, whom we and all

the saints worship as Our Lord. It also encourages us in our individual struggles when we realize that all of the saints in the whole Communion of Saints love and support us. We are not alone. *(To be continued...)*

GLORY STORIES

Our NET Team of seven young adults have been busy among us and with our youth ever since they stepped out of their van.... running, keenly focused on the task that God has given them to fulfill in our parish with our youth. They have already spent much time in our elementary schools putting on *Encounter Days* which, through skits and song, prayer and open hearts expose our young people to an experience of God. The following are some of the many comments made by the Grade 6, 7 and 8 students at St. Pope John Paul II school following their *Encounter Day*:

- *When we were doing prayer-ministry I felt peaceful and quiet. Praying to God made me feel like God was there with me, I felt closer.*
- *Because everyone was holy and kind. They were very fun to be around, and I felt closer to God because they talked to us and they were just amazing.*
- *I feel closer to God now that I finally took my time to think about Him and listen to Him.*
- *Because the two people that came over to me made me feel really good, then I was very grateful, and I felt God talking to me!*
- *Because during reflection time I just felt closer to God.*
- *I felt when we were praying that God was with me.*
- *During prayer ministry I just felt closer to God because we got to sit by ourselves and pray to God about anything we wanted.*
- *It opened my heart and made me feel good about myself, it brought me closer to God.*
- *I feel closer to God because before today I did not pray that much or think about God, but today I feel like I connected with Him more.*
- *I feel closer to God because the NET team showed me more things about Jesus.*
- *I feel closer to God because I know wherever I go, including my family, He is always with us.*
- *A lot of reflection time, time to read about my faith, and time to feel emotion. Thank you, Net Team!*
- *Before today I didn't really talk to God or feel as close to Him as I do now. Form the games and prayer I feel like it helped me to become closer with God. Thank you!*
- *The stories and prayers made me realise that God loves me with all His Heart.*
- *I felt closer because I got extra time to pray and express my thoughts on being Catholic to the team.*
- *I felt closer to God because everyone told us why they grew closer to Him and when they said those things I felt closer to God too.*
- *Anonymous - Brought me back to Him.*

- *At first, I didn't believe that God is with you all the time but now I know that God will always love you no matter what.*
- *At first, I didn't pray to God, but then I tried praying. That was the first time I meant it for real and I felt God here with me, I felt warmth and joy.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 30th

8:30 a.m. † Vincenzina Mammone & Attilio & Maria Tuzi

Wednesday, October 31st

7:00 p.m. † Theresa McGuire

Thursday, November 1st

8:30 a.m. † Oliveen Trainor

Friday, November 2nd

8:30 a.m. † Alice Launay
† Alex Mitchell

Saturday, November 3rd

4:30 p.m. † Antonio Tamburro

Sunday, November 4th

9:00 a.m. † Hallam Welch
11:00 a.m. † Deceased Members of Anna Maria Mammone & Family

REMINDER ALL YOUTH

Edge Nights (Grades 6 – 8) every **Thursday, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. No pre-registration is required.

Highschool Youth Nights begin on **Tuesday, October 23rd at 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** No pre-registration is required.

CRAFT & VENDORS' FAIR

Saturday, Nov. 10 - St; Leo's Craft & Vendors' Fair 9:00-3:00 in the parish hall. Christmas shopping made easy. Free admission. Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League in support of our foster child in Haiti. Call 905-620-0724 for info.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Saint Vincent de Paul will once again have Christmas Angels to provide a happy Christmas for the less fortunate. Watch for an insert in the bulletin coming soon. Angels will be available the weeks of Dec. 1/2 and 8/9. If you know of a family in need please call Peggy Primeau at 905-655 9692.

KofC BREAKFAST

St. Leo Knights of Columbus will serve Breakfast in the Church hall on November 11th. following the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. Masses. Everyone is invited to enjoy a full Breakfast of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice. Adults - \$5.00, Children ages 4 - 12 - \$3.00, and Children under 4 - free. Hope to see you there.

SACRAMENTS 2018-2019

FIRST RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION

Registration in the Church – Parents only

Sunday, Nov 4 at 12:30 p.m. or

Tuesday, Nov 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Please bring:

- A Registration Form (available on our website)
- A **photocopy** of your child's Baptism Certificate
- \$50 registration donation

HOLY LAND WOOD ART

The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem-The Birth Place of Jesus-is selling their handcrafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area. The past few years have been extremely hard for the community as a result of declining tourism. Some Christians responded by fleeing the Holy Land, and the absence of a living Christian community is very dangerous for the Holy Sites such as the Church of The Nativity.

On November, 3rd & 4th, we will be having some of their beautiful art held for sale in an effort to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Holy Land Wood Art, contact Jenny at 647-292-4462 or email us at jihanwoodart@hotmail.com

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MOMS!

Do you want to connect with incredible women who will pray for you and your family? Do you want to learn a little bit about your faith that will make a big difference in your life? Join our Mother's Ministry! We meet once a month and discuss different topics of interest. Our next meeting is on **Wed November 14 at 8pm in the Quiet Room.** Contact annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com or visit www.catholicmomsgroup.com for more information. **New members are always welcome!**

VOCATION SEEDS

The blind beggar Bartimaeus would not listen to the many people scolding him to be quiet, but shouted all the louder in prayer "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Only then did Jesus call him over and answered his need. Bartimaeus becomes a powerful example of how persistent we must be in prayer when we are asking God to show us His Will for our lives. And then, ask Him for the grace to accept it. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, **Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997, vocations@archtoronto.org, www.vocationstoronto.ca**



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