



# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

## A 'QUIET ROOM' IN OUR CHURCH

Welcome back from summer holiday time and a few months without a parish bulletin. This is as good a time as any to introduce to all our parishioners a new designation of our former 'Chapel' as our new **Quiet Room** for parents and their younger children. In former days parishes often called these types of spaces *Cry Rooms* which was almost begging for screaming children to fill them. Our designation of the former chapel to serve now as a *Quiet Room* is intended for parents, whose children may not be quite ready for an hour in church, to be present to the Mass. At the same time it provides their child the opportunity to be trained for when they will be better equipped and ready for the liturgy in the pews in the church itself.

It's a touchy issue over children in church who may be prone to talk and play throughout the Mass. While it is absolutely true that children have as much of a place and a right to be in church with their parents as any other parishioner, it is also true that a noisy child in the pews is a distraction for all who are trying to worship. While most parents will take their child (who may be cranky, acting up or noisy) out of the church for a bit of a breather, some don't.

The local parish church is the place where Catholics come from their often busy lives to sing, pray and give voice to their faith in Christ. *But* it is also a privileged time when we participate through periods of silence and quiet reflection on God's Word. St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans (10:17) that "Faith comes from hearing." And so if any of us, younger or older, are distracted from hearing the Gospel, the Homily, as well as the Eucharistic Prayer, then we need to be concerned about how this affects our spiritual growth.

While the parish church is a place like no other building in our town because it is truly God's House, all of us would accept that a noisy child would not be permitted (much less tolerated) in a movie theater during a movie, and it's not just because the people in the theater paid to get in.

On the other hand, no one would expect or demand that small children be absolutely silent in church nor would anyone expect that children be perfect. None of us are. We would expect that all of us have a respect for one another's choice and right to be able to hear what is being said, sung and prayed for the spiritual benefit of all.

That is where the Quiet Room comes in. It is a large enough room with lots of light and good speakers which carry well the audio of the church even better than in the church itself because there is no echo. This is a training space for children to learn to keep their voices down and to respect the need for others, and like them, to hear what God wants to tell His people each Sunday.

Because the Quiet Room is a training space which seeks to prepare children for the larger church, we ask that no food or drinks be brought into this space in the same way that they would not be appropriate for the parish church itself. Anyone,

young or older can go without food or drink for an hour, with the exception of course for nursing babies at feeding time.

We also ask that children be trained to sit and stand at the appropriate times throughout the liturgy and that the Quiet Room not be seen as a playroom to keep the children busy and occupied. Children's religious books that are oriented toward the bible, the Mass and about Jesus are appropriate to this space during Mass (*and are available from the Cherub's Cupboard Catholic Gift and Bookstore in Oshawa, which come to our parish quite regularly throughout the year*).

We would ask that the present seating arrangement with the three pews and 16 folding chairs be left as it is and that chairs be left as they are with a clear view of the sightlines of the pulpit and altar. Of course, it wouldn't make sense to sit in this room if you can't see the pulpit or the altar.

We ask that adults without children not use this room as it will be solely for the use of parents with small children in training.

Our parish is also an exceptionally young parish and we want all of our parishioners to feel at home in their church as well as able to participate in the liturgy of the Mass without unnecessary and avoidable distraction. One of the hallmarks of Christianity is that we love each other in word and deed. We hope that this Quiet Room will be viewed as our parish's intention and desire to all the more include small children and help their parents in preparing them for "full and active participation" in the liturgy of the Church which is of tremendous importance and benefit to us all. (*Fr. Charles*)

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## Children's Liturgy Begins Again (*Next Week*)

### A Call for Leader-Volunteers

On Sunday, September 14th at the 9 am. Mass, we will resume the Children's Liturgy of the Word which takes place every Sunday throughout the year. As always, we are very excited about this ministry because it helps some of our youngest parishioners become more involved in understanding the Gospels and the Church's mission. Although we do a lot of crafts and activities around the Sunday Gospel message, the main goal of the C.L. is to help children understand the Gospel of the week and become familiar with some of the major themes in the Gospels throughout the year. Children from Kindergarten to Grade 2 are welcome and encouraged to attend.

We have several dedicated parishioners who serve as volunteer leaders and who continue to make this ministry possible. However, we need your help. In order to have a Children's Liturgy every Sunday, we need a few more volunteers. Being a C.L. leader only requires one or two hours of your time a month. The rewards for such a small time commitment are great as you help children learn about their faith and give back to your parish at the same time. You would be responsible for assisting another leader during the liturgy or planning an activity for one 9 am Mass a month. You do not need experience as an educator to

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help out – just a love and appreciation for the Word of God and children. We have a great team which is always ready to assist.

