



# 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](http://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.

## TOTUS TUUS 2016

For the sixth year in a row our parish has held a Totus Tuus summer camp for a week in July, bringing young parishioners from Grades 1-6 and Grades 7-12 together for a fun and engaging celebration of their Catholic faith. The Archdiocese of Toronto's Youth Office sent us four enthusiastic young adult leaders to host the week of day and evening programs. While the numbers of registered children weren't as high as hoped compared to previous years we did see 37 children from Gr. 1-6 attend the day program and 9 youth go to the evening program. Parishioner Magda Nowak, who also serves as the Altar Server Ministry coordinator, had once again organized the entire week which required preparation months in advance of the actual week long event. Magda did a magnificent job of both preparing and executing Totus Tuus and, on behalf of all our parishioners I wish to recognize and thank her for her great giving of herself to this program.

As well, Bill and Carole Morton and Al and Donna Shaddick housed the team for the week of their stay and several parishioners hosted dinner throughout the week:

Andrzej and Magda Nowak, Harold and Connie Coker,  
Peter and Lesia Humenny, Dennis and Kim Wardle  
and Bill and Carol Morton.

There were 3 people who served as adult volunteers (Ferma Collings, Magda Nowak and Vesna Zakrajsek as well as 6 student volunteers – Nathaniel and Dominick Baturensky, Marlena and Natalie George, Hannah Foley and Mateya Hughes - and their time and efforts greatly assisted the team and the children themselves. A since thank you to one and all... and the Lord!

## CONFIRMATION (Gr. 7) 2016-2017

Following last year's change throughout the Archdiocese which realized a new grade level for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation from grade 8 to now grade 7, our parish wishes to invite our grade 7 children our Catholic and Public schools to the preparation for the sacrament. The Sacrament of Confirmation is the time when Catholics receive the powerful and necessary gifts of the Holy Spirit which enables them to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Given the moral climate of the world today and the challenges confronting people of faith, our young people need these gifts, perhaps even and hopefully, one day, earlier than ever before.

Parents with children in Grade 7 (or children in higher grades that may not have already been Confirmed) are asked to attend one of the two offered Parent Information meetings to receive information and register for the Confirmation preparation.

The two dates for the **Parent Information Meetings** (with candidates attending) are: *(please choose to attend one)*

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22 at 7pm.**

OR

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25 at 12:30 pm.**

Before parents and candidates attend one of the 2 offered information meetings, you are asked to go to our parish website, [stleothegreat.ca](http://stleothegreat.ca) and under the banner, Sacraments, click on 'Confirmation'. You will find all pertinent information as well as

the *Registration Form*, the *Confirmation Sponsor Form*. Please print these out at home, fill them out, and bring them to the Parent Info. Meeting along with a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate, the Registration Donation Fee (\$50.) and your child's sponsor form filled out by his or her parish priest and signed by him.

This year we will once again hold 8 preparation classes on 8 consecutive Wednesday's from 7 – 8:30 pm. in the parish hall.

**Wed. Oct. 5    Wed. Oct. 12    Wed. Oct. 19    Wed. Oct. 26**  
**Wed. Nov. 2    Wed. Nov. 9    Wed. Nov. 16    Wed. Nov. 23**

The **Confirmation Retreat**, which takes place during school hours at the parish will be **Thursday, April 6, 2017.**

This year Bishop Vincent Nguyen, our Regional Auxiliary Bishop, will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Mass held on:

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017 at 7 pm.**

As in previous years, all candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation are expected to attend Mass every Sunday.

I look forward, along with our Class Leader, Mr. Robert LeBlanc, to the time of our young people coming together to reflect on their Catholic faith and to grow and nurture their expectation of the mighty things the Lord can and will do in them through the power of his Holy Spirit. *(Fr. Charles)*

## BETTER UNDERSTANDING MERCY

In this Year of Mercy, so declared by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, it is good for us to continue to ponder just what God's mercy is and means. One place among the many places within the Mass where mercy is mentioned is when we pray for the dead. Have you ever noticed that there are two groups being prayed for in the Eucharistic Prayer? We pray thus:

*"Remember also our brothers and sisters  
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,  
and all who have died in your mercy."*

Who are our "brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep"? They are our fellow Christians who have been baptized and died believing in Christ as Saviour. So, then, who are those included in "and all who have died in your mercy"? All other people who may not share our faith. They, like all of us, in fact all people in the world, are in need of God's mercy. Perhaps, unlike us, they were never raised with a sense of the resurrection but in God's wide mercy and full knowledge of them and their hearts, may grant them eternal life with Him because of His great mercy.

