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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.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 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 pick up a baptism package from Fr. Charles after mass.

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 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.

A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Good Day.

I just wanted to share with you that this past weekend, I was a visitor to your parish.

I am from the London ON Diocese.

What a beautiful liturgy, music and homily.

I felt so refreshed and uplifted when I left Mass....not only from the Eucharist, but also from the spirit from within the building.

The best church visit for me in years.

May Our Lord continue to bless you in your work and ministry.

God Bless, Nancy

Of course, it's not every day that we are paid a compliment in writing but it sure is nice every once in a while. I received the above email from a London, Ontario woman who happened to be visiting Brooklin with a friend of hers last weekend and came to our parish for Sunday Mass. I'm not sure which Mass she attended but that's not important. What is important was what she experienced and to the point where she would take the time to let us know about it in writing.

We have no idea often enough who the people are who sit around us at Sunday Mass. While there are those same people we see every Sunday who usually sit in the same place close to where we sit, there are still those other people we are not familiar with who may be new to the parish, returning to the practice of their faith, or just visiting. It stresses the importance of being welcoming to the stranger in our midst.

This letter also speaks to me about what all of us at this or any parish can take for granted – what we have here and in one another: a community. The word community speaks of our *common unity* which is Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith. That faith draws us here each Sunday when we could just as easily be still in bed or somewhere else. By choice, by habit and in response to the call of God in our lives we gather as individuals who have come together in one place to sing, pray, praise God, listen, reflect, and truly worship the God who has made us and has given us everything we have and are. We also come out of a recognition that we need God and God's help to live the Catholic Christian way of life.

What we do when we come to church matters. I remember hearing a talk given by Fulton Sheen where he was speaking to priests about the importance of good solid preaching. He said something along the lines of - *the people we serve live busy and organized lives and when they come to Mass on Sunday they should meet that same kind of organization in us. Priests should be prepared to give homilies that matter and have these homilies well prepared to speak to people's lives.* How true.

Haven't we all experienced a priest at one time or another saying on a hot Sunday morning, "Well, the church is really hot today so I'm not going to give you a homily." And if we've heard that kind of statement before we've probably also heard the comment given by other priests under the same circumstances; "The church is really hot today but hell is a lot hotter, so I'm not going to spare you the homily". It all matters. Altar servers, lectors,

choir members, music leaders, cantors, ushers, leaders in Children's Liturgy, Eucharistic Ministers and those who take Communion to the sick and homebound, the people who clean the church, the secretary who answers the phone, the Sacramental preparation we give – it all matters because it is all so important to who we are as a community of faith that strives to know Jesus and make Him known.

Nancy's letter and comments about the quality of what she found here is every bit about our parish and our parishioners as it is about anything I said or did. Together it is what we all do that makes the difference in whether our parish is perceived as cold and dull or warm and welcoming.

I remember reading about some statistic concerning those who are new to a parish. It said that most people who go to a new church will only go about three weeks in a row if they don't feel welcomed or even noticed and then they will go somewhere else. Perhaps the saddest thing may be that the community itself didn't even know that person was there in the first place.

May we always be attentive to what we do as a community when we come to church. The stranger is Christ in our midst. *"Whenever you did it to the least of these, you did it to Me."*

(Matthew 25:40)

ON BEHALF OF AUNT MARY



Last Saturday (Sept. 14) we celebrated the Funeral Mass for my Aunt Mary Fry who had died following health complications and after a decades-long struggle with MS. Her few immediate family members live in Belleville and her wish was to have her funeral here at St. Leo the Great, her parish. Many parishioners said they didn't know that the lady who came to church in a power wheelchair was my aunt, but that was her. She had a great sense of humour, a cast iron will and a solid faith that saw her through her battle with MS and being confined to a wheelchair, the loss of her beloved 31-year-old daughter Rhonda who died suddenly in 1990 of an asthma attack, and the many other challenges she met with in life, especially in the last few months when she was in palliative care in Oshawa and in so much pain. I never once heard her ask the question "Why?" In her pain she often said aloud, "Jesus, have mercy on me."

