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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.

Recognition & Thanks

Four years ago a new format for Children's Liturgy was begun in our parish. Children in Jr. and Sr. Kindergarten, Grade One and Grade Two are dismissed temporarily from the Sunday morning 9 am. Mass to hear the same proclamation of the Gospel reading that the whole Universal Church will hear that Sunday – but in language relative to their understanding. Following this proclamation the children are engaged with teaching and activities meant to bring that Gospel message alive for them. This practice has been fairly common and similar in most parishes throughout the Archdiocese and parishes in North America.

This form of Children's Liturgy was made possible by the strong leadership and willing hands of two parishioners. From 2009 to 2011 Connie Coker, a mother and grandmother, led the Children's Liturgy followed by the last two years served by Patricia Beasley, a mother and teacher, who has coordinated this important children's ministry in our parish. On behalf of the parish I wish to thank these two spiritual pioneers who have brought the Word of God alive to our children and have planted seeds that will flourish with water from their baptism.

Robert Fortin has accepted the leadership role begun this fall and has many new leaders who will assist him in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to our parish children. *Fr. C.*

Children's Liturgy of the Word is held at St. Leo Parish every Sunday at the 9 am morning Mass. The children are dismissed following the Collect (*Opening Prayer*) of the Mass. Children in junior and senior Kindergarten, grade one and grade two are invited to hear the Word of God at this time each Sunday in Boardroom One and return to the congregation following the homily, Creed and prayers of the faithful.

GOOD NEWS: LIAM IS HOME!



After being born on April 2nd at 3:27 pm. at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Liam Isaiah Janssen was whisked off to Sick Kid's Hospital where he has spent every moment of his life so far surrounded by tubes and wires and treatment to address his

Trisomy 18. His parents, Kevin and Wendy, since his birth have juggled a busy life at home with their five other children, one of whom was also being treated by Sick Kid's Hospital since his birth for serious heart problems detected in the womb. Against advice to abort both children Kevin and Wendy have stood by their children in defense of their lives with the result that Owen, now five years old, has had several heart surgeries and has recovered marvellously, and Liam – well Liam has just gone home for the first time in his life. The doctors just two months ago assured Kevin and Wendy that Liam would never go home.

Over the course of the last six months I have continually sent out updates as I received them to people on my email list. My brother Mark replied to one of them on August 16 telling me that he had been praying for Liam and that he heard in his prayer the same words over and over again – “Fast and pray, fast and pray, fast and pray”. So, we called a day of fast and prayer for Liam and word was sent out to various parts of North America and beyond inviting people to pray for Liam and to fast in order to sharpen their focus and trust in God. On Wednesday August 21 this day of fast and prayer was held and in the evening many came to the Holy Hour and the Mass that followed.

Kevin and Wendy reported that from that day and ever since Liam has progressively improved to the point that the day they were told by the doctors they would never see – the day when their son can go home- has come. **LIAM IS HOME!**

I think also of my late Aunt Mary who, in the last few months of her life offered up her suffering and pain for Liam and Owen. Prayers, like clouds, form after absorbing moisture from the earth and then move and disperse it where it is needed. Our prayers for Liam were drawn up from the earth and God's grace rained on his little body and now he is home.

God is pure mystery and the more we think we have defined and confined what and who God is, we are surely off the mark. The God we come to know day by day is the God who has revealed Himself, giving us glimpses and seen traces of his handiwork in all that is about us. Yet, God has come to us in Jesus through the wonder of the Incarnation, taking flesh and blood and bone created in a woman named Mary. He has walked in the world we walk in and through His death has placed His Cross in the rocks of our lives, to remind us that redemption is not completed until we have been redeemed through our own 'yes' to it.

We thank and we bless you, Lord, for your great work of redemption among us and continued through us and for your wonders shown in the lives of Liam, Owen and so many, many others. To You be all glory and praise and thanksgiving! (*Fr. C.*)

**“There is a quest that calls me
In nights when I am alone,
The need to ride where the ways divide
The Known from the Unknown.**

**I mount what thought is near me
And soon I reach the place,
The tenuous rim where the Seen grows dim,
And the sightless hides its face.**

**I have ridden the wind,
I have ridden the sea,
I have ridden the moon and the stars,
I have set my feet in the stirrup seat
Of a comet coursing Mars.**

**And everywhere
Thro' the earth and ear
My thought speeds lightning-shod,
It comes to a place where checking pace,
It cries, ‘Beyond lies God.’”**

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE:

- WEEKLY COST OF RUNNING OUR PARISH - \$6755
- LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION**
- Envelopes, Loose bills and change - \$4013
- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAP) - \$1554 (August)
- ➔ TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK: \$5567
- ➔ **Deficit in last week's collection: \$1188**

