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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.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND AUTHORITY Part III

(This concludes the 3-part article on the authority of the Catholic Church by convert to Catholicism Fr. Dwight Longenecker.)

It Is Visible . . .

As a Protestant I was taught that the Church was invisible. That is, it consisted of all people everywhere who believed in Jesus, and that the true members of the Church were known to God alone. This is true, but there is more to it than that. Invisibility and visibility make up the fifth paired set of characteristics that mark the truly authoritative church.

The Church is made up of all people everywhere who trust in Christ. However, this characteristic alone is not satisfactory because human beings locked in the visible plane of reality also demand that the Church be visible. Even those who believe only in the invisible church belong to a particular church which they attend every Sunday. Those who believe only in the invisible church must conclude that the church they go to doesn't really matter.

... and Invisible

The Catholic system of authority recognizes both the invisible dimension of the Church and the visible. The Church is greater than what we can observe, but the church we observe is also greater than we think. The invisible Church subsists in the Catholic Church, and while you may not be able to identify the extent of the invisible Church, you can with certainty point to the Catholic Church and say, "There is the Body of Christ."

A few small Protestant denominations claim that their visible church is the true church, but their claims are ludicrous because they have none of the other twelve traits of true authority. Because it has all these traits, only the Catholic Church can claim to be the living, historical embodiment of the Body of Christ on earth.

It is Both Human and Divine

Finally, for the church to speak with authority it must be both human and divine. An authority that speaks only with a divine voice lacks the authenticity that comes with human experience. So Islam and Mormonism, which are both based on a book supposedly dictated by angels, are unsatisfactory because their authority is supernaturally imposed on the human condition.

On the other hand, a religion that is purely a construct of the human condition is merely a system of good works, religious techniques, or good ideas. Christian Science or Unitarianism, for example, is developed from human understandings and natural goodness. As such, both lack a supernatural voice of authority.

The Judeo-Christian story, however, is both human and divine. The voice of authority is always expressed through human experience and human history. Divine inspiration in the Judeo-Christian tradition is God's word spoken through human words. This incarnated form of authority finds its fulfillment in Jesus Christ, who hands on his totally incarnated authority to Peter and his successors.

Built upon the Rock

Some Churches may exercise some of the twelve traits, but only the Catholic Church is able to field all twelve as a foundation for decision-making. When the Catholic Church pronounces on any difficult question, the response is historical, but up to date. It is based on objective principles but applies to specific needs. The Church's authority transcends space and time, but it is relevant to a particular place and time. The response will be intellectually profound, but expressed in a way that is simple enough for anyone to apply. Finally, it will express truths that are embedded in the human experience, but spring from divine inspiration.

This authority works infallibly through the active ministry of the whole Church. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that it is Christ who is infallible, and he grants a measure of his infallibility to his body, the Church. That infallibility is worked out through these twelve traits, but it is expressed most majestically and fully through Christ's minister of infallibility: one person—the Rock on which the Church is built, Peter and his successors.

Personal Note: As a Catholic and a priest I know that the authority found in the Catholic Church is a solid rock of assurance that our faith, founded by Christ, is strong and unchanging. It is directly linked to the teaching office of the pope who is directly linked to every pope before him all the way back to the Divine Saviour Himself. Without this authority we'd be just another self-appointed, self-styled church making up our minds on what "we" will all believe based on a consensus and not on the truth. History has shown, however, that this does not work and quickly devolves into splintering, division and separation one from another. If there is one truth with one authority how come there are 40,000 different Christian denominations? The truth of Christ is immoveable and therefore needs to be grounded and rooted in that which Christ has established, his Church, built on the Apostles and sustained by the power, movement and promptings of the Holy Spirit. For the one truth that is Christ there can only be one authority and not many.

The Church already knows what she is going to say in every situation of the human agenda that is thrust upon the world because her teaching is already within her and is applied to every situation. The truth is not "out there" but within the heart of the teaching authority of the Church and the Spirit which guides her. The need for authority is not only universal but personal. As Colin Urguhart said,

"If you accept the authority of Jesus in your life, then you accept the authority of his words." (Fr. Charles

First Reconciliation/Communion Parent Information Mtg.

There will be two Parent Information Meetings for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation/First Communion for all parents of children ages 7 (or in Grade 2). Parents are asked to choose one of the two offered meetings: Either <u>Thursday October 16 at 7:00 pm.</u>

OR Sunday October 19 at 12:30 pm.

Parents are kindly asked not bring their children due to the late hour of the meeting, but to bring with them a photocopy of the original baptismal certificate for their child, a \$50. Registration fee and a preference for the Sunday and Mass in the Easter Season 2015 they would like their child to receive First Holy Communion. You may choose one out of 9 available Sunday Masses: one of the 3 weekend Masses of April 11/12, April 18/19 or April 25/26. Go to our website for full information and forms.