The former text stated... "and all those whose faith is known to you alone". In these words we are commending all the dead to God who, as throughout all of salvation history and most especially in the New Covenant of Jesus Christ, loves all humanity and does not grant us what we deserve for our sins, but in His profound mercy, is able to somehow, according to His divine knowledge, admit us forever into His presence.

This reality of praying for all the dead before God is yet another facet of the fullness of God's great and mysterious mercy.

Recently, I heard an American bishop say in an interview that he has heard many people refer to the greatest attribute of God as His mercy, when in fact, this isn't true and shows a serious misunderstanding of mercy. God's greatest attribute is His LOVE! God's mercy flows from who God is – Love. *(Fr. Charles)*

**MASS INTENTIONS – SEPT. 20 – SEPT. 25, 2016**

Tues., Sept. 20 – 8:30 am – Gerard Willcott+ Req. Willcott Family  
Wed. Sept. 21 – 7:00 pm – For the intention of St. Leo's  
Knights of Columbus  
Thurs. Sept. 22 – 8:30 am – For the intention of Rob Vonk  
Req. Madelaine Vonk  
Fri. Sept. 23 – 8:30 am – All Souls in Purgatory Req. Tuzi Family  
Sat. Sept. 24 – 5:00 pm – Eleanor Tomas+ Req. Dr. John Tomas &  
Stella Latawec  
Sun. Sept. 25 - 9:00 am – For the intention of Fr. John Boos  
11:00 am – Maria Teresa & John Jeromino+  
Req. Nellie & Todd Johnson

**Baby Bottle Boomerang for Rose of Durham**

Bottles are available for pick up in the church vestibule and are to be returned by October 8/9.

**CWL General Meeting** at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 20. Please come and see what the League is all about.

**Family Fun Night** tickets available in the church vestibule for pizza and bingo evening on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 6:15 pm in the Parish Hall or by calling Donna – 905-620-0724. Tickets are \$5 per family.

**Coffee Sunday** on Sunday, Sept. 25 after the 9 & 11 am masses.

**St. Leo's Lunch** on Monday, Sept. 26 in the parish hall at 12:30 pm. Tickets available after all weekend masses or by calling Donna – 905-620-0724.

**The Needs of the Church in Canada Collection** will be taken up next weekend. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church and in the vestibule.

**LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY** – This year Life Chain Sunday is October 2, 2016 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the intersection of Dundas St. E. and Thicksen Rd. Please join us to witness for the millions of unborn lost through abortion in Canada and to silently and prayerfully intercede to the Lord to end abortion and heal our nation. (We meet at the south-east corner at 1:45 pm.

**K. of C. Breakfast** – October 2, 2016 after 9 am and 11 am masses. Please purchase your tickets this weekend.

**PARISH FALL BAZAAR** - Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 9 am to 3 pm. Items may be dropped off at the parish hall from 10 am to noon or 1 pm to 3 pm on Monday, October 10 to Thursday, October 13. No drop offs on Friday, October 14. We need the help of all of us to ensure a successful event. Your help will be needed to make donations to the tables, to work the tables and, of course, we all shop at the Bazaar. All proceeds going to the support of the temporal needs of the Parish.

**St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Annual Spaghetti Dinner** – Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016 in the parish hall after the 5 pm Mass. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for youths 4-12 and children under 4 are free. Please enter parish hall from Carson Street.

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time –  
September 18, 2016**

We cannot serve two masters. Which one are you willing to follow? Could it be you are being called to serve the Master as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 – email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)**

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FALL 2016 COURSE GUIDE**

Copies of the Durham Catholic District School Board's Continuing Education 2016 Course Guide are available once again at the back of the Church. Courses are offered in Computers, High School Credit Courses (day/night school and correspondence), English as a Second Language, Literacy/Upgrading and Personal Support Worker. Classes started September 7, 2016. Please pick up a copy of the Course Guide in the Church vestibule.

**It's Breakfast Time!**


You are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Magnificat – a ministry to Catholic women. A morning of song, prayer, good food, testimony, friendship and ministry. Saturday, November 5, 2016 - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at Julius Banquet Centre - 2201 Finch Ave. W. #32 North York, ON. Guest Speaker: Nathalie D'Andrea. For women of all ages. For tickets (\$22) contact Inez 416-745-4268. Tickets will not be sold at the door. All our past meals have served capacity groups of 300 guests. Avoid disappointment: buy your tickets early.




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