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Oct. 1 - 8:30 am – Mass
Wed. Oct. 2 – 7:00 pm – Mass
Thurs., Oct. 3 – 8:30 am – Mass
Fri., Oct. 4 – 8:30 am – Mass
Sat., Oct. 5 - 5:00 pm – Mass
Sun., Oct. 6 - 9 am – Mass
Sun., Oct. 6 – 11 am – Mary Theresa Fry+

**ST. LEO THE GREAT ANNUAL BAZAAR –
Saturday, October 26, 2013**

Our Annual Bazaar will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 am to 3 pm. There will be something for everyone: bake table (donations to be dropped off Friday, Oct. 25), homemade candy, used books and toys, great bargains at Classy Collectibles (items for this will be accepted Monday, Oct. 21 to Friday, Oct. 25 between 9:30 am and 3 pm) in church parking lot, the Penny Social table (if you have a donation please call Barbara 905-404-2694 or Karen 905-655-4945 before the cutoff date of Oct. 24), raffle prizes, gourmet basket (there will be a donation basket in the church vestibule Sat., Oct. 5) and much more, together with coffee, muffins and a delicious lunch available to purchase. Looking forward to seeing you there!!!!

AND A REMINDER – If you have Raffle tickets money, kindly return the money and ticket stubs to a member of the Bazaar Committee in the vestibule or in the Collection Plate AS SOON AS POSSIBLE in order that we can update our books. The profit from the raffle is a significant portion of the bazaar income – a big thank you to the donors of the prizes for your support and to the ticket sellers – your hard work is greatly appreciated.

HELP NEEDED!!!!

We need some strong arms to set up and take down tables for the Bazaar: Set up will be Friday, Oct. 25 at 9:30 am. Take down will be at the close of the Bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 26. We could also use help with displaying items on each table. If you can help, please contact Barb Regimbal at 905-404-2694.

Baby Bottle Boomerang - PLEASE RETURN THE BABY BOTTLES (BY THANKSGIVING WEEKEND) TO THE BOX ON THE TABLE IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE. CHECK OFF YOUR NAME ON THE LIST WHEN BOTTLES RETURNED.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

February 4 – 13th, 2014

Contact Patrick Sullivan for more information

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CATECHIST CORNER

I thought the 10 Commandments told us to keep the Sabbath, but that is Saturday. By worshipping God on Sunday are we going against what the Bible teaches?

The short answer: No.

In the Old Testament God established our day of rest and encounter with Him on the Sabbath, Saturday. God could have chosen any day but He chose Saturday because it was linked with the completion of creation. In the New Testament God did this very same thing although He chose a different day. Having brought about a new creation in Jesus Christ after His resurrection God called us to be with Him immediately.

It is significant that every encounter the disciples have with Jesus during the resurrection occurs on Sunday and it is also highly significant that Jesus initiates every one of those encounters.

So as St. Paul says, 'Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of...observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths [the weekly, monthly and yearly times for Jews to worship] (Colossians 2:16).' We are followers of the God who makes all things new. And if He wants to meet us on a different day to celebrate that fact, blessed be His name!

New Beginnings: Catholic Family Services: For those who have lost a loved one through Death, Separation or Divorce

- Come and join us for an informative evening with Sally Amaral. Her topic is "Stages of Bereavement". The presentation will take place Tues., Oct. 1, 2013 at 7 pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 1155 Yonge St., 4th floor, (NE corner of Yonge and Shaftesbury Ave.) free underground parking off Shaftesbury. No registration required. Enquiries: Deacon James (416) 921-1163 Ext. 2227 or email at jshaughn@cfstoronto.com.

Attentions parishioners of St. Leo the Great Parish

- A special appointment on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013. God is inviting each one of us to step out of our comfort zone by giving public witness to our faith and conviction in promoting a culture of life on Oct. 3, 2013 from 11 am to 12 noon at the office of our local MPP, Christine Elliott, 114 Dundas Street E., Whitby, there will be a Defund Abortion Rally. See www.campaignlifecoalition.com/defundON for details or call Mary at 905-666-2386. "Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead." James 2:17

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

Date: October 6, 2013, 2 pm to 3 pm at Dundas St. East and Thicksen Road. Holy Family Parish in Whitby is inviting everyone to join us as we witness for the millions of unborn lost in Canada through abortion and to silently and prayerfully intercede to the Lord to end abortion and heal our nation. We meet at the southeast corner at 1:50 pm. For more info. call (905) 666-1888.

Full Breakfast

Oct. 6th following 9 am and 11 am Masses


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