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### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
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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.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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or anytime by appointment.

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Please pick up a baptism package from Fr. Charles after mass.

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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.

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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 Manuel Duterte* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If Father Manuel 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 Pope's Field Hospital



By Fr. [Robert Barron](#)

As by now everyone in the world knows, Pope Francis offered a lengthy and wide-ranging [interview](#) to the editor of *Civiltà Cattolica*, which was subsequently published in sixteen Jesuit-sponsored journals from a variety of countries. As we've come to expect practically anytime that this Pope speaks, the interview has

provoked a media frenzy.

To judge by the headlines in *The New York Times* and on CNN, the Catholic Church is in the midst of a moral and doctrinal revolution, led by a maverick Pope bent on dragging the old institution into the modern world. I might recommend that everyone take a deep breath and prayerfully (or at least thoughtfully) read what Pope Francis actually said. For what he actually said is beautiful, lyrical, spirit-filled, and in its own distinctive way, revolutionary.

The first question to which the Pope responded in this interview as simple: "Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio (his given name)?" After a substantial pause, he said, "a sinner whom the Lord has looked upon." At the heart of the matter, at the core of the "Catholic thing," is this encounter between us sinners and the God of amazing grace. Long before we get to social teaching, to debates about birth control and abortion, to adjudicating questions about homosexual activity, to disputes about liturgy, etc., we have the graced moment when sinners are accepted, even though they are unacceptable. Pope Francis aptly illustrated his observation by drawing attention to Caravaggio's masterpiece, "The Conversion of St. Matthew," which depicts the instant when Matthew, a thoroughly self-absorbed and materialistic man, found himself looked upon by Christ's merciful gaze. Because of that look, Matthew utterly changed, becoming first a disciple, then a missionary, and finally a martyr.

I believe that this first answer given by Pope Francis provides the interpretive lens for reading the rest of the interview. He is confessing to be a sinner who has found grace and conversion and who has thereby been transformed into a missionary. On the basis of that master insight, he is able to survey both Church and society with astonishing clarity and serenity. One of the most commented upon remarks in the interview is the following: "This church with which we should be thinking is the home of all, not a small chapel that can hold only a small group of selected people." What the Pope is signaling here is that the Church, as his predecessor Paul VI put it, doesn't have a mission; it is a mission, for its purpose is to cause the merciful face of Jesus to gaze upon everyone in the world. It is not an exclusive club where only the morally perfect are welcome, but rather, a home for sinners, which means a home for everybody.

And this insight provides the right context for understanding another controversial remark from the interview: "The Church sometimes has locked itself up in small things, in small-minded rules. The most important thing is the first proclamation: Jesus Christ has saved you." The Pope is not suggesting that rules -- moral, spiritual, liturgical, etc. -- are unnecessary or unimportant, but he is indeed suggesting that they are secondary to the central reality of encountering the living Christ. If the Church leads with moral regulation, it will appear, especially to our postmodern culture, as fussy, puritanical, censorious. And it will most likely awaken a defensive reaction on the part of those it wishes to reach. It ought to lead with its always-appealing central message, namely the saving cross of Jesus, and only then should it speak of the moral and spiritual disciplines that will bring people into greater conformity with Christ. If I might proffer a perhaps trite analogy: when attempting to attract a young kid to the game of baseball, you don't begin with the rulebook; rather, you begin with the beauty and majesty and rhythm of the game -- and then you trust that he will come in time to understand the nature and purpose of the rules from the inside.

One of Pope Francis's gifts as a communicator is a peculiar feel for the memorable image: "Shepherds should smell like their sheep;" and seminarians and priests ought to be willing to "make a mess" come readily to mind. The most striking analogy in the interview is this: "I see the church as a field hospital after battle." No doctor doing triage on a battlefield is going to be fussing about his patients' cholesterol or blood sugar levels. He is going to be treating major wounds and trying desperately to stop the bleeding. What we find today, the Pope is implying, are millions of people who are, in the spiritual sense, gravely wounded. They are alienated from God, stuck in the no-man's land of moral relativism, adrift with no sense of direction, and tempted by every form of errant desire. They require, therefore, not the fine points of moral doctrine, but basic healing. Perhaps this explains why the Church's altogether valid teachings on ethics are so often met with incomprehension or hostility: far more elemental instruction is required.

I will confess to sharing some of the misgivings of commentators who have lamented that the Pope's criticism of excessive legalism gave comfort to the wrong people. NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League) published an ad, which simply said, "Pope Francis, Thank You. Signed, Pro-Choice Women Everywhere," and Planned Parenthood expressed its approval of the Pope's call to Catholics not to "obsess" over the issue of abortion. I certainly understand that those who have stood on the front lines of the pro-life battles for years feel that the Pope has unfairly characterized them as fanatics.

In the end, I feel that this relatively casual interview, precisely because it is not a formal encyclical, will provide a route of access to the Church for many people who might otherwise not have bothered to pay attention. It might in fact appeal to many of the walking wounded today who are in desperate need of mercy and healing.

