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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

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.

Last Sunday: July 18, the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Apostles returned from their mission...and told Jesus all that they had done and taught."

The reflection for this Sunday focused on the angelic help and those of the saints, for the Apostles and for all of us. There were four examples shared in the reflection. St. Faustina's words from her diary relating to her guardian angel, who accompanies her anywhere she goes. Saint <u>Catherine Labouré</u>'s angel who prepared her to receive the miraculous medal from our Lady. And, how St. Maria Goretti appeared to Allesandro in prison (who murdered her), and offered him forgiveness. He was converted after eight years in prison at her visitation.

We all have guardian angels, they are our fellow servants in the mission of Christ. The mission is the Kingdom of God has come near, repent and believe in God's salvation. We do not expect our angels to appear or speak verbally to us, these are rare occasions. But angels are assigned for each one of us as they are assigned to Churches, regions, and missions. We have the freedom to ask for daily help from our guardian angels, patron saints, and the Archangels. A simple way to ask for help is to recite the Angelic prayer, the Saint Michael prayer, and a healthy devotion to our patron saint!

Angel of Go**Gwardjam Aingellemyter** whom God's love commits me here, ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, rule and guide. Amen. This Sunday: July 25, the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: "from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the *People saw the sign*... they began to say: this is indeed the *Prophet who is to come into the world*."

A short biography about our new pastor, upon request: I was born in Lebanon. Arrived in Canada in 1990 as a migrant with two brothers. The rest of the family followed afterwards in 1993, and one

member came at a later time. Have worked a couple of jobs before I ran my own entrepreneur businesses, one of them computer Networking, and another was in real estate investing and renovations. Upon a deep reflection on my journey in life, coupled with a personal life changing spiritual experience, I started discerning and studying in 1996 for the priesthood at St. Augustine Seminary; ordained to the priesthood by his eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins August 15, 2009 at the age of 40. Looking forward to being involved in the flourishing of our beautiful parish at St. Leo the Great. On this occasion, kindly extend with me to Fr. Charles Forget our gratitude for all that he has done in our parish. Wishing him many blessings in his new appointment at St. Mary's Collingwood!

Fr. Mounir EL-Rassi

We are now in **Step 3 of the "Roadmap for Reopening"** plan. **Physical distancing of 6 feet** is still required between parishioners who are not from the same household and **masks are still required** indoors even if you are fully vaccinated.

MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED CANCELLED

Due to the protocols surrounding COVID-19, this year's Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed has unfortunately been cancelled at our seven Catholic cemeteries. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will celebrate and livestream a special Mass in honour of our faithful departed on Wednesday, August 18, at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. The Mass can be viewed here: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live. Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services and for your continued prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

We have many weekday Masses open for intention bookings. Please call, email or visit the Parish Office if you would like to book a Mass intention or if you would like to dedicate the sanctuary lamp for a special intention.



Saturday, July 24th

4:30 p.m. † Steven Closs

Sunday, July 25th

9:00 a.m. † Tom Tangie 11:00 a.m. † Frank O'Neil

Tuesday, July 27th

8:30 a.m. In thanksgiving for received blessings

Wednesday, July 28th

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Markian

Thursday, July 29th

8:30 a.m. † Patrick Aranha

Friday, July 30th

8:30 a.m. † Innovenzo & Vincenzina Mammone

† Attilio & Maria Tuzi

Saturday, July 31st

4:30 p.m. † Ofelia Gutierrez

Sunday, August 1st

9:00 a.m. † Keith Cherrier 11:00 a.m. † Luigi Giardullo

Prayer In Time of COVID

by Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, Auxiliary Bishop, Central Region, Archdiocese of Toronto

Gracious God, you who are the author of all life, and who desire the well-being of all people, during these dark days of COVID-19, increase in us, respect and reverence for all human life.

Grant restored health to the sick, comfort and hope to the dying, eternal peace for those who have died, strength to family members, relatives, clergy, friends and volunteers,

renewed energy to hospital workers,
PSWs, nurses and doctors,
and perseverance to all in the health care professions.
Grant wisdom to scientists for the development of
effective and moral vaccines,

discernment and right judgment for legislators, aid to the discouraged, poor and vulnerable, courage and justice for front-line workers and all who risk their lives for the benefit of others, and keep always in our minds the vision of the true common good of all the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

Earlier this year, Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will be held every year on the fourth Sunday in July, near the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne.

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday, July 25, 2021 is: "I am with you always" (cf. Mt 28:20).

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord,

for the comfort of Your presence:

even in times of loneliness,

You are my hope and my confidence,

You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life.

I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,

for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me.

I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith,

make me a channel of your peace,

teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming

and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.

Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

Marriage Preparation Course

Holy Family Parish is offering an online Marriage Preparation Course for those who are interested. We are happy to assist couples from outside our parish as well. They can email the office or visit our website https://www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/marriage-2/



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