

# 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.

#### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

#### "IT IS RIGHT AND JUST!"

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.
For at the Last Supper with his Apostles, establishing for the ages to come the saving memorial of the Cross, he offered himself to you as the unblemished Lamb, the acceptable gift of perfect praise.

Nourishing your faithful by this sacred mystery, you make them holy, so that the human race, bounded by one world, may be enlightened by one faith and united by one bond of charity.

And so, we approach the table of this wondrous Sacrament, so that bathed in the sweetness of your grace, we may pass over to the heavenly realities here foreshadowed. Therefore all creatures of heaven and earth sing a new song in adoration, and we, with all the host of Angels, cry out, and without end we acclaim: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.....

The above preface is taken from the Mass for this Sunday of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). The priest reads this part called the preface (which leads to the Eucharistic Prayer itself) following the people's response to the priests' invitation, "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God", and the people respond, "It is right and just".

Last weekend, our visiting guest priest and preacher was Fr. Paul Acton who in his homily spoke of the fact that the one thing God expects, the one thing that God even 'demands', is Worship. It's not an option suggested by a nice god who, shucks, loves us no matter what we do, hold to, profess or devolve into because he's just such a darn right nice guy. No, it's a command from God who not only deserves all our praise and worship but in fact demands that we do it. The above preface states both by the people and by the priest himself that it is right and just to worship God – it's what God has coming to Him. Justice pertains to doing the right things that God expects and deserves, like the Third Commandment which calls us to Keep Holy the Sabbath Day. With the high numbers of fallen away or non-practicing Catholics around the world most would likely not even know that "going to church" is demanded by God. We might tend to think of the Church as merely a human institution that demands of its adherents blind obedience, but we'd be wrong. We are the beneficiaries of the many gifts and blessings in life that come to us from the God of love in Jesus Christ; sacred communion, divine teaching, benevolent blessing and the guiding light that is God's Word 'churchy words' to be sure, but words with meaning that pack a punch containing real power for our lives and mission. God does it all for us and chooses to reveal these great graces through His Holy Church until Jesus comes again.

I am amazed at the speech and language of so many which doesn't reflect that of the Church. If we are to embrace the whole Gospel of Jesus Christ that means that we are not permitted to take and accept only those parts that we like. Take, for example, the Ten Commandments. These commands of God that bear the full weight of "you must" for the good of our own lives are sometimes viewed as commands of a throwback age which the modern world has moved beyond. "We have Jesus now and He's all about love and forgiveness", might be their attitude until we remember that Jesus told us that He did not come to abolish the Law but to fulfill it – those Old Testament commandments still hold.

The Third Commandment states that we must "Keep Holy the Sabbath Day" which, you will remember, is not a very popular thing to say or print in Brooklin, Ontario these days. Presented with the Ten Commandments wherein all our various human sins can be found, Catholics can sometimes react in a manner that is quite un-Christian. The reason: disagreement and a lack of teaching. Many of the central teachings of the Catholic Church today are not adhered to, even by those who may go to church every Sunday. We present ourselves with an image of Jesus who encompasses all the good stuff we want to believe about our God – that He is merciful, kind, loving, forgiving, always there, and not so willing to see Jesus as one who makes real demands of us: "If anyone wants to be my disciple, let them take up their cross daily and follow me". (Matt. 16:24) "The world will hate you because of me."

No one wants to really stand out by themselves or carry a cross much less be hated, yet living with Jesus and for Jesus will form us more and more into being like Him. Yet the world hated Him because He was too divine for the secular and too secular for the religious and so they killed Him, hung the Lord of glory on a tree. Yet He rose, as He had said, and is still among us, calling us, guiding us, pleading with us, dying for us to come to our senses and come back to Him. Therefore, because He is God who is truly with us, "it is right and just" to give Him thanks and praise! (Fr. C.)

#### PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE:

#### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes, Loose bills and change - \$3553

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAP) - \$1555 (May)

→ TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK: \$5108

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., June 24 – 8:30 am – St. Leo School Mass (Church)
Wed., June 25 – 7:00 pm – In Thanksgiving Req. by Anita Demesa
Thurs. June 26 – 8:30 am – Myroslaw Horunjak+ Req. by Maria
Fri., June 27 – 8:30 am – John Van Der Wyst+ Req. by Helen Freve
Sat., June 28 – 5:00 pm – Vicenta Hong+ Req. by Sheryll Farola
Sun., June 29 – 9:00 am – For the intentions of John & Margaret Forget
Sun., June 29 – 11:00 am – Henry Freve+ Req. by Helen Freve

#### PARISH FALL BAZAAR – SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

This year's Bazaar will be organized by the Catholic Women's League but all proceeds will continue to go to the parish. We need the help of all parishioners to insure the success of this undertaking. We need to have a working committee in place by the end of the month. Please contact: J. Ralph (905) 579-6118 or D. Shaddick (905) 620-0724 or B. Hallihan (905) 620-0351 if you can be of any assistance. The Raffle tickets (with all cash prizes) are ready for this weekend and in the weeks to come. If you would be willing to help man the table to distribute tickets in the coming weeks, please contact Jeananne at (905) 579-6118.

#### **TOTAL TUUS IS COMING!**

The children and youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) this summer from July 20<sup>th</sup> to July 25<sup>th</sup>. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and college students travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechetical instruction, Mass, confession, songs and games! The grade school program, for children entering grades 1-6, runs Monday-Friday from 9 am - 2:30 pm. The Intermediate/High School program for grades 7-12 runs Sunday-Thursday from 7 pm - 9 pm. The cost is only \$50 per person for the entire week. To register or for more information, please contact Carly Thistel (Totus Tuus Co-ordinator) at <a href="mailto:carlythistel@gmail.com">carlythistel@gmail.com</a>. More information about the program is also available at www.totustuustoronto.ca

# St. Leo the Great Catholic Women's League Strawberry Social

You're invited this Sunday, June 22, 2014 to a Strawberry Social – 12 noon to 2 pm in the parish hall. Come and enjoy the taste of the season. Single tickets \$6, Family \$15. Fancy sandwiches, coffee, tea and juice, strawberry shortcake will be served.

Congratulations to Susan Miller who was the winner of the CWL Father's Day Raffle Picture and Gift Basket.

#### THANK YOU!

To all the volunteers who have helped and are continuing to help in the upkeep of our gardens. Our gardens will not be the same without all your hard work and dedication! For those wanting to help, it's never too late, please call Joan Barker (905) 655-2062.

#### Body & Blood of Christ - June 22, 2014

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to him on our journey as married, single, ordained or consecrated persons. If God is calling you, **contact Fr. Hansoo Park – 416-968-0997 email** <a href="mailto:vocations@vocations.ca">vocations@vocations.ca</a> <a href="mailto:www.vocationstoronto.ca">www.vocationstoronto.ca</a>

Next Weekend is the last bulletin for the summer. The bulletin will begin again the weekend of September 7, 2014.

#### St. Leo's Card Party Schedule for 2014

Doors open at 6:15 pm. Parking available (behind church, enter from Carson Ave.) \$10.00 per person – 15 Games – Starts at 7:00 pm **SHARP**. Euchre Dates for 2014 (First Friday of Every Month). July 4, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7 and December 5, 2014 For more info. please contact Donna at (905) 620-0724 or Jeananne at (905) 579-6118

#### Note from Fr. John Boos

Fr. John offers his sincere thanks to all the parishioners for their prayers and well wishes for his mom, Marjorie Pierre. She is home now and continues to recuperate from a broken hip. Fr. John is looking forward to celebrating mass at St. Leo the Great in the near future.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** – If you are contributing to the poor box each week or even periodically, please be aware that if you put your donation in an SVDP envelope with pertinent information, you will receive an income tax receipt at the end of the year. You may as well receive some recognition for your generosity. Envelopes are available on the SVDP collection box or in the rack near the welcome table.

**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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