

# St. Leo The Great

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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](http://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.

## MARK MALLETT IS COMING!

All who know me will know of my great admiration and love for Venerable Fulton J. Sheen. He is my hero. And I have another: Mark Mallett. Mark is coming from Saskatoon to give our parish, and all from outside our parish who desire to come, a 3-Day Lenten Retreat from Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday February 27<sup>th</sup>, each evening from 7-9 pm. in the church. In order for our parishioners to know who Mark Mallett is I have included below this article from his website (markmallett.com) about his particular calling to be a Catholic evangelist. Please help get the word out among your families and friends and to anyone who needs to hear the Good News of Jesus – which is everyone. There are no tickets and no cost. There will simply be a free-will offering each evening for Mark's ministry.

St. Leo the Great Parish, Brooklin  
THREE-DAY LENTEN RETREAT  
with Catholic Evangelist, Mark Mallett  
Sunday February 25, Monday February 26 &  
Tuesday February 27  
Each evening from 7-9 pm. in the church.  
*A free-will offering will take place each evening to support  
Mark's family and ministry.*

### The Calling *by Mark Mallett*



**MY** days as a television reporter eventually came to an end and my days as a full time Catholic evangelist and singer/songwriter began. It was in this phase of my ministry that suddenly a new mission was given to me... one that forms the impetus and context of this book. For you'll see that I have added some of my own thoughts and "words" which I have received through prayer and discerned in spiritual direction. They are, perhaps, like little lights pointing to the Light of Divine Revelation. The

following is a story to explain this new mission further...

In August of 2006, I was sitting at the piano singing a version of the Mass part "Sanctus," which I had written: "Holy, Holy, Holy..." Suddenly, I felt a powerful urge to go and pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

At the church, I began to pray the Office (the official prayers of the Church outside of the Mass.) I noticed immediately that the "Hymn" was the same words I'd just been singing: "*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty...*" My spirit began to quicken. I continued, praying the words of the Psalmist, "Burnt offering I bring to your house; to you I will pay my vows..." Within my heart welled up a great longing to give myself completely to God, in a new way, on a deeper level. I was experiencing the prayer of the Holy Spirit who "*intercedes with inexpressible groanings*" (Rom 8:26).

As I spoke with the Lord, time seemed to dissolve. I made personal vows to Him, all the while feeling within me a growing zeal for souls. And so I asked, if it be His will, for a greater platform from which to share the Good News. I had the entire

world in mind! (As an evangelist, why would I want to cast my net only a short distance from shore? I wished to drag it across the whole sea!) Suddenly it was as though God was answering back through the prayers of the Office. The First Reading was from the book of Isaiah and was titled, "The call of the prophet Isaiah".

Seraphim were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two they veiled their feet, and with two they hovered aloft. "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!" they cried one to the other." (Isaiah 6:2-3)

I continued to read how the Seraphim then flew to Isaiah, touching his lips with an ember, sanctifying his mouth for the mission ahead. "*Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?*" Isaiah responded, "*Here I am, send me!*" Again, it was as though my earlier spontaneous conversation was unfolding in print. The reading went on to say that Isaiah will be sent to a people who listen but do not understand, who look but see nothing. The Scripture seemed to imply that the people will be healed once they do listen and look. But when, or "*how long?*" asks Isaiah. And the Lord answered, "*Until the cities are desolate, without inhabitants, houses, without a man, and the earth is a desolate waste.*" That is, when mankind has been humbled, and brought to its knees.

The second reading was from St. John Chrysostom, words which seemed as though they were being spoken directly to me:

**You are the salt of the earth. It is not for your own sake, he says, but for the world's sake that the word is entrusted to you. I am not sending you into two cities only or ten or twenty, not to a single nation, as I sent the prophets of old, but across land and sea, to the whole world. And that world is in a miserable state... he requires of these men those virtues which are especially useful and even necessary if they are to bear the burdens of many... they are to be teachers not simply for Palestines but for the whole world. Do not be surprised, then, he says, that I address you apart from the others and involve you in such a dangerous enterprise... the greater the undertakings put into your hands, the more zealous you must be. When they curse you and persecute you and accuse you over every evil, they may be afraid to come forward. Therefore he says: "Unless you are prepared for that sort of thing, it is in vain that I have chosen you. Curses shall necessarily be your lot but they shall not harm you and simply be a testimony to your constancy. If through fear, however, you fail to show the forcefulness your mission demands, your lot will be much worse."** —St. John Chrysostom, *Liturgy of the Hours*, Vol. IV, p. 120-122

The last sentence really struck me, for just the night before, I was worrying about my fear of preaching since I have no clerical collar, no theological degree, and [eight] children to provide for. But this fear was answered in the following Responsory: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you—and you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth."

At this point, I was overwhelmed with what the Lord seemed to be saying to me: that I was being called upon to exercise the ordinary prophetic charism. On the one hand, I thought it to be rather presumptuous to think such a thing. On the other, I could not explain the supernatural graces which were welling up within me.

