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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 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.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

(Adapted from catholiccompany.com December 7, 2015

By Gretchen Filz)

As the Year of Mercy [is now in its 9th month], here is your primer on everything you should know to fully celebrate this special event in the life of the Church.

WHAT IS THE YEAR OF MERCY?

Popes have the tradition of giving liturgical years a specific theme or emphasis. For example, we are currently in the Year of Consecrated Life (which will close on the World Day of Consecrated Life on February 2, 2016). You may remember the previous Year of Faith and Year of Priests. Pope Francis announced the next liturgical year to focus on the theme of Mercy. But the Year of Mercy is something exceptional; this one he declared to be a Jubilee!

WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

A “Holy Year” and “Jubilee” are synonymous terms. The concept goes back to the Old Testament when Moses declared every 50th year a jubilee, that is, a holy year to be observed by all of Israel which included the remission of debts, the liberation of slaves, and a rest from the cultivation of the land.

For the Catholic Church, the first Jubilee was proclaimed by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300. It gradually increased in frequency from being celebrated every half century, to every 33 years, and then to every 25 years as the norm. A Jubilee is “ordinary” if it falls every 25 years, and “extraordinary” when it is proclaimed outside the usual time to commemorate some outstanding event. After the Holy Year in 1975 under his predecessor, Pope St. John Paul II called for a Holy Year in 1983 (to commemorate the 1950th anniversary of the Year of Redemption, that is, the year 33 A.D. on which Jesus died on the Cross) and again in 2000. The Jubilee of the Year 2000 was the last one celebrated by the Church.

On the second anniversary of his pontificate, Pope Francis called for the next Holy Year (an “extraordinary” Jubilee as it comes before the next one anticipated in the year 2025), calling it a “Jubilee of Mercy.” The Holy Year of Mercy commemorates the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. A Jubilee Year is accompanied by special celebrations for the entire Church. The most notable of these includes the opening of the Holy Doors, pilgrimages to walk through the Holy Doors, and special indulgences granted to the faithful who participate in the Jubilee.

WHY MERCY?

Mercy has been a major theme for Pope Francis. In fact, the motto of his pontificate is *Miserando atque eligendo*, meaning ‘lowly but chosen,’ or more literally in Latin, ‘by having mercy, by choosing him,’ or, ‘by showing compassion and by choosing.’ Pope Francis took this phrase from the Venerable Bede’s sermon on Matthew chapter 9, as it was on the Feast of St. Matthew that he first felt the call to the priesthood as a teenager. Mercy was also a major theme in the pontificate of John Paul II, who Pope

Francis recently canonized. It was Pope St. John Paul II who instituted the Feast of Divine Mercy on the octave day of Easter (called Divine Mercy Sunday) for the universal Church in 2000.

The Church’s emphasis on mercy in recent decades can also be seen as prophetic; it highlights the fact in salvation history that we are currently living in the age of mercy and of grace, which comes before the Day of Judgment where all will face God’s justice. This is experienced by each soul particularly at the time of death, and collectively when Jesus returns to Earth at the end of time. “Before the Day of Justice I am sending the Day of Mercy,” Our Lord said to St. Faustina Kowalska as she recorded in her Diary, “Before I come as the just Judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy.”

WHAT IS MERCY?

In God, mercy is an attribute we often call “Divine Mercy.” Divine Mercy is God’s infinite and burning love for his creatures that provides for our needs and overcomes our miseries. As you can see in the image above, the red and white rays of Jesus’ mercy flows to us from the furnace of his Sacred Heart. The most supreme act of God’s mercy was the sending of Jesus to die for our sins. On the cross, when his heart was pierced, blood and water (red and white) flowed from it for the salvation of all mankind.

In humans, mercy is “a virtue influencing one’s will to have compassion for, and, if possible, to alleviate another’s misfortune (*Catholic Encyclopedia*)” and is closely tied to the virtues of justice and charity.

Thus, we can understand that when we show mercy to others, we are also demonstrating or imitating God’s mercy for us. In fact, we can be vessels of God’s mercy, and this is exactly what Pope Francis has in mind by calling for the Church to focus on mercy in a special way this year: “It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the *corporal and spiritual works of mercy*.”

WHERE CAN I READ THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENT?