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*Father Robert Barron is the founder of the global ministry, Word on Fire, and the Rector/President of Mundelein Seminary*

OCTOBER 6, 2013

**PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE:**

- WEEKLY COST OF RUNNING OUR PARISH - \$6755
- LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION**
- Envelopes, Loose bills and change - \$3664
- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAP) - \$1948 (September)
- ➔ **TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK: \$5612**
- ➔ **Deficit in last week's collection: \$1143**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tues., Oct. 8- 8:30 am – Mass  
Wed. Oct. 9 – 7:00 pm – Michael Power+  
Thurs., Oct. 10 – 8:30 am – Theresa Young Dohey+  
Fri., Oct. 11 – 8:30 am – Mass  
Sat., Oct. 12- 5:00 pm – Arthur Boland+  
Sun., Oct. 13-9am Intentions of children being baptised in Nov/13  
Sun., Oct. 13 – 11 am – Mass

**ST. LEO THE GREAT ANNUAL BAZAAR –  
Saturday, October 26, 2013**

Our Annual Bazaar will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 am to 3 pm. There will be something for everyone: bake table (donations to be dropped off Friday, Oct. 25), homemade candy, used books and toys, great bargains at Classy Collectibles (items for this will be accepted Monday, Oct. 21 to Friday, Oct. 25 between 9:30 am and 3 pm) in church parking lot, the Penny Social table (if you have a donation please call Barbara 905-404-2694 or Karen 905-655-4945 before the cutoff date of Oct. 24), raffle prizes, gourmet basket (there will be a donation basket in the church vestibule Sat., Oct. 5) and much more, together with coffee, muffins and a delicious lunch available to purchase. Looking forward to seeing you there!!!!

**AND A REMINDER** – If you have Raffle tickets money, kindly return the money and ticket stubs to a member of the Bazaar Committee in the vestibule or in the Collection Plate AS SOON AS POSSIBLE in order that we can update our books. The profit from the raffle is a significant portion of the bazaar income – a big thank you to the donors of the prizes for your support and to the ticket sellers – your hard work is greatly appreciated.

**HELP NEEDED!!!!**

We need some strong arms to set up and take down tables for the Bazaar: Set up will be Friday, Oct. 25 at 9:30 am. Take down will be at the close of the Bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 26. We could also use help with displaying items on each table. If you can help, please contact Barb Regimbal at 905-404-2694.

**Rose of Durham - Baby Bottle Boomerang** - PLEASE RETURN THE BABY BOTTLES (BY THANKSGIVING WEEKEND) TO THE BOX ON THE TABLE IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE. CHECK OFF YOUR NAME ON THE LIST WHEN BOTTLES RETURNED.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land  
February 4 – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Contact Patrick Sullivan for more information  
905-655-3286 ext. 103  
Patrick.sullivan@utoronto.ca**

**CATECHIST CORNER**

**Why is first Communion linked with  
Grade 2?**

Answer: It isn't.

In the Catholic Church the first time we receive Holy Communion is linked to the general period in a person's life where he or she can understand that what looks like bread is actually Jesus. For some children this occurs before the child is in grade two, for others it could be well after grade two. As many have said before, you should not have to be a scholar to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, but you *do* need to have the faith to know that He is there. Parents who worship alongside their child will be able to discern far quicker than others when their child is ready. But if you haven't thought about it before just ask them a question, 'Son, who do you think is hiding under the appearance of bread?'

**EDGE PROGRAM**

September 17<sup>th</sup> marked the first EDGE night for the school year. The turnout was great and all the kids had an amazing time at our glow in the dark social night. We played "Minute to Win It" style games, caught whipped cream covered marshmallows with our mouths, dug gummy worms out of chocolate pudding with no hands and just had a great time getting to know one another! It was wonderful to see a mix of both old and new faces as we resumed our journey to learn more about Christ within this youth ministry.

Our next EDGE night will be this coming Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30pm. We hope to see everyone again for our next EDGE night! If your children weren't able to attend the first EDGE night, they are definitely welcome and encouraged to join us for our second EDGE night. It is a terrific opportunity for them to make new friends and learn about our Lord in a fun environment.

Hope to see you there!

May, EDGE CORE TEAM LEADER

**Full Breakfast**

**Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> following 9 am and 11 am Masses**

Everyone is invited to enjoy another St. Leo Knights of Columbus Full Breakfast of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, coffee and juice in the Church hall.

**Canadian Blood Donor Clinic** in the parish hall on Monday, Oct. 7 from 4 pm to 8 pm. Enter at the Carson Street Entrance.

**Spaghetti Supper** hosted by St. Leo Knights of Columbus and professionally prepared again by the Bella Notte Ristorante. A full meal including meatballs, salad, and dessert, and cash bar. Tickets \$15.00 each, Date: October 19<sup>th</sup>, Time: 6:30 pm, Place: St. Leo the Great Church Hall. Enjoy a wonderful meal.


**Euchre Night** on Saturday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm Sharp in the Parish Hall.




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