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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.

MEETING OUR NET TEAM!

At the time of my writing of this article I hadn't even ventured toward the retreat centre where I am to spend three days with the many young people who have joined NET from various provinces and countries to do missionary work – some to parishes and some to travelling evangelical teams putting on retreats to youth across Canada. I have been invited by NET Ministries to go and meet our seven young adults who will work among us beginning October 1 in facilitating and building youth ministry in our parish.

I told Magda, our parish office administrator, that I would send her the list of names and the places they hail from during the time I get to meet and spend time with our team before the bulletin deadline.

Our seven team members are:

William Danahy (Belleville, ON), Faith Estera (Sydney, Australia), Joe Foy (Donegal, Ireland), Abbra Kaufmann (Victoria, BC), Catherine Ouilette (Salmon Arm, BC), Luke Runstedler (Listowel, ON), Chelsey Stasiuk (Cold Lake, AB)



Please continue to pray for them and the work they have been doing to prepare to work and live among us in the upcoming eight months. And pray for our young people that the Lord may even now prepare their hearts to meet him in meaningful and enduring ways. *Fr. Charles*

SHOULD I JUST KEEP MY HEAD DOWN?

The following article appeared in a recent copy of Priests For Life magazine written by Fr. Thomas Lynch of the Peterborough Diocese. While intended for the clergy I thought that his has some great principles and suggestions that all of us could use in order to actually do something about the right to life for the unborn and for end-of-life issues where the rampant call for death is the solution to many to the ills and challenges of illness, frailty and depression.

There is a tendency for many of the major life issues to be brought to peoples' attention when a new law that must be

fought or a new idea being promulgated calls upon our action, our petition or our voice to do something but it seems for those who are trying to live according to the standard of Christ and not the world we realize there is a price to be paid if we stand up, so we're tempted to or just do give in and decide to keep our heads down. Issues about life come up all the time at home, school, workplace and amongst our friends but we might be enticed to read the temperature of the most vocal people's views and decide it's easier to say nothing or start to compromise on what we know to be true. Christ is counting on us and our witness and one day, at least, we will be glad we did when we live in the fullness of the truth that is Jesus.



Recently I met with some healthcare professionals and it was an eye-opening experience. They told me of the daily hassles they and others are facing literally on a daily basis. The problems with patients being killed by doctors and abortions routinely performed. They wondered what

they could do and sounded disheartened and bewildered. What threw me was how deeply imbedded pro-death attitudes were in their workplaces and, very disturbingly, how even Catholic doctors and nurses recommended for mercy-killing and abetted abortions. One said she didn't know what to do and maybe it was better "to just keep my head down and try to do my best."

Many times in the face of the onslaught of pro-death forces who seem unrelenting in their ferocity and vigour, good people engaged in health care and other professional fields believe this. It is partly a cry of exhaustion, also one of bewilderment and, too often the seasoned voice of a professional who has been paying a price for his/her principles already. Is that it then – just keep your head down and try not to be noticed and just get by doing the little that I can do in the face of evil?

Let me say right off the bat that I don't want to be a Monday morning quarterback and demand that these valiant witnesses do impossible things. I know it can be very difficult for people to balance a career in health care currently and their faith and their principles. Ecclesiastes said. "There is a time to speak and a time to be silent." But for ourselves as leaders we need to be clear as to how we can help these pro-life witnesses and leaders. Here are some summer suggestions:

1. Be clear about speaking out ourselves as to the standing up for the preborn and the candidates for mercy-killing. Take the opportunities to develop a thoughtful but vocal defense of our Life Principles. We need a clear, consistent, comprehensive catechesis as to why abortion is wrong, what are the facts, why killing of the sick and elderly is abhorrent, what is actually happening in our hospitals and hospices and palliative care units, why we cannot fund evil, what is the unbroken teaching of the Church on life and why it is not negotiable or able to be overlooked for a spurious social peace. People DO listen and they DO talk.

2. We need to educate professionals in their particular work and ministry. How can they negotiate the sometimes perilous course of professional ethics and practice. What is the Church's teaching as applied to them. Dust off those notes and work them up to advice and educate nurses, PSW's, doctors, palliative care volunteers and hospice workers. These people need specific catechesis.

3. Use the methods of the world to convince. When St. Paul went to Athens he spoke in the language and images of the Athenians. Scour the internet and see what works and use the forms of our time bravely!

4. Lobby for changes and protections. As clergy we can be politically active and we need to be. Have you asked candidates in our elections (or their door to door canvassers and telephone people, or office workers, what their candidates think of these issues such as conscience rights and protections for the vulnerable of late term abortions? We need to.

5. We need to support our professionals both materially and financially in their court challenges and legal costs and also spiritually as confessors, spiritual directors and advisors and friends. They bear the heavy burden of labouring in the heat of the day in the vineyard and need our seeking them out and supporting them.

These are practical projects and I urge you to take the time over the next months (and later too) to act upon them.

-- Fr. Thomas Lynch

SACRAMENTS 2018-2019

CONFIRMATION (Grade 7)

Registration in the Church – Parents & Candidates

Tuesday, Sep 25 at 7:00 p.m. or

Sunday, Sep 30 at 12:30 p.m.

Please bring:

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

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

Please note that registration for the sacraments this year will take place on these dates only. Late registration will be deferred to the Fall of 2019. Please make sure these dates are on your calendar.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 18th

8:30 a.m. Intentions of our NET Missionaries

Wednesday, September 19th

7:00 p.m. Intentions of Hannah Sullivan

† Ernie Laton

Thursday, September 20th

8:30 a.m. †

Friday, September 21st

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Matthew Nowak

Saturday, September 22nd

4:30 p.m. † Stefan & Elizabeth Karp

Sunday, September 23rd

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Rosa Mihelcic

11:00 a.m. † Eleonor Tomas

CWL MEETING

The Catholic Womens League meeting takes place on Monday Sept. 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

THE HOLY LAND TRIP MEETING

An information meeting for our March 2019 pilgrimage will be held in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday Sept. 18 @ 7 p.m.** Kitty McGilly will be available to answer questions and provide an overview of her many trips to the Holy Land. All parishioners, their family and friends are invited to attend. If you wish to register that night the initial deposit is \$350. Please bring your passport as you will need some information for the registration form.

Want to Join our Choir???

The Sunday 11:00 am mass choir is looking for new members to join this already wonderful group. All ages and vocal abilities are welcome. The only requirement is that you need to like singing. The choir sings at the 11:00 mass on Sundays and we rehearse on Thursday nights from 7:30 -9:00 pm. If you have been thinking about joining the choir, then now is the time to give it a try. Also, if you know someone who may be interested in joining, please encourage them to try it out too. For more information about joining this talented and fun group, please see Ted, the director, after the 11:00 mass or come out to the church on Thursday night at 7:30pm. He can also be also reached by phone at 647-302-6996. Thank you.

St. John Paul II School is hiring

We are in need of a part time lunch hour supervisor for supervisors to job share. Every other day alternating Fridays or choose your day from 11:05 - 12:05 supervising our play yard and classroom's. We would also like to add to our supply coverage. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Adam or Mrs. Richard ASAP @ 905 655 2291




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