On Monday, April 13, the Vatican released the Papal Bull *Misericordiae Vultus* (The Face of Mercy) which formally convoked the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. In it our Holy Father explains the Holy Year of Mercy and everything he hopes it will accomplish.

WHAT ARE THE HOLY DOORS?

Called a “*Porta Sancta*,” a Holy Door is a special door in a major church (a basilica or a cathedral) that remains closed except during a Jubilee Year. Each of the Four Major Basilicas in Rome have three large doors, and the door on the right is the *Porta Sancta*. Rome is the home of the whole Catholic world; it is the Holy City of all Christians. Burdened with their sins, but wishing to be cleansed, pilgrims from all countries approach the four Holy Doors. And behold! When, praying and singing, they walk through these Doors, they gain a plenary indulgence, they are purified.” – Dom Albert Hammenstede, O.S.B.

The Church’s primary Holy Door is in St. Peter’s Basilica. At the close of each Jubilee, this Holy Door is sealed up, along with its key, in brick and mortar. It has remained sealed since 2001. This is the Holy Door that Pope Francis will open on December 8th to

inaugurate the Jubilee just like his predecessors. "On that day," said Pope Francis, "the Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope."

Since the days and weeks following the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's, the Holy Doors have been opened at the other major Roman Basilicas and in dioceses across the world. Every bishop may designate a Holy Door in their own diocese to become a place of pilgrimage for the faithful.

MASS INTENTIONS – SEPT. 27 – OCT. 2, 2016

There are no daily masses from Tuesday, Sept. 27 to Friday, Sept. 30th.

Sat. Oct. 1 – 5:00 pm – Joseph Anthony Badali+
Req. by Tina & Joe Schillaci

Sun. Oct. 2 - 9:00 am – Sheila Colreavy+ Req. by George &
Theresa Ghazzawi

11:00 am – Thomas & Joseph Mitchell+
Req. by the Sullivan Family

Baby Bottle Boomerang for Rose of Durham

Bottles are available for pick up in the church vestibule and are to be returned by October 8/9.

St. Leo's Lunch this Monday, Sept. 26 in the parish hall at 12:30 pm. Tickets available after all weekend masses or by calling Donna – 905-620-0724.

The Needs of the Church in Canada Collection will be taken up this weekend. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church and in the vestibule.

6th Annual Retreat – Following in the Footsteps of Jesus (in support of Second Parents Transitional Home)

All are welcome on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016 – 9 am to 6 pm. Admission: \$20 (Adult), \$10 (Youth). A light lunch will be offered. Doors open at 7:30 am. Praise and Worship starts at 8:30 am, Holy Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 pm. Location: Brother Andre Catholic School, Ajax, ON. Please see Church Bulletin Board for detailed information.

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY – This year Life Chain Sunday is October 2, 2016 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the intersection of Dundas St. E. and Thickson 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 south-east corner at 1:45 pm.

K. of C. Breakfast – October 2, 2016 after 9 am and 11 am masses. Please purchase your tickets this weekend.

PARISH FALL BAZAAR - Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 9 am to 3 pm. Items may be dropped off at the parish hall from 10 am to noon or 1 pm to 3 pm on Monday, October 10 to Thursday, October 13. No drop offs on Friday, October 14. 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.

St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Annual Spaghetti

Dinner – Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016 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 Street.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 25, 2016

But if only someone would go to them. Pray for those who are called to 'run the race' as priests, sisters, deacons or brothers. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 – email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca**

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CONTINUING EDUCATION CENTRE FALL 2016 COURSE GUIDE

Copies of the Durham Catholic District School Board's Continuing Education 2016 Course Guide are available once again at the back of the Church. Courses are offered in Computers, High School Credit Courses (day/night school and correspondence), English as a Second Language, Literacy/Upgrading and Personal Support Worker. Classes started September 7, 2016. Please pick up a copy of the Course Guide in the Church vestibule.

It's Breakfast Time!

You are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Magnificat – a ministry to Catholic women. A morning of song, prayer, good food, testimony, friendship and ministry.

Saturday, November 5, 2016 - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at Julius Banquet Centre - 2201 Finch Ave. W. #32 North York, ON. Guest Speaker: Nathalie D'Andrea.

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