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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.

PERSONHOOD

I read this short article on Personhood in the online article of BioEdge, a blog that seeks to consider and discuss the bioethics news from around the world. The author of the article, Xavier Symon, who is the deputy editor of the online magazine, states an important insight about the liberal and more conservative views in looking at personhood which is at the heart of so many ethical issues we face today.



While granting personhood, at least in my own estimation, would be a stretch when it comes to the salvation of the world we know that Jesus didn't die on the cross for the members of the animal kingdom but for the human. While it is true that Jesus came to save "all of creation" only humans have a capacity to sin and are, therefore, in need of redemption. Equal granting of personhood between apes and humans would most certainly demand limits and differentiations between the two. (FrC)

"Personhood" is a concept that is of great relevance to a range of bioethics debates. These include embryo research, abortion, the withdrawal and withholding of treatment, and euthanasia. Ironically, conservative bioethicists argue for a liberal definition of personhood, while liberal bioethicists tend to defend a more restrictive account of who classifies as a person. The former (conservative bioethicists) suggest that personhood pertains to a radical capacity for conscious activity, and all human beings, regardless of whether they have actualised this capacity or not, are persons.

The latter (liberal bioethicists) argue that the unborn and the radically incapacitated do not have a capacity for conscious self-awareness, and do not count as persons.

Yet the way in which we define personhood has a relevance that goes beyond debates about human beings. It also has significant bearing on debates about animal rights.

Some bioethicists argue that certain non-human animals, such as chimpanzees, should be recognised as "persons". NYU animal studies professor Jeff Sebo, for example, says that chimps have many of the traits – self-recognition, use of language, friendships and the pursuit of goals – that we take to be constitutive of personhood. As such, we should include them in our definition of personhood. Sebo has championed a protracted legal campaign in New York State to have two chimpanzees, Kiko and Tommy, recognised as persons.

Here's what Sebo had to say in a recent New York Times op-ed:

Sometimes when we are overwhelmed by the complexity of an issue, it can help to start by stating a simple truth and going from there. In this case, the simple truth is that Kiko and Tommy are not mere things. Whatever else we say about the nature and limits of moral and legal personhood, we should be willing to say at least that. The only alternative is to continue to accept an arbitrary and exclusionary view about what it takes to merit moral and legal recognition. Kiko and Tommy deserve better than that, and so do the rest of us.

I wonder if these two different debates – the limits of human personhood and the scope of animal personhood – have implications for each other. Perhaps those who defend the rights of the unborn and severely incapacitated humans must

also acknowledge the need to afford greater legal recognition to intelligent non-human animals. And perhaps those who advocate for a definition of personhood that includes intelligent animals should also include those at the margins of human life.

THE REALITY OF EVIL

Above my desk in the rectory I have an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of gold coloured paper with the words of Jesus on it:

"The 'thief' comes only to steal, to kill, to destroy."

"I have come that men may have life,

and may have it in all its fullness." (John 10:10)

It serves to remind me of the spiritual battle which goes on in the world and in human hearts, mine included. If we allow the thief, Satan, to do his work through us or with us or even through our indifference, then effectively we humans have allowed Satan to use us as a tool for his purposes. And his purposes are clear as told us from the very mouth of Jesus, that Satan is a liar, a murderer and is bent on our destruction. We have been given tremendous power by Jesus to do battle with the evil one. *Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world*, is an old truth known by many Christians who have fought the good fight and run the race.

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen once stated that the roles of Christ are not only opposite but they reverse themselves before and after we sin.

Before we sin.....

Christ says to us, you know my commandments, you know my precepts; do them and you will live. In this sense Christ may appear as our accuser and Satan as our defender.

In essence before we sin Satan says to us, Come on, you're human. You have needs and desires and wants; give in to them and obey them. You want to be happy, don't you? Follow your drives.

After we sin.....

