

# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### 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.

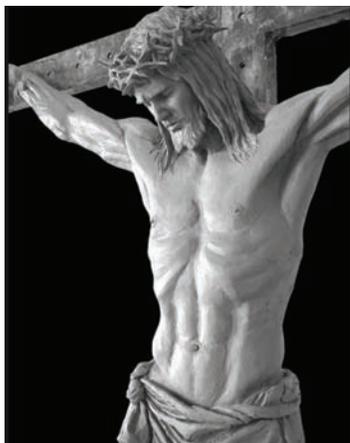
### PARISH REGISTRATION:

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.

## A CRUCIFIX FOR OUR CHURCH



As a Catholic I have been raised seeing a crucifix: on the end of a Rosary, hanging on the walls of our house and in churches the world over. It has been portrayed in the countless stone and canvas depictions of the greatest sculptors and artists on earth and it is central to our Catholic faith and backed by the writings of Saint Paul himself. For many, even sometimes Christians, the image of

Christ on the Cross is a stumbling block or a mere frozen moment from the past when Christ Our Saviour died but then rose again. There are those who would hold that the crucified Christ is a past event only and that the Resurrection itself is the final and lasting word. But St. Paul wrote, after he had returned to Corinth from speaking about the Resurrection in Athens and making only a handful of converts,

*“For I decided to be concerned about nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. (1 Cor. 2:2)*

Again and again in the Mass itself we hold up Christ on the Cross as our proclamation until He returns to the earth. We sing it in our Memorial Acclamation:

*“We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.”*

or

*“When we eat this bread, and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.”*

We begin and end each Mass with the sign of Jesus' Cross and all who are baptized have first been traced with the Cross on our foreheads and anointed before baptism with the Oil of Catechumens, having traced on our bodies the sign of the Cross. Our sins are forgiven us under the sign of the Cross made by the priest over us for it was on the Cross that our sins are forgiven as well as the sins of all who would come to Christ for that forgiveness He imparts.

Visible in every Catholic church are the 14 Stations of the Cross, but these don't depict a cross moving about on its own toward Calvary but Our Blessed Lord carrying that Cross, the symbol of burden, torture and death. And on that Cross He was nailed and died, uttering as His last words, “It is finished”. We might tend to think that the Resurrection is the completion but on the Cross itself Jesus completed His earthly mission because heaven was opened the moment He died. At the moment of His death, not His resurrection, there was a tremendous earth quake, the curtain in the temple which was 60 feet wide and 60 feet high was torn in two – from *top to bottom!* If a man were able to split the curtain in two it would be from bottom to top, but it was torn from the opposite direction to make clear that it was God who did this, exposing the Holy of Holies for the first time.

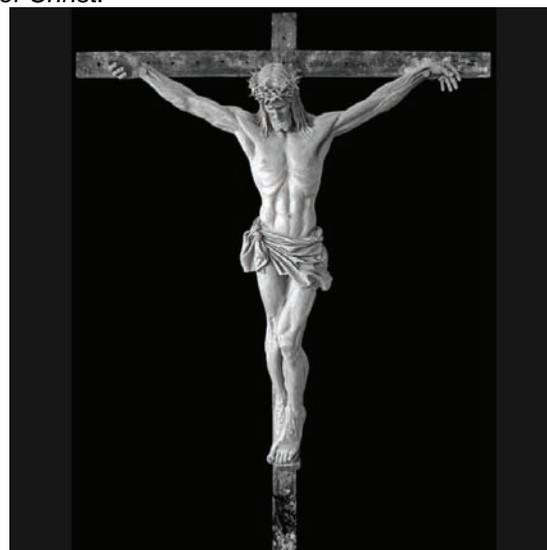
The people in the temple at the time must have screamed at the sight of seeing this tremendous spectacle wrought by God and beholding the Holy of Holies! The Holy of Holies is now Jesus.

As well, the scriptures say that when Jesus died on the Cross the graves and tombs of many of the Saints were opened and those who rose from them appeared to many people in the City of Jerusalem as a witness that something salvifically earth shattering had just taken place.

