



St. Leo The Great

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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.

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THANK YOU...
from the Janssen's

In the last bulletin before summer began I published a story on two children of a Barrie family I have come to know quite well over the past decade. The children, 5-year-old Owen and 5-month-old Liam, were both patients of Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto; Owen in need of heart surgery (which is since over and was the best Fontan surgery they had ever seen) and Liam who has Trisomy 18, a syndrome which has plagued his little body since he was born and rendered him unable to go home since his birth.

I had asked parishioners if they would be interested in contributing toward this family of six children, two of them seriously ill, and even though it was summer and the announcement came on the long weekend, our parishioners, (as usual) were more than generous.

In all - \$5,300. has been raised and forwarded to the Janssen's. Thank you to all who contributed to this family in their time of need and for your big hearts and tremendous generosity.

Message from the Janssen's -

Dear Fr. Charles and Parishioners of St. Leo the Great,

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the tremendous monetary gift you have given us. Your generosity is incredible. We can't say enough to express how much we appreciate this extremely thoughtful and loving gift.

A special thank you goes to Fr. Charles for initiating such a great act of kindness and for the amazing and well written bulletin article on our story with Owen and Liam.

We have put the money into a tax free savings account for now, and have thought about using it towards a new van when it's required, which could be soon. The check engine light is still on. Since Liam was born on April 2nd our lives have changed significantly. Much of our time is spent driving back and forth to Sick Kids and with that we try to juggle looking after our other children and home. This has no doubt been a very difficult journey, but we've had this amazing strength that's been with us, and it's the prayers and support of others that have given us that strength. We couldn't have managed so well without all the wonderful caring people to help us through.

Owen and Liam are miraculous gifts from God, which we are very thankful for. They have, and continued to, enrich our lives in many ways. They have taught us to leave everything in God's hands and to be patient and trust in Him. Both Owen and Liam have also helped us to strengthen our relationship with God, and we've experienced many signs that He has been with us through it all.

With society pushing to have babies with Owen and Liam's condition terminated, either through pregnancy or comfort care, they both have become great examples of life. One doctor, who tried to convince us to terminate the pregnancy with Owen, now sees him and realizes what a mistake that would have been. She no longer advises parents to go that route, but instead tells them Owen's miraculous story. We hope that both Liam and Owen can continue to help bring change to the views of life that unfortunately exist.

Thank you again for your prayers, help and support.

God Bless,

Wendy and Kevin Janssen

RCIA & BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Have you or someone you know ever considered becoming a Catholic? Have you thought about joining the Catholic Church but had too many questions and doubts about whether this was the right thing for you to do?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the process by which people considering becoming a Catholic discern what the Church is, what she stands for, where she came from and what she teaches while learning about what the Church founded by Christ 2 millennia ago teaches, believes and holds to be true. The Catholic Church is the Church Christ intended to be the Church for all His followers nourished by word, sacrament and sustained by the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you would like to join our parish RCIA, have questions before doing so, or would just like more information, please speak to me, Fr. Charles, following any Sunday Mass, call Patrick Sullivan, our Parish Catechist (ext. 103) or call the parish office (905-655-3286 ext. 101) and ask to speak to me as I would be most happy to speak with you about Catholic faith and what it means to embark on a journey to hopefully join the Church. Over the past three years I know of many non-Catholics who attend Mass at St. Leo the Great every Sunday with their spouses and children and often wonder what is holding them back from considering becoming a Catholic. I'm sure the answers from these individuals would be as many as the number of people themselves. Surveys have shown that most people never joined the Catholic Church because no one asked them. So please see in this announcement an invitation like the one Jesus gave to his disciples as He gathered them; "Come and see". (Fr. Charles)

St. Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert
Friday Nov. 29 at 7 pm.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE:

- WEEKLY COST OF RUNNING OUR PARISH - \$6755
- **LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION**
- Envelopes, Loose bills and change - \$3930
- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAP) - \$1554 (August)
- ➔ **TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK: \$5484**
- ➔ **Deficit in last week's collection: \$1271**

