



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

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.

ALTAR SERVER AWARD RECIPIENTS 2015

On Saturday of this weekend (Oct. 3) six of our parish altar servers who serve at various Sunday Masses were awarded Altar Server Awards by Bishop Vincent Nguyen at St. Barnabas in Scarborough. These servers have all served for several years at St. Leo the Great, some at weddings, funerals, Confirmations and school Masses as well. We are proud of all our altar servers who week after week serve the Lord, the priest and the community in offering their time and service to the worthy worship of God at the altar.



Gabriella Naterer
Isabel Naterer
Miguel Bayer
Cameron Frank
Kellan Hennessey
Marcos Marin

Once again we recognize and thank the *women of the parish* whose hard work through the Parish Bazaar last year (2014) allotted some funds specifically for the purchase of new red cassocks and white surplices. These were purchased last fall and have been proudly worn by all our servers. They look most distinguished in their (Canadian colours) red and white. Thank you also to the parents of all our servers who make it possible for their children to serve in this ministry and to our coordinator, Magda Nowak who keeps it all well-organized. (Fr. C)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS....

Minda Figuracion

who is in hospital and battling cancer. God bless her and give her peace and surround her husband and family with grace.

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 (after this Sunday October 4) 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.

the stillborn child

All the humans we know – men, women and children – are known by us because they were born and they exist or existed in the world. There are also those whose little lives are generally not celebrated and remain unknown to us because they died before they were born. This sudden revelation to the mother and to the father that their child whose development they had been following through the natural changes in mom's body, sometimes the movement of the baby and the detected heartbeat and images of ultrasound, means the life of the baby is no more.

Though I remember it as part of our family story, I don't remember the event at all when my mother lost her sixth child. And how could I remember it for it was 1962 and I was barely four years old. My mother had carried the baby for 9 months and was in the hospital to deliver this, her sixth child, a boy, who would later be named Michael. I recall my mother saying that while she was tired and groggy at delivery, there was only silence in the room when Dr. Jaciw, our long-time family physician, delivered the newborn. And amid that absence of a baby's cry she heard Dr. Jaciw say, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit."

No baby was taken home, though my father and mother had our little brother buried in St. John the Evangelist Catholic cemetery in Whitby. My mother was unable to attend the simple service held for her baby but my grandmother went to the morning burial and since she had not seen the child asked if she could. The funeral director opened the little white casket and my grandmother and my father beheld the sight of this perfect little baby boy with milky white skin and fair hair, lying as if sleeping in his little white bed as the sun he had never seen shone on his little cherub face.



When my father died last year on July 8 he was buried in the same cemetery as little Michael, just feet from the spot where Michael's grave had been marked with a simple ground-level stone marker bearing

the inscription 'Infant Forget'. Before he died my father had designed to have Michael's tiny grave and the earth from it transferred to my mother's grave when her time comes to leave this world, and his simple marker will be buried therein. There are so many well-known and well-worn epitaphs on headstones the world over but I created the one which appears on my parent's and little brother's headstone that would sum up their lives, both lengthy and so short lived. It reads:

TOGETHER IN LIFE WITH GOD
 TOGETHER WITH GOD FOREVER

Statistics Canada shows that nearly 1 out of every 137 live births in Canada is stillborn yet we hardly ever hear of it. Parents and family are filled with grief and mourn the loss of their child. So often at the news of their child's death mothers enter into a state of shock as their bodies work to recover from the pregnancy itself. And very few babies, as a result, are buried or perhaps are even seen by the parents.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Parents of a stillborn child should ask about arrangements for the reception of the stillborn's body. If

not, the stillborn child will be disposed of by the hospital. According to the parents' wishes, they need not see the child if they do not wish to. Some parents request that they be brought the child and they and their families are able to spend some brief time with him or her.

- It is good to give the baby a name.
- If the baby is delivered stillborn it need not be baptized.
- Stillborn babies can and should be buried in consecrated ground if possible.
- Catholic cemeteries will provide a burial place for the baby's remains in a special section of the cemetery at no cost to the family.
- Sometimes funeral homes have absorbed the cost of a small casket on behalf of families or the family themselves have provided a small wooden box, often handmade, to hold the tiny infant. Funeral homes can be consulted as to what they are able to offer the family for the burial of their stillborn child.
- Priests, of course and at no cost to the family, are always available to conduct a brief graveside prayer and committal service for the baby or can be called upon to visit at the hospital before or after a stillborn baby has been delivered.

