



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. 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

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 Victor Amole* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If Father Victor 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 - Summer of 2015

In August we had our fifth Totus Tuus Youth week in the parish with children from Grades 1 to 6 attending the day program and those in Grades 7 to 12 participating in the evening program from Sunday to Thursday. Our parish, and most parishes, have nothing to compare with this youth camp that conveys practical Catholicism with fun and faith growth. In the day program there was Mass each day and a Holy Hour was held for those in the evening sessions. This year we had a Potluck that was open to the parents and families of the participants as well as our wider parish community. We had a nice gathering with songs and humour from the young children themselves who put on a display of some of the songs they had learned.

Four University age young adults served as the Leadership Team and were greatly assisted by adults and some of our older youth as leaders and helpers. Several of our adult parishioners offered their homes to billet and feed the leaders as well as several more parishioners who prepared dinner for them each evening in their homes. The week flew by for participants and parents and the celebration of our Catholic faith was front and center.

As pastor I have always found this week to be most inspiring to my own faith as nothing edifies the soul more than to see young people falling in love with Christ, which is certainly what Totus Tuus does in just 5 short days. Those parishioners who had their children participate for the first time this year were most impressed with the program and their children's evident joy in participating.

Thank you to all who assisted, organized and participated in our Totus Tuus 2015.

NEW AGE FOR CONFIRMATION



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The age for Confirmation in the Archdiocese of Toronto and all its 225 parishes has been moved to Grade 7, beginning this year.

At St. Leo the Great Parish **Grade 8** candidates will prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the months from September to November

2015. **Grade 7** candidates will prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the months from January to April of 2016.

Notification flyers were sent home through our three parish schools in June and a notice also appeared in our parish bulletin. This past week another flyer was sent to parents through our schools reminding them of the change and the two separate programs for 2015/2016.

For parents who didn't receive a flyer or for those in public schools, please go to our parish website stleothegreat.ca, click on *Sacraments*, and click the *Confirmation* button. There you will find full information about our two grade-level programs for this year including all Registration and Confirmation Sponsor forms that can be downloaded and filled out.

As the Confirmation process will take place from September to November for those in Grade 8, there are two Parent

Information meetings scheduled for parents and their child candidates.

Parents are asked to choose to attend one of the two offered meeting dates:

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17 at 7:00 PM. (Parish Hall)

OR

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20 at 12:30 PM. (Parish Hall)

Online you will find a list of items you are to bring to the meeting including your child candidate.

Questions? Call the parish office at 905-655-3286 ext. 101.

WHERE TO BURY A DOG

Since Buddy, my 11-year-old Shepherd/Collie dog, died in January Of 2008 in the deep of winter, I had gone through a plethora of emotions I never would have imagined I'd feel. There is the great loss of a constant, faithful, life-giving friend who, in hindsight, shared so much of my living those 11 years and made me feel I was never alone, even when I was without another living soul but him. And there is also the emptiness and sorrow that comes with all loss. I came across this beautiful tribute to a dog and thought of Buddy and my dog Bear who died in 2012 as well as the many other dogs and animals that were much loved by their owners who are parishioners. I think it's beautiful in the true sense of the word. I think it is no coincidence that "dog" is "God" spelt backwards. In so many ways our pets display far better than we humans what unconditional love is really all about. A naturally wild animal that travelled in a pack has evolved, due to its qualities, to become a loyal and trusted friend, who gives far more than we could ever possibly give in return. Over the past few years I have met and looked into the eyes of so many who, like me, uttered those words that choke us in the thinking not to mention the saying; "My dog died."

"We are thinking now of a setter, whose coat was flame in the sunshine, and who, so far as we are aware, never entertained a mean or an unworthy thought. This setter is buried beneath a cherry tree, under four feet of garden loam, and at its proper season the cherry strews petals on the green lawn of his grave. Beneath a cherry tree, or an apple, or any flowering shrub is an excellent place to bury a good dog. Beneath such trees, such shrubs, he slept in the drowsy summer, or gnawed at a flavorful bone, or lifted his head to challenge some intruder. These are good places in life or in death. Yet it is a small matter, and it touches sentiment more than anything else. For if the dog be well remembered, if sometimes he leaps through your dreams actual as in life, eyes kindling, questing, asking, laughing, begging, it matters not at all where that dog sleeps at long and at last. On a hill where the wind is unrebuked, and the trees are roaring, or beside a stream he knew in puppyhood, or somewhere in the flatness of a pasture lane where most exhilarating cattle graze, it is all one to the dog, and all one to you, and nothing is gained, nothing is lost, if memory lives. But there is one best place to bury a dog. One place that is best of all.