My head spinning and my heart aflame, I went home and opened my Bible and read:

*I will stand at my guard post, and station myself upon the rampart, and keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what answer he will give to my complaint.* (Habb 2:1)

This in fact is what Pope John Paul II asked of us youth when we gathered with him at World Youth Day in Toronto, Canada, in 2002:

**In the heart of the night we can feel frightened and insecure, and we impatiently await the coming of the light of dawn. Dear young people, it is up to you to be the watchmen of the morning (cf. Is 21:11-12) who announce the coming of the sun who is the Risen Christ! —Message of the Holy Father to the Youth of the World, XVII World Youth Day, n. 3**

**The young have shown themselves to be for Rome and for the Church a special gift of the Spirit of God... I did not hesitate to ask them to make a radical choice of faith and life and present them with a stupendous task: to become "morning watchmen" at the dawn of the new millennium. —POPE JOHN PAUL II, *Novo Millennio Inuente*, n.9**

This call to "watch" was repeated by Pope Benedict in Australia when he asked the youth to be messengers of a new era:

**Empowered by the Spirit, and drawing upon faith's rich vision, a new generation of Christians is being called to help build a world in which God's gift of life is welcomed, respected and cherished—not rejected, feared as a threat, and destroyed. A new age in which love is not greedy or self-seeking, but pure, faithful and genuinely free, open to others, respectful of their dignity, seeking their good, radiating joy and beauty. A new age in which hope liberates us from the shallowness, apathy, and self-absorption which deaden our souls and poison our relationships. Dear young friends, the Lord is asking you to be prophets of this new age... —POPE BENEDICT XVI, Homily, World Youth Day, Sydney, Australia, July 20th, 2008**

Finally, I felt the urge to open the Catechism—a 904 page volume—and, without knowing what I would find, I turned directly to this:

**In their "one to one" encounters with God, the prophets draw light and strength for their mission. Their prayer is not flight from this unfaithful world, but rather attentiveness to The Word of God. At times their prayer is an argument or a complaint, but it is always an intercession that awaits and prepares for the intervention of the Savior of God, the Lord of history. —*Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC), 2584, under heading: "Elijah and the prophets and conversion of heart"**

The reason I write the above is not to declare that I am a prophet. I am simply a musician, a father, and a follower of the Carpenter from Nazareth. Or as the spiritual director of these writings says, I am simply "God's little courier." With the strength of this experience before the Blessed Sacrament, and the assurances I received through spiritual direction, I began to write according to the words which were placed in my heart and based upon what I could see upon the "rampart."

Our Blessed Lady's command to St. Catherine Labouré perhaps summarizes best what my personal experience has been:

**You will see certain things; give an account of what you see and hear. You will be inspired in your prayers; give an account of what I tell you and of what you will understand in your prayers. —St. Catherine, *Autograph*, February 7th, 1856, Dirvin, Saint Catherine Labouré, Archives of the Daughters of Charity, Paris, France; p.84**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

### Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

7:00 p.m. † Valerie Hotner

### Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a.m.

### Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 a.m. † Mary Paschal Dimitroff

† Walter Labow

† Mary Mulcahy

### Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

4:30 p.m. † Frank Utrosa

### Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Barbara Waugh

11:00 a.m. † Tony Vonk

## CWL MEETING

A reminder to all women of the Parish to come and enjoy the CWL meeting **this Sunday at 12:15**. Come and stay for a few minutes or the full two hours. If you need childcare please call Jackie at 905-493- 4677 and we will arrange it.

## KofC BREAKFAST

**St. Leo Knights of Columbus** will serve Breakfast on February 4th. following the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. Masses. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a **full Breakfast** of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice in the Church hall. Adults - \$5.00, Children ages 4 - 12 - \$3.00 and Children under 4 - free .Hope to see you there.

## VALENTINE DANCE

St. Leo Knights of Columbus invites everyone to attend its Annual Valentine Dance for an enjoyable evening of socializing in the Parish hall starting at 6:30 P.M. on Saturday, Feb.10th. A hot buffet will be served with dessert, coffee or tea: music will be provided by a disc jockey: cash bar will be available and spot prizes and 50-50 draw included.



The members of St. Leo the Great St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parishioners of St. Leo's for their amazing generosity this Christmas. Not only were we able to help 8 families from the Brooklin area but we were also able to help 14 families from St. Gertrude's who had a high number of families to assist this year. Your donations and Christmas gifts insured a happy Christmas morning for many. Your donations of clothing and household goods last weekend filled the SVP truck to the top and will be most welcome at the store in Oshawa where poor families can turn when in need of clothing, etc. Thank you, thank you, thank you

## Want to Join the 11:00 Choir? (:

The Sunday 11:00 am mass choir is looking for new members to join this already wonderful group. All ages and vocal abilities are welcome. The only requirement is that you like singing. The choir sings at the 11:00 mass on Sundays and we rehearse on Thursday nights from 7:30 - 9:00 pm. If you have been thinking about joining the choir, then now is the time to give it a try. Also, if you know someone who may be interested in joining, please encourage them to try it out too. For more information about joining this talented and fun group, please see Ted, the director, after the 11:00 mass or come out to the church on Thursday night at 7:30pm. He can also be also reached by phone at 647-302-6996. Thank you.






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