The roles reverse and Satan becomes our accuser and Christ our defender. In the scriptures Satan is called *The Accuser* who accuses God's people day and night." Rev. 12:10

Satan tells us after we have given into our temptations and weaknesses that we might as well go all the way or just give up because there's no hope and we've messed it all up. He wants us to think that Christ could never forgive us or take us back and that our lives are hopeless. Satan convinced Judas of that. Christ, at this point, now becomes our defender. Christ says, "Come to me all you who are heavy burdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Priests and Christians alike know that evil is real and yet our world tries to explain everything that is dark and wrong and sinful or tragic as just messed up people. We need only look back to earlier this week when a young 25-year-old Richmond Hill man used a van as a lethal weapon and mowed down pedestrians going about their day leaving ten dead and fifteen injured. There was of course speculation that this horrific crime was from perhaps a deranged person with mental problems or that there is some reason for why he did what he did, but in reality it is the bible truths all over again. Satan indeed rejoices over what that young man did and then would even turn on the young man himself who wanted police to kill him. Satan is a murderer. The fullness of life is what Jesus promises now and forever. We need to listen to Jesus who tells us to listen to his voice and his words and not the voice of the evil one. Life is the fruit of listening to Jesus and doing His will. (Fr. Charles)

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 1st	
8:30 a.m.	† Alice Launay
Wednesday, May 2nd	
7:00 p.m.	† Vinko Korosec
Thursday, May 3rd	
8:30 a.m.	† Armando Marinaccio
Friday, May 4th	
8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Father Charles
Saturday, May 5th	
4:30 p.m.	† John Forget
Sunday, May 6th	
9:00 a.m.	† Harold Cohillt
11:00 a.m.	Intentions of Father Charles

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Camp Registration Information**

If you are unable to take your children on vacation or send them to camp due to restricted income, illness, lack of funds etc, and would like to apply for one of our summer camps, contact our help line for further information: 905-655-3286 ext. 221. All enquirers are strictly CONFIDENTIAL.

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Camp Ozanam is for boys ages 7-12 and is located near Sunridge Ontario north of Huntsville. Campers may attend one of five, seven day sessions.

No fees are charged.



If you like to sing and have thought about joining the 11:00 choir on Sunday mornings, now is a great time. This fun choir is always looking for new members to help

enhance the liturgy. All ages and ability levels are welcome. Practices are on Thursday nights for one and a half hours. If interested please see the director, Ted Schuck after the 11:00 mass or just show up to practice any Thursday at 7:30 pm. Thank you.

email: tedschuck@rogers.com



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Angie moved to Canada to marry a man she met online. He was not who he seemed; she endured emotional and physical abuse. While he was at

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May 27 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

FATHER CHARLES' 25th ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

A committee of Parishioners has met to plan a parish celebration for Father Charles' 25th Ordination Anniversary to be held on **May 6, 2018** after the 11 Mass. We hope to have as many parishioners as possible attend.

Each of our 3 weekend Masses will develop their own Spiritual Bouquet of Masses, Holy Communion, prayers etc for the intentions of Fr. Charles. A sheet for you to indicate your prayer offerings will be available in the foyer after Mass on the next few weekends.

A Reception is being planned by the ladies of the CWL for after the May 6, 11 Mass. If you and your family can attend we need you to complete the Attendance Form so that we have lots of delicious food for all. This form will be available at the back of the church.

There will be no parish gift however we will have a box in the vestibule available on the weekends of Apr 21/22, 28/29 & May 5/6. This box would be for cards of congratulations and any monetary gifts you would like to give Father which might assist his future plans for retirement.

Let's make this a great St. Leo Parish celebration in thanksgiving for our beautiful church, the goodness of our people and for God's providing us with Father Charles to guide our spiritual growth.

CWL GENERAL MEETING



CWL monthly meeting **Monday April 30, 7pm to 9 pm** in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. If you need child minding please call Jackie McVeigh 905-493-4677

CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP



Come join us for some faith and friendship! St. Leo the Great's Catholic Moms Group is meeting every second Thursday of each month at 8 pm in Boardroom 1.

Next meeting on May 10

All those called to Mothering are Welcome! To be added to our email list contact: annalisa@catholicmomsgr.com

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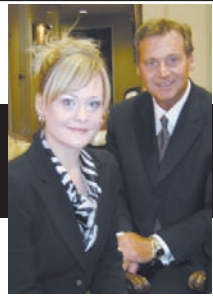
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