You're Invited! – Wednesday, October 1 Guest Speaker: Thomas Cardinal Collins

Cardinal Collins is speaking 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 in Parish Hall, 130 Watford Street, Brooklin. Please enter by Carson Street. Please contact durham@catholicteachersguild.ca to reserve a seat.

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY- Sunday, October 5, 2014 Location: Dundas St East & Thickson Rd - 2-3 pm

The Rosary Apostolate in the Schools

Through the Rosary Apostolate, children are experiencing the power of the Rosary! Dedicate your time to praying the Rosary with children once a month in our Catholic Elementary schools. The Rosary Apostolate is welcoming new members. Please call Judy Delaney at (905) 655-0227.

NEED MORE CHOIR MEMBERS – 11:00 AM MASS

The Choir for the 11 am Mass always welcomes new members and Sept. is a great time to join. We rehearse in the church on Thursday evenings, 7:30 – 8:45 pm and we sing at Sunday Mass each week from Sept. until late May. If you can't read music, we still want you – that's what the rehearsal is for! If you can commit to most Thursdays and Sundays, speak to any of us after Sunday Mass or simply come along on Thursday evening. Men – we really would like to see some of you join us.

You "may not get opportunities to do this ever again, so it's about time—it's a terrible thing, I think, in life to wait until you're ready. I have this feeling now that actually no one is ever ready to do anything. There's almost no such thing as ready. There's only now." *(Hugh Laurie, star of "House", in 2012 Time Out interview)

CATECHIST CORNER

Question: My friend who knows the Bible quite well has told me that a tabernacle is only a tent, but I thought it was the box that holds Jesus. What's going on with that?

Answer: There is no contradiction here, just a clarification needed on the word *tabernacle*. The word *tabernacle *is an ancient word simply meaning 'to dwell.' And so of course, God *dwelled *in a tent as His people wandered the desert in the Old Testament. And today, God *dwells* in the box that we find in Catholic Churches throughout the world.

SPAGHETTI DINNER- October 25

The Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner is on Saturday, Oct. 25th at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Tickets are \$15 adults, children 4-12 are \$10 and under 4 are free. The dinner is being catered by Bella Notte Restaurant. Tickets are on sale this weekend.

St. Leo's Euchre Party - Saturday, Oct. 3, 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**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Sept. 30 – 8:30 am – John Forget+

**Wed., Oct. 1 - 8:30 am - No Intention

Thurs. Oct. 2-8:30 am - St. Leo School Mass (Church)

Fri., Oct. 3 – 8:30 am – No Intention

Fri., Oct. 3 – 10:00 am – St. Bridget School Mass (Church)

Sat., Oct. 4 - 5:00 pm - Michael Rodrigues+

Sun., Oct. 5 - 9:00 am - Arthur Chai+

Sun., Oct. 5 – 11:00 am – For the intentions of Minda Figuracion

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1, AS CARDINAL COLLINS WILL BE GIVING A TALK IN THE PARISH HALL. THERE WILL STILL BE ADORATION AT 6:00 pm.

A big thank you to all St. Leo Parishioners and friends

who were able to support this year's **BAZAAR**. Whether you bought or sold raffle tickets, donated or bought books, candy, crafts, home baking, plants/preserves, toys, Granny's Attic, Thanksgiving Feast, Kids Zone, Christmas items, penny social items, Knights of Columbus breakfast and/or lunch, jewelry table, take-out food your participation was greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the hardworking bazaar volunteers who spent many, many hours preparing for and cleaning up after the event. It's always good to see so many people working together and enjoying each other's company. We hope everyone had a good time.

The lucky raffle tickets winners are:

Main Raffle – 1st Prize - \$500 - Greg White

2nd Prize - \$300 – Sandrene Chin Cheong,

3rd Prize - \$200 - Betty Commu

Porcelain Nativity Set - Pat Busby

Christmas Nativity Wall Hanging #1 - Thomas Passafiume

Christmas Nativity Wall Hanging #2 - Ruth Thompson

Thanksgiving Basket Raffle – Barbara Andrews

St. Gregory the Great Parish Knights of Columbus and CWL – Fall Fest 2014 Dinner/Dance to be held in their parish hall on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014 starting at 6 pm – Chicken & Ribs Dinner: 7 pm. Cash Bar - \$30.00 per person. Live music by "The Half Tones". For tickets contact: Jacqui (905) 723-8141 or George at 905-999-0639.

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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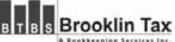
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