

# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Pastor: Rev. Charles T. Forget**

**Parish Secretary: Magda Nowak 905-655-3286 x 101**

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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.

## PARISH CELEBRATION OF MY 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

I was overwhelmed by the kindness expressed and the generosity of our parishioners who celebrated with me and as a parish my 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. The touching words, presentation of flowers and the multitude of moving promises of prayer in the spiritual bouquets will long be remembered by me as I look back on this time in my life when I gave thanks to the Lord for his guidance, care and sustenance these past quarter of a century and at this time while at St. Leo the Great Parish. I truly am so overcome with our people's salutations, cards and gifts and the unbelievable gathering following the 11 am. Mass last Sunday that I really never had the opportunity to begin to thank everyone for their outpouring of love for me expressed in their kind words. A little boy coming out of the 9 am. Mass with his mother, when after flowers and kind words were extended to me at the end of the Mass, looked up at me and said, "Happy birthday, Father!"

I really don't know who to thank because much of the preparations were done without my prior knowledge and so I am not really aware of the many, many people who helped to organize this parish event. In time, either personally through correspondence or in opening all of the cards and gifts given, I will come to acknowledge the many individuals and groups who worked tirelessly and with great care to make this parish celebration what it was – wonderful!

Allow me to simply say at this time that all of you have given me great joy on top of that which was given me by the Lord when he called me, by his grace, to serve him and his Church as priest. I just love being a priest and these past 25 years have been, as St. Paul said, "grace upon grace".

Blessings to you all! (*Fr. Charles*)

## YOUTH MINISTRY IN OUR PARISH

### What is N.E.T.? & What is iNFUSE?

What is NET?

"Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists to evangelize" (Pope Paul VI). NET (National Evangelization Teams) exists to fulfil this mission.

NET Ministries of Canada, established in 1994, began with a travelling retreat team consisting of young adult volunteer missionaries. To this day our Encounter Teams (travelling teams) go from town to town proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to over 25,000 young people in schools and parishes. In every retreat young people encounter Jesus in a new and personal way. After retreats, many parishes look for support to continue helping their young people grow in love for Christ and the Church. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, NET's answer to this question is their iNFUSE (parish-based) teams. The young adults who form the teams are dynamic, fun-loving, joy-filled and exuberant in their Catholic faith.

NET, (National Evangelization Teams), see it as their mission within the Roman Catholic Church to challenge young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. This is accomplished through the work of the NET teams by:

- Proclaiming the Gospel of Christ through a personal witness of faith.
- Inviting young people to live for Christ.
- Forming young people in Christian character through the study and practice of our faith.
- Equipping youth workers and young adults with the ministry skills needed for evangelization.

Our own parish of St. Leo the Great, along with many others throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and other parishes in dioceses across Canada have experienced NET through Confirmation retreats put on at the local parish level to prepare young people for the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit's power. Any of our young people who have experienced a NET retreat would tell you that they were touched and moved by the genuine love and faith witness of the young adult team that came to their parish. They are authentic in their love for Christ and others and show it in the way they speak, act, sing and share the love of Jesus with others. Our young people are moved by the fact that the NET team is comprised of young people from provinces across Canada as well as from other countries such as Ireland, New Zealand and England.

Since 1995, NET Canada has facilitated over 5000 retreats in more than 40 different diocese. Through this extensive experience, they have been able to adapt their message to address the most pressing needs of youth today. Because of the various issues in our current youth culture, they have created different retreat themes. These themes, though varied, all have at the heart the message of God's unending love, and how He has come to fulfill their needs through the Church.

Over the course of 10 months, one traveling team on the road will:

- Serve in roughly 17 different diocese
- Travel over 20,000 KM
- Facilitate approximately 125 retreats
- Share the Gospel with over 8,700 youth

### Why NET here at St. Leo the Great?

Because most parishes and schools struggle to share the basic Gospel message. NET forms disciples to evangelize youth. Through NET our young people are encountering Christ and engaging in the life of the Church.

With a NET team coming to our parish (God willing) they would bring to our parish what is called "local ministry", which means they would be specifically and exclusively working with St. Leo the Great parish, its parishioners, youth, volunteers and our schools to work toward building a firm foundation on which future youth ministry can grow and even thrive.