The crucifix, far from being a symbol of death only, reminds us who walk the Christian journey of this life that life is not always easy or without its burdens, grief, pain and sorrow. Even to the often asked question of the mysteries of life, “Why?”, comes the Crucifix of Our Blessed Lord. When we think that God accepted death on a Cross – the One who would save the world, past, present and future – by this single act of dying on the Cross; the One who “knew no sin” but Who died for sinners, begs us to ask also, “Why did He have to die?”

With all of this deep and rich meaning in Christ Crucified, it is fitting that our parish would have a large crucifix – Christ on the Cross, to adorn our high sanctuary wall. The cost of the crucifix has been covered through the beneficence and generosity of a parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous. In time, we will paint the whole high wall of the sanctuary in a colour that is warm and will liven up the gray stone walls. The new spotlights recently erected will cast beautiful life on the corpus, a great symbol for reflection and meditation throughout the liturgical year. The Cardinal himself has given permission to our parish through our committee to erect the Crucifix.

The statue of *The Triumph* we now have, also a Timothy Schmalz creation, will remain with us, being placed in a suitable location. This statue appears to be light from the patina that was put on it after it was made but is actually made of bronze and weighs  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a ton. It will be removed soon to make way for the erection of the crucifix called *The Body of Christ*.



*[Our parish crucifix will have a similar corpus (as above and at the beginning of this article) by artist Timothy Schmalz]*

## THERE IS A MAN ON THE CROSS

-by Elizabeth Cheney

Whenever there is silence around me  
By day or by night—  
I am startled by a cry.  
It came down from the cross—  
The first time I heard it.  
I went out and searched—  
And found a man in the throes of crucifixion,  
And I said, "I will take you down,"  
And I tried to take the nails out of his feet.  
But he said, "Let them be,  
For I cannot be taken down  
Until every man, every woman, and every child  
Come together to take me down."  
And I said, "But I cannot bear your cry.  
What can I do?"  
And he said, "Go about the world—  
Tell everyone that you meet—  
There is a man on the cross."

## NET: CAN YOU HELP US OUT?

As we prepare for the arrival of our NET Team in a few weeks it would be greatly appreciated if our parishioners were to assist us in the purchase of some of the necessary equipment we will need for them. The following is a list of (preferably new) items needed:

- New Keurig Coffee Machine
- Large cork Bulletin Board
- a Colour Printer
- Good used 3-seater Leather Couch
- Large Coffee Table
- Flatscreen TV (new or more recent model)
- 5 x Computers (laptops or desk tops) new or more recent models

We would ask that if you have or are willing to purchase any of the above items that you first call the parish office (905-655-3286) before buying or dropping off so that we know what the items are, size, etc., and whether they are still needed in case another parishioner has offered the same item(s). Considerable cash donations would also be welcome towards covering the more expensive items.

A list of these items will be posted in the vestibule and we will check them off as the needs are filled.

Thank you for your support of these dynamic young adults who will reach out and influence our young people for life. (Fr. Charles)

### CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MOMS!

Join our Mother's Ministry! We meet once a month to talk about all different topics of interest. Meet other likeminded Catholic women, pray together and for each other and learn how to grow your own Faith and your families'. Join us for our next meeting on **Wed October 10 at 8pm in the Quiet Room.** 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!**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Shawn Giguere

### **Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. † Armenio Medeiros  
All Souls in Purgatory  
Intentions of Fr. John

### **Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Wong Lee Kit Mee

### **Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Markian  
Intentions of George

### **Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Vincenzina Mammone & Attilio & Maria  
Tuzi

### **Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Mary Crehan  
11:00 a.m. † Maria Caprio

## **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.**

### St. John Paul II School is hiring

We are in need of a part time lunch hour supervisor for supervisors to job share. Every other day alternating Fridays or choose your day from 11:05 - 12:05 supervising our play yard and classroom's. We would also like to add to our supply coverage. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Adam or Mrs. Richard ASAP @ 905 655 2291



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