Often when parents are asking about whether their stillborn child should have been baptized or should be baptized they are really asking whether their child will be with God.

All of the sacraments are for the living and their purpose is to connect us to the power of the Risen Christ in our day to day living. Baptism admits us into the community of Christians with the purpose of putting the faith into practice. Just as no priest would think of giving a deceased person Communion nor could the baptism of a stillborn child indicate the start of a lifelong commitment to follow Jesus and live out the Gospel.

In some pastoral situations priests have baptized a stillborn infant if there is any chance that there might be some slight possibility of life, and in that case it would be *conditional baptism*, on the slightest chance that there is still some trickle of life.

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1261) it states:

As regards children who have died without Baptism, the Church can only entrust them to the mercy of God, as she does in her funeral rites for them. Indeed, the great mercy of God who desires that all men should be saved, and Jesus' tenderness toward children caused him to say: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them", allow us to hope that there is a way of salvation for children who have died without Baptism. All the more urgent is the Church's call not to prevent little children coming to Christ through the gift of holy Baptism."

The Church, through her priests, ministers and faithful, is here to walk with anyone who has lost a child, stillborn or through death at a young age. Though few can know truly what another person is going through in the loss of a stillborn child, grief is best shared with others who can through a listening ear, an offered prayer or a hand held, walk with you in that lonely place of grief. Ultimately, our Saviour Jesus Christ can be trusted in the restoration and the renewal of all things as we hope and live in His bountiful mercy.

(Fr. Charles)

GOOD STILLBIRTH ARTICLE TO READ

On the internet there is a well-written story from 2000 by a woman who lost her child in the womb. Her name is Leah Koncelik Lebec and her story is titled "Stillborn".

You can read the whole story on the *First Things* website at:

www.firstthings.com/article/2000/06/stillbirth

Mass Intentions – October 6-11

Tues. 6 - 8:30 am – Kathleen Mercer+ req. Mike & Judy Delaney
Wed. 7 - 7:00 pm – Gaspare Cerami+ req. Peter & Joanne Stachiw
Thurs. 8 - 8:30 am – Owen McCanney+ req. Patrick & Ruth Blaney
Fri. 9 - 8:30 am – Ken Wesley+ req. Harold & Connie Coker
Sat. 10 - 5:00 pm – Melinda Larocque+ req. Ste. Croix Family
Sun. 11 - 9:00 am – Maria Caprio+ req. The Caprio Family
11:00 am – Int. Dinazon & Renato Pelejo-50th Wedding Ann.

Baby bottles from Rose of Durham will be available this weekend after the 9 & 11 am masses as well as tickets for our upcoming Big Band Dance on November 21.

St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Annual Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015 in the parish hall after the 5 pm Mass. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for youth 4-12 and children under 4 no charge. Please enter parish hall from Carson St.

PROJECT HOPE for Refugees

In response to the global refugee crisis, Cardinal Thomas Collins has launched "**Project Hope**," a special emergency appeal. This 100-day campaign aims to raise \$3 million in order to settle 100 refugee families in the Archdiocese of Toronto as soon as possible. The effort will also require 100 volunteer committees to assist with settlement services. To make a donation to support the appeal, visit: www.archtoronto.org or call (416) 934-3411. You can also donate through our parish with a cheque made payable to ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH – PROJECT HOPE – REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP. We continue to pray for all those suffering, mindful of our call to welcome the stranger in our midst. Those interested in assisting with volunteer committees should contact the Office for Refugees at (647) 780-0827.

A CHURCH IN DIALOGUE

Pope Francis has raised the significance of Ecumenical and Interfaith dialogue to a new level of importance.

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration *Nostra Aetate*, on the Church's Relationship to Non-Christian Religions, 1965-2015.

Please take note that the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has recently released a document entitled "A Church in Dialogue: The Catholic Church and Interreligious Dialogue."

You are encouraged to download the text from the CCCB website: [http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Nostra Aetate - 50th Anniversary.pdf](http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Nostra_Aetate_-_50th_Anniversary.pdf). It is both timely and most informative.

St. Mary of the People – Workshop


The St. Angela Merici Fraternity is holding a Workshop on Genetically Modified Organisms, (GMOs) their effects on our health and wellness on Wednesday, October 21 at St. Mary of the People at 7:00 pm in their parish hall, 570 Marion Ave, Oshawa, 905-728-2212. Cost: A free will offering.




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