The local ministry is a customizable method for implementing youth ministry. One of the most difficult things about a youth ministry program in a parish or school is getting it started. We understand this and we want to help. NET has helped jump-start youth ministry programs in over 30 parishes across Canada since 2001. A NET local team provides a parish with a team of 6 - 8 young adults on fire for Christ who are passionate about bringing the love of Jesus to young people and have gone through five weeks of intensive formation and ministry training. A NET team can give the jump start that a healthy and sustainable youth ministry program needs.

What is iNFUSE?

**iNFUSE** is a method of youth ministry for a parish, customized to the parish's needs. The goal of iNFUSE is to create a foundation of youth ministry. iNFUSE aims to accomplish this goal through certain objectives and building blocks chosen with the individual parish to best fit the community. One of the most difficult things about a youth ministry program in a parish is getting it started. Since 2001, NET has helped jump-start youth ministry programs in over 29 parishes across Canada and Ireland. An iNFUSE team consists of 6-8 young adults on fire for Christ, having received over 600 hours of formation, and who are passionate about bringing the love of Jesus to young people. An iNFUSE team can lay the foundation that a healthy and sustainable youth ministry needs.

## Where We Are At Now

Before a parish can even be considered by NET for a parish team the parish must obtain the permission of the local bishop, which we have asked for and received from Bishop Nguyen, Auxiliary Bishop for the Eastern Pastoral Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto. We also obtained a favourable response from the Director of the Office of Catholic Youth, Fr. Frank Portelli.

We have now submitted our application to get a NET Parish Team to be sent to us and if we are successful we would see seven young men and women arrive in our parish in early October who would work in our parish from week to week, focusing on meeting with and engaging with our young people in both the elementary schools and the high schools of our area.

### Where would the team live and work?

The iNFUSE team would work within the parish, using a general space dedicated to them as their office where all seven team members can do their work and preparations. The team would live in the homes of our parishioners, staying at each home willing to host a team of a few guys or a few girls for a two week period. They would live and interact with our parish families and young people in this way and at the end of the two-week period would move on to the next family for another two week period.

### What is the cost of a parish team for a year?

The cost is about the same as the annual wages of a full-time youth director, which means our parish costs would remain about the same as they are now but with seven people working to realize youth ministry.

## TEENS WANTING TO GO TO STEUBENVILLE

As was announced last weekend If any of our teenagers from grade 9-12 would like to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference to be held the weekend of July 13-15 at the UOIT in Oshawa, you are asked to call Shelly, the Youth Minister at St. Isaac Jogues Parish in Pickering at 905-831-3353 ext. 223 to register.

The cost is \$275. per person for the three-days and includes meals and accommodations.

## TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

For the eighth year in a row our parish is putting on the Totus Tuus, week-long summer camp. Young and older children just love the week of activities as they grow in their Catholic Faith and have a great deal of fun too. Children entering Gr. 1 to 6 attend Mon., Jul 23 to Fri. Jul 27 from 9 am to 2:30 pm. Youth entering Gr. 7 to 12 meet from Sun. July 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thurs. July 26<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 pm. There will be an upcoming registration weekend on May 26 and 27.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Vera Kardos

### **Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. Confirmation

### **Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Charles

### **Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Alex Mitchell

Intentions of Matthew Dzurevich & Matthew Nowak

### **Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Doina Tropa

### **Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Arlene Kennedy

11:00 a.m. † Robert St. Denis



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](mailto:tedschuck@rogers.com)

## PAINTING & PONDERINGS

St. Leo's Mothers Group and CWL invites you to a wonderful morning of Painting & Ponderings Saturday, June 9 from 10 am – 12 pm with guest speaker & painter Elizabeth Tan - artist, homeschooler, mom of nine. The theme we will be exploring is that of Relationships. Contact [annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com) for more information.

## VOCATION SEEDS

Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem - to wait - to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you feel that you are being led to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



### Living the Gospel by supporting mental health wellness

In 2016, over 2,000 people accessed individual, couple and family counselling at Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin, a ShareLife-funded agency. Often, clients sought help to address depression. Given that depression has replaced back injury as the number one reason for absenteeism at work, these services are helping clients maintain employment and stay out of poverty. By supporting ShareLife agencies like CFS Peel-Dufferin, you're helping people find health and happiness. **May 27 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**






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