If you bury him in this spot, the secret of which you must already have, he will come to you when you call - come to you over the grim, dim frontiers of death and down the well remembered path and to your side again. And though you call a dozen living dogs to heel they shall not growl at him, or resent his coming, for

he is yours and belongs there. People may scoff at you, who see no lightest blade of grass bent by his footfall, who hear no whimper pitched too fine for mere audition, people who may never really have had a dog. Smile at them, for you shall know something that is hidden from them, and which is well worth the knowing. The one best place to bury a good dog is the heart of his master." (Author Unknown)

Mass Intentions – September 14

Tues. 15 - 8:30 am – Carlos Miranda+ Req. by the Family
Wed. 16- 7:00 pm – Int. of St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Members
Thurs. 17 - 8:30 am – Kathleen Mercer+
Fri. 18 - 8:30 am – Paul Ponce de Leon+ Req. by the Family
Sat. 19 - 5:00 pm – Elizabeth & Stefan Karp+ Req. by Karp Family
Sun. 20- 9:00 am – Antonio Mastropietro+ Req. by Alimonti Family
11:00 am – Anne Cillis+ Req. by LeBlanc Family

Coffee Sunday is this Sunday, Sept. 13 and there will be a CWL spot where memberships can be renewed for the year 2016. Remember if you renew or join by Dec. 31 your name is entered in a draw to win your \$25 membership fee returned.

Baby bottles from Rose of Durham will be available this weekend as well as tickets for our upcoming Big Band Dance on November 21 in the hall this Sunday, September 13 after the 9 & 11 am Masses.

In response to the global refugee crisis, Cardinal Thomas Collins has launched "**Project Hope**," a special emergency appeal. This 100-day campaign aims to raise \$3 million in order to settle 100 refugee families in the Archdiocese of Toronto as soon as possible. The effort will also require 100 volunteer committees to assist with settlement services. To make a donation to support the appeal, visit: www.archtoronto.org or call (416) 934-3411. You can also donate through our parish with a cheque made payable to ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH – PROJECT HOPE – REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP. We continue to pray for all those suffering, mindful of our call to welcome the stranger in our midst. Those interested in assisting with volunteer committees should contact the Office for Refugees at (647) 780-0827.

PARISH FALL BAZAAR – Saturday, September 19, 2015 – 9 am to 3 pm. Items may be dropped off at the parish hall from Sept. 14-18 from 10 am to noon or 1 pm to 3 pm.

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.

Cherub's Cupboard will be here next Sunday, September 20 in the vestibule with their display of religious articles for purchase.

Choir Members Wanted - The 11 am Sunday Mass Choir rehearses on THURSDAY evenings, starting at 7:30 pm in the church. We usually finish by 8:45 pm. Rehearsals are for learning the music so no particular music skill is needed other than an ability to carry a tune.

New members, high school age and older, are welcome to join us. We are looking for both men and women. If you like singing and can commit to most rehearsals and Sundays, then check us out. You will not be "bound for life to the choir!" Come to a rehearsal or 2 and then decide if you want to make the commitment after that. Positions Open: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, Tune-in-bucket Carriers, Shower Singers, In-the-Rain Singers. No others need apply! You can speak to the director, Bill Targett, or just show up at rehearsal.

Following in the Footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi – 5th Annual Retreat – Sat., October 3, 2015 – 9 am to 6 pm. Will be held at Brother Andre Catholic School, 60 Seggar Ave., Auditorium 109, Ajax, ON L1T 4Y4. To register and/ or purchase tickets email sphtwh@gmail.com or call 416-319-3922.

This year **Life Chain Sunday is October 4, 2015 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 southeast corner at 1:45 pm).

St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Annual Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015 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 St.

Angels and Demons Event

On October 31st join Exorcist Fr. Gary Thomas (the priest who inspired the movie "The Rite" and Catholic specialist in Demonology and the Occult, Wilson Orihuela at Canada Christian College in Toronto. Learn about angels, demons, the occult/new age, how to spiritually protect yourself against the snare of the Devil and the saving power of God & His mercy. All info. and tickets: www.ServiamMinistries.com/events/angels/, info@ServiamMinistries.com or 1-888-522-2070.

Create a Climate of Change with Development and Peace! Did you know that Pope Francis wrote a letter to the whole Church in June? The Encyclical Laudato Si is a call to all of us to Care for our Common Home. You are invited to join Development and Peace (www.devp.org) on **Saturday, September 19 at St. John the Evangelist Parish, 903 Giffard St., Whitby from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** to learn about the encyclical and how you can help Development and Peace put its message into action. We will focus on how climate change is having the worst impacts on the poor and what you can do about it. Workshop followed by a soup lunch. Please RSVP to: Mark Lacy, mark.lacy@dcdsb.ca (905) 668-1182.

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