Since we don't have a funeral choir I inquired through Bill Targett our Parish Music Director whether I might be able to get a few members of the St. Michael's Choir School to come and sing at the funeral. The Director of the Choir School sent 20 young boys, the Cathedral organist and a conductor to the funeral. They sang *Ave Verum Corpus*, *Panis Angelicus* and *Ave Maria* among the other sung parts of the Mass and the processional and recessional hymns. It was truly a little piece of heaven on earth leaving one of Patrick Sullivan's children asking him, "Daddy, are those angels singing?" Thank you to all who came to the funeral and with the family and relatives gathered thanked Our Lord for the life and the gift of Eternal Life for Aunt Mary. (Fr. Charles)

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE:

- WEEKLY COST OF RUNNING OUR PARISH - \$6755
- LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION**
- Envelopes, Loose bills and change - \$3712
- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAP) - \$1554 (August)
- ➔ **TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK: \$5266**
- ➔ **Deficit in last week's collection: \$1489**

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Sept. 24 - 8:30 am – Mary Theresa Fry+
Wed. Sept. 25 – 7:00 pm – NO MASS
Thurs., Sept. 26 – 8:30 am – For the intentions of Greg Crombie
Fri., Sept. 27 – 8:30 am – Mary Theresa Fry+
Sat., Sept. 28 - 5:00 pm – Mass
Sun., Sept. 29- 9 am – Mass
Sun., Sept. 29 – 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.

**Second Parents Transitional Home –
3rd Annual Retreat – Healing the Woman's Heart &
the Hearts of her Family**

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013 - 9 am to 6 pm – Admission \$20 at Brother Andre Catholic School, Ajax, ON. Guest speakers: Fr. John Boos, Patrick Sullivan & Jeananne Ralph. Please see Church bulletin board for detailed information.

CATECHIST CORNER

I was in a catholic school the other day and I visited the chapel. To my surprise it was being used as extra storage space. Is this allowed?

Short Answer: No.

A Catholic Chapel is a church in miniature, and therefore is set aside for divine worship. Do you remember what God said to Moses through the burning bush? He said, 'Take off your shoes, for you are on holy ground' (Exodus 3:5). We may not have to take off our shoes every time we walk into a Catholic Church or Chapel but we should at least remember that it is a place like no other. The Code of Canon Law puts it this way:

Can. 1229 It is appropriate that oratories and private chapels be blessed according to the rite prescribed in the liturgical books. They must, however, be reserved for divine worship only and be freed from all domestic use.

So visit our Lord in His Chapels wherever you find them but proceed with caution, the Lord and Giver of Life lives there – clutter or not.

EDGE PROGRAM

The Edge Program is built for children grades 5-8 to discover the beauties of our Faith. EDGE engages the children with meaningful discussions about important biblical passages and strives to empower them to tell their own stories. Through EDGE we seek to impact young people and encourage them to learn more about the Catholic faith and to become the best version of themselves.

One of my favourite parts of the Edge Program is sharing this experience with others; no child has to feel like they are alone or lost because we are all experiencing it together. As leaders of the Edge Program we encourage the children to remember that God brought us all into this world for a reason, that we are all destined for greatness, and that the greatest rewards can come from doing the things that scare you the most. God brought us into this beautiful world to spread the beauty to others.

Get your children to EDGE. They will thank you for it.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths" Proverbs 3:5-6

Carly ,Edge Core Team Leader

Ladies of the Parish – The St. Leo CWL would like to invite you to attend our meetings. We meet for approx. an hour and are looking to share with you the many great things our council gets involved with. We are meeting on Tues., Sept. 24 at 7:30 pm and Wed., Oct. 23rd following Mass and on Sundays Nov. 3 and Dec. 1 following 11 am Mass.

**Baby Bottle Boomerang Leaves Empty
but Returns Filled with HOPE**


From this weekend until Thanksgiving weekend (Oct. 13) our parish is participating in the Baby Bottle Boomerang community fundraiser for Rose of Durham. Proceeds support young parents served by Rose of Durham. Getting involved is easy. You can participate by signing for a numbered baby bottle to fill during the next few weeks. It can be returned to the box when you check off your name on the forms provided. Please return by Oct. 13. For further info. about services offered by Rose of Durham go to www.roseofdurham.com Please participate: **Your change helps change lives.**




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