In this time of the New Evangelization, what better way to renew your relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church than by helping our children experience the joy of being Catholic.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in being a part of this ministry or would like to know more about it and I will contact you. Thank you. *(Robert Fortin, CL Coordinator)*

## A CALL FROM CHRIST TO THE R.C.I.A.

Once again in our parish we take up the invitation for anyone who is not presently a Roman Catholic to consider coming to find out what the Church founded by Christ 2000 years ago is really all about. If you've got cold feet because you are afraid you might be one of only a couple of people attending this year, fear not. It seems there have been quite a few people who have recently contacted the parish with an interest in learning about the Catholic faith, so you won't be journeying alone.

Whether you have already been baptized in one of the mainline Christian denominations or if you are not baptized at all, the RCIA led by our gifted parish Catechist, Patrick Sullivan, will be a journey you will be glad you embarked upon.

We are planning on beginning the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* in our parish in the month of October so now is the time for you to contact Patrick at the parish (Ext. 103) to inquire about dates, times and the process itself.

Come and see where Jesus has established His Church, founded on Peter the first pope, the refuge of sinners and the home that has fostered the great saints and martyrs of history. Do not be afraid but trust in the One who is calling you to the fullness of life in Him. Call 905-655-3286 ext. 103.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Sept. 9 – 8:30 am – NO MASS  
Wed., Sept. 10 – 7:00 pm – John Forget+  
Thurs. Sept. 11 – 8:30 am – Baby Jude+  
Fri., Sept. 12 – 8:30 am – Eric & Jeffrey Franke+  
Sat., Sept. 13 – 5:00 pm – Wanda Danielewski+  
Sun., Sept. 14 - 9:00 am – Tony Thorpe+  
Sun., Sept. 14 – 11:00 am – Johannes & Carolina De Wit+

Please return the baby bottles for **Rose of Durham** to the Quiet Room by Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> with the completed form if you wish a tax receipt (donations of \$10 or more). St. Leo's C.W.L. thanks you for your help with this project.

The first **C.W.L. meeting** of the fall will be held in the parish hall on Tues., Sept. 16 at 7:30 pm. All interested women of the parish are invited to come, bring a friend and see why it's the best gift you could give yourself.

## PARISH FALL BAZAAR

The Parish Fall Bazaar will be held on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm in the parish hall. New this year will be a Kids Zone outside (weather permitting) for the children. Please see bulletin insert for further information.

## Planning to be a Catholic Teacher?

It is critical for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic school board in Ontario, as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. If you (or if your adult child) is planning to apply to teach in a Catholic school, it is highly recommended you contact the pastor before Thanksgiving. Please plan to have a conversation with your pastor early in the process and you will avoid disappointment and stress at the time when applications are to be submitted.

## COME AND JOIN US TO HEAL YOUR FAMILY TREE

4th Annual Day Retreat focusing on Generational Healing  
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Plus Youth Workshop focusing on choices and consequences - Grade 7 and up  
Brother Andre Catholic School, 60 Seggar Ave., Ajax, ON L1T 4Y4  
Saturday, September 20th, 2014 - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Admission \$20.00 (Adults) - \$10.00 (Youth)  
Doors open at 7:30 a.m. - Live music ministry Praise and Worship starts at 8:30 a.m. To register, purchase tickets and receive your genogram chart:  
email: sphtwh@gmail.com  
Visit: <http://secondparents2.eventbrite.com>  
Call: Tel: 416-319-3922 or 905-767-1952  
For further information, please see the flyer on the website.

## You Are Invited!

On Wednesday, October 1, parents and Catholic Educators of St. Leo the Great are invited to hear Cardinal Collins speak on the important topic of "Challenges for Catholic Education in the Current Culture". Cardinal Collins is an engaging, witty and inspirational speaker who has a deep love for our Catholic schools. Come join the discussion. This inaugural event is sponsored by the newly formed Catholic Teachers Guild of Durham. Doors open at 6:00 pm, Event begins at 7:00 pm at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church 130 Watford Street Brooklin. Refreshments will be served. Contact [durham@catholictheteachersguild.ca](mailto:durham@catholictheteachersguild.ca) for more information and to reserve a seat.

**SAVE THE DATE** - St Ursula Elementary School is celebrating its 50th anniversary on Saturday, October 18, 2014 with an open house from 1-4 pm at the school, 215 Livingston Road, Scarborough. All former staff and students welcome. Find us on Facebook at St. Ursula 50th Anniversary.







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