

# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Pastor: Rev. Charles T. Forget**

**Parish Secretary: Magda Nowak 905-655-3286 x 101**

### 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](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.

“THIS IS NOT THE MOMENT TO  
ABANDON THE CHURCH.  
THIS IS THE MOMENT  
TO FIGHT FOR THE CHURCH.”

- Bishop Robert Barron

## N. E. T. AND OUR PARISH

In just 3 weeks' time seven young adults will come to join our parish for an 8-month period to do two things – evangelize our youth and to establish Youth Ministry in our parish. Yes, they will be staying with us and will work day-by-day, week-by-week to be present in our elementary and high schools so that our young people, principally from grade 6 – 12 will get to know them and see in them a refreshing and genuine love of Christ and love of the Catholic Church.

### FR. CHARLES MEETING OUR TEAM THIS WEEK

I have been invited by NET Ottawa to go to a retreat centre this week to be with the NET leadership and meet the team they will be sending to our parish October 1<sup>st</sup>. This is the place where the many young adults who are preparing to go out to parishes like our own this Fall have been gathered for their final month of training and preparation. I will be able to report next weekend the names of the team members and where they are from.

### ESTABLISHING YOUTH MINISTRY

The seven young people themselves will reach out to our young people and invite them to the two youth ministries which they themselves as the NET team will organize and provide. They will organize the *EDGE* program which will be held each Thursday evening in the parish hall (times will be announced). They will also set up a youth ministry for our young people of high school age (Gr. 9 – 12) which will follow the 4:30 pm. Saturday afternoon Mass on a weekly basis.

### YOUTH MASS – every Sat. at 4:30 pm.

As before, the Saturday 4:30 pm. Mass will be designated as the Youth Mass with the NET team members themselves providing the music with the intent that they will be joined by other young men and women in the parish who have singing and instrument abilities to become involved in the music program of this Mass. Part of the NET's preparation for the young NET members is training in their musical skills so that they will lead parishes in solid, contemporary music that is fitting for the dignity and holiness of the Mass rather than just fast-paced music that is seen as providing a break from the Mass itself. Good music in the holy liturgy invites and furthers the experience of young people (and older) in the mystery of Christ who comes to us in Word and Sacrament at every Mass.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY –

### EVERY SATURDAY AFTER 4:30 PM. MASS

The youth group for high school age young people (Gr. 9-12) will be held every Saturday following the 4:30 pm. Youth Mass and will take place in the parish hall. While the NET team themselves will be meeting young people and

promoting the youth group for teens, there is a role for all of our parishioners to play in inviting their children and grandchildren to check it out. I think that one of the best and most reasonable challenges to make to a young person who may not initially be interested in attending is to ask them to just try it once or twice and see what they think about it. Experience is a good test and often enough young people who discover that the NET team are real and authentic and that it's also fun to be at the youth group with other teens will often encourage their friends to attend. Often one of the greatest challenges is getting the young people to attend in the first place, even and especially for the first time.

### Why the Saturday 4:30 pm. Mass?

*Our hope is that the Youth Mass will be attended by both the Edge children as well as the high school youth making this Mass authentically a Youth Mass, though anyone of any age is more than welcome to come.*

*You might wonder why we chose the 4:30 pm. Mass on Saturday as the time for the Youth Mass and it's a perfectly understandable question. The 4:30 pm. is our parish's most quiet Mass and, unfortunately, our attendees at this Mass don't tend to be singers, as they themselves would attest. It's part of an overall Catholic music problem in parishes everywhere in that people tend to consider it the music ministry's 'job' to provide the music and sing it all as well. People may even love the music and will prefer to listen to the band or the choir sing and will not venture to participate. We had considered having an additional Mass on Sunday afternoon/evening for the high school Youth Ministry that would also attract those from other neighbouring parishes who go away for the weekend and are looking for a Sunday evening Mass to attend. We thought that it might be more attractive to the young people themselves since many work on the weekends in part-time jobs and are not as easily able to attend one of the regularly scheduled weekend Masses, but this idea also brought to mind some hurdles of its own. When, for a time, before I came to this parish, St. Leo's used to have a Sunday evening Mass, it was not generally well attended – even when the Bishop presided at this Mass on a weekend he was making a visit to the parish only 50 people were in attendance. I was also told that on those weekends when the pastor was going to be away it was very difficult to find a priest to cover the Sunday evening Mass.*

*As well, our parish, with its three weekend Sat./Sun. Masses, is not bursting at the seams. We have plenty of space left over at every Mass and so adding a fourth Mass didn't make sense. There is also the reality that we would be taking a gamble with a Sunday evening Mass that perhaps the young people still might not attend.*

### LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!

I believe that the challenge of hosting a NET Team in our parish over the next two years is going to be the wisest thing we have done in establishing youth ministry among our young people and that it will last well into the future. It will be a source for lives turned to the beauty and power of Christ, encourage vocations, foster love for the Church, the Saints and Martyrs and the heroes of Catholicism and make the most important difference in their lives. Awesome! Fr.C

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. No Mass

**Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. † Arthur Chai

**Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Mary Mullin

**Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Eugene McCanney

**Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Catholic Mothers Group

11:00 a.m. † Elizabeth Lim



### **CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MOMS!**

Join our Mother's Ministry! Mothers of all ages are invited to attend our first social event of the year on **Wed Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Quiet Room**. We meet once a month to discuss different topics but most importantly we laugh, learn and share with

likeminded Catholic women. We pray together and for each other and learn how to grow our own faith and our families' too. Contact [annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com) or

Visit [www.catholicmomsgroup.com](http://www.catholicmomsgroup.com) for more information.

New members are always welcome!

### **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 reached by phone at 647-302-6996. Thank you.

## **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.**

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**903 Giffard Street, Whitby**

**Marriage Preparation Program**

**Tuesday Evenings, in the St. Joseph Room**

**from October 23 - November 27, 2018**

**7pm to 9pm, in the St. Joseph's Room**

**Cost: \$150 per couple**

**To register, contact Vicki at the parish office**

**(905) 668-3676**

### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**

Marriage Preparation Course will be offered at Holy Family Parish Whitby (91 Ribblesdale Dr. Whitby ON) beginning September 17, for 6 Mondays from 7pm to 9pm. For more details please call the office at 905-665 6470.

### **VOCATION SEEDS**

Did not God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom? Count your blessings, then come and help others count theirs too, as a priest, religious or deacon. If you feel you have such a vocation, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997, vocations@archtoronto.org, www.vocationstoronto.ca**




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