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Sept. 10 - 8:30 am – NO MASS
Wed. Sept. 11 – 7:00 pm – Mass
Thurs., Sept. 12 – 8:30 am – Mass
Fri., Sept. 13 – 8:30 am – Mass
Sat., Sept. 14 - 5:00 pm – Gerard Willcott+
Sun. Sept. 15 - 9 am - For the children being baptised on Oct. 6/13
Sun., Sept. 15 – 11 am For the intentions of Robert & Elia LeBlanc

Ministry to the Sick

St. Leo's Pastoral Visitors will come to see you if you are ill or homebound and desire to be visited or to receive Holy Communion. Please call the office (905) 655-3286 Ext. 101.

ANNUAL BAZAAR – Saturday, October 26, 2013

The Annual Bazaar is Saturday, October 26. Please mark this date on your calendar. Please remember the Crafts table and the Country Store table and make an extra jar or two of your favourite preserves/jam/pickles, etc. Volunteers are always needed. SOLD raffle tickets should be returned ASAP and you can drop them off via the collection plate.

The Rosary Apostolate in the Schools

Through the Rosary Apostolate, children are experiencing the power of the Rosary! Dedicate your time to praying the rosary with children once a month in our Catholic Elementary schools. The Rosary Apostolate is welcoming new members. The weekend of Sept. 14 & 15 there will be members of the Rosary Apostolate in the Church vestibule. If interested in volunteering for this, please see the ladies or phone Judy Delaney 905-655-0227.

TASTE FESTIVAL

Saturday, Sept. 14, 10:30 am to 3:30 am at Holy Family Parish. For details please call Maureen at 905-426-0851 or email holyfamily.lmaureen@rogers.com.

CATECHIST CORNER

**Sometimes I see people raising their hands,
palm up while saying the Our Father.
Are we all supposed to be doing this?**

The short answer: It is not mandatory.

The gesture that you see is an ancient one called the orans and it can even be found painted on the walls of the Roman Catacombs. Typically, when it is depicted in art, the orans is a woman wearing a prayer shawl as a symbol of the Church at prayer.

In the GIRM (the document that governs the rubrics of the Mass) the orans is only mentioned in association with the priest, and it is clear that he is to be doing the orans during the Lord's Prayer (sec. 152, 153). When the same document discusses how the faithful are to participate in the Lord's Prayer the GIRM does not prescribe any action. There are two ways to interpret this. Either the orans posture during the Lord's Prayer is a gesture reserved for the priest alone or it is one option among many for use by the people in the pews.

So which is it, should we do the orans or not? As theological heavy weights in the Church take different positions on the issue, it really is difficult to say, 'well the Church teaches' on this one. All we know is that the orans posture is not mandatory for the people in the pews, because if it was mandatory the GIRM would clearly say so.

CONQUEST CLUB FOR BOYS

The Conquest Club for Boys ages 5 to 15 has begun registration for the 2013-2014 year. This rapidly growing club is based on Catholic principles of spiritual development and offers its participants challenging physical, intellectual and spiritual activities within a fun-filled atmosphere. The program supports parents in the formation of their boys as future Catholic leaders. Starting on Sept. 13, the club meets on Friday nights at 6:20 pm to 7:50 pm at St. Jude's Catholic School in Ajax. A special Open House is being run at St. Jude's Catholic School on Sept. 6 at 6:20 pm, so families can see a meeting in action, and learn more about Conquest. For more info. or to receive a registration form please contact Tim Haynes at 905-686-3653 or email stbconquestclub@gmail.com.

LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS CLUB


For girls 5 to 12, this program strives to provide young Catholic girls with an opportunity to gather and learn about their Catholic heritage, faith and traditions in a fun, faith and friendship-filled environment. The Club will meet on Friday nights at St. Jude's Catholic School, Ajax from 6:20 pm to 7:50 pm. A special Open House is being run at St. Jude's Catholic School on Sept. 6 at 6:30 pm so families can learn more. Regular meetings begin Sept. 13, 2013. For more info. please contact Linda Harlock at 905-743-9466.




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