



St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday & Thursday 8 am to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday by appointment only.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 8:30 a.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 *Hospital Chaplain* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If the Hospital Chaplain 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. Mounir 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. Mounir, please call the parish office and leave a message with the parish secretary at 905-655-3286 ext. 1001.



Saturday, October 2nd

8:30 a.m.

4:30 p.m. † Eileen Clark

Sunday, October 3rd

9:00 a.m. † Vince Corvinelli

11:00 a.m. Intentions of Patrick Sullivan &
† Thomas & Josephine Mitchell

Tuesday, October 5th

8:30 a.m. † All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, October 6th

8:30 a.m. † Willard George
† Nicole Elizabeth Karousos

Thursday, October 7th

8:30 a.m. † Armenio Medeiros

Friday, October 8th

8:30 a.m. † Intentions of the Frank Family

Saturday, October 9th

4:30 p.m. † Geronima Rasco Puno

Sunday, October 10th

9:00 a.m. † Francesco & Tomasina Parente

11:00 a.m. † Michael & Ellen Jane Sullivan

Last Sunday reflection:

Unity of origin, purpose, challengers, and destiny for all humanity.

Jesus sees humanity as united one large family, all of us facing the same challenges and destiny. He stopped his disciples from casting mortal judgement on the Samaritan cities. He clearly taught that there is only one enemy for humanity, it is the evil one. He also taught us to pray for our enemies & do good to them who persecute us. Clearly it is a vision that sees beyond the here & now, a vision of eternal life.

One group in today's gospel was doing deeds of power in the Lord's name. This steered the envy of the apostles and they tried to stop them from doing ministry. Jesus said to them, leave them alone. This other missionary group are (are for us not against us) not enemies.

The Lord can call and send anyone he chooses to go and proclaim the gospel. The notion that good is not good unless I am the one who does it, is wrong. We share many good works with many charitable groups throughout the world. This becomes truer especially with Christian churches and missionaries.

Some of them cast out demons, and others heal in the name of the Lord. They do not have the fullness of the

faith as us, but they praise & love the Lord according to their tradition and creed of faith. It should give us Catholics joy and affinity towards them because they love God and they have the person of Jesus at the center of their faith. After all, God operates as he pleases within the established Church & without. In essence both they and we share in the works and fruits of the gospel.

A neat story from a Christian missionary non-Catholic group illustrates the fruits of mission work:

One Christian missionary group visited this remote village in order to preach the gospel to them. One day a young girl from that village did not make it back from school. The whole village went looking everywhere for her. When they found the girl, she was found with straight stretched arms in the mouth of a large Anaconda snake. Her stretched arms prevented her from being swallowed by the beast.

When they pulled her to safety they asked her how did this happen? She explained, I knew there was no way for me to run from it. At that moment I remembered how Jesus died and so I want to die like him on the cross with stretched arms. This was the only reason why the girl's life was saved that day. The Anaconda was not able to swallow her with outstretched arms.

Stories like this & charitable works by baptized Christians gives us hope and joy for our world. These missionaries are considered partners in spreading the word of God & his works. Here are some common things that unites us in faith and practice with these Christian churches: Scripture, the commandments, worshiping the same Lord, believing in the Holy Trinity, following the two great commandments - loving God and loving neighbour. We both do deeds of power and healing in the name of the Lord, worship with praise and song, and we do works of charity. These groups with many others that do good are also for us. Amen.

This Sunday: "From the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.'

Fr. Mounir EL-Rassi

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Non Possumus:
Blessed Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński



COVID-19 restrictions limited attendance at the beatification Mass of Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński on Sunday (September 12, 2021) in Warsaw, Poland, to seven thousand of the faithful. The beatification had already been delayed more than a year due to the virus lockdowns. But the restrictions and cloudy weather could not limit the sheer joy of the Cardinal's countrymen, nor their gratitude for the long-awaited event.

Wyszyński, beloved prelate and primate of Poland throughout the mid-twentieth century, **who faced down both the National Socialists of Germany during World War II and the repressive postwar Communist regime**, is a revered figure in Poland, on par with his colleague more well-known in the wider world, St. John Paul II. Wyszyński's landmark 1953 document *Non Possumus*, in **which he denounced the Communist regime's attempts to suppress the power of and interfere with the autonomy of the Church and the Faith in Poland as the last straw with which no compliance could be made, was a manly, stalwart, and truly pastoral response in the face of the forces of anti-Christ.**

Indeed, Wyszyński's efforts as a prominent figure in the Universal Church through the sixties and seventies in great part paved the way to the election of the Polish Pontiff himself, who credited Wyszyński with his papacy and who became the man most responsible for the downfall of the Soviet Union. **After Wyszyński's virtuous opposition became apparent, he suffered three years of imprisonment and isolation, forced to watch the torture of other prisoners.** Shifting politics allowed for his begrudging release in 1956, after which he secured the rights of the Church as untouchable by the state. The Communists did not dare again to challenge the authority of the Church in Poland.

The impact of Cardinal Wyszyński is a clear witness of the Faith, a white martyrdom that flies in the face of tyranny unto the glory of God. His testimony has potent implications for the hierarchy and the state of the world today, when the Church struggles not only against the powers of the world that have always attempted to confound her confession of Christ but also against the growing submission within her own ranks to earthly authority over divine authority. (...)

It is also profoundly symbolic that the beatification took place on September 12, the date of the momentous victory in 1683 of Polish King Jan III Sobieski, in relief of the army of the Holy Roman Empire at the Battle of Vienna, against the Ottoman Turks (the origin of the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary). It was the day Christendom was finally saved from a Muslim threat by the Polish Catholics riding under the banner of Our Lady Queen of Poland, to whom Cardinal Wyszyński had also entrusted his life and people.

It was Wyszyński who requested St. Paul VI declare her "Mother of the Church" during the Second Vatican Council. Under her mantle, Poland was not only spared but granted the great gift of holy martyrs and confessors—and a Pope. As Pius XII wrote in his 1950 letter *Decennium Dum Expletur* to the episcopate of Poland, "Only one thing Poland has not known: to desert Jesus Christ and His Church. This is the badge of [Poland's] nobility, to act strenuously, to suffer bravely, to hope indomitably, to achieve great things."

Cardinal Wyszyński stood as a living embodiment of these pronouncements, and he now stands in the Heavenly Court as one of the saints, "many and great," for which Pius XII commended the Polish nation. May the beatification of this great hero, the uncrowned king of Poland, be a sign to both the nation of Poland and the Universal Church today, wracked within and beset without, never to bow in the face of anti-Christ.

Blessed Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, the Primate of the Millennium, pray for Poland, the Church, and all of us.

(Source: <http://www.francisdesaleshighriver.com/>)

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