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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.

JESUS IS THE MAIN EVENT



The following article was posted by Mark Mallett on his website (*Sept. 24, 2018*) as he looks at the changing times all about us and that the focus should not be so much on what is happening or about to happen but *who* is to be our focus – Jesus!

“**THERE** are so many serious changes unfolding in the world right now that it is almost impossible to keep up with them. Because of these “signs of the times,” I have dedicated a portion of this website to occasionally speaking about those future events that Heaven has communicated to us primarily through Our Lord and Our Lady. Why? Because Our Lord Himself spoke of future things to come so that the Church would not be caught off guard.

False messiahs and false prophets will arise, and they will perform signs and wonders so great as to deceive, if that were possible, even the elect. Behold, I have told it to you beforehand. So if they say to you, ‘He is in the desert,’ do not go out there; if they say, ‘He is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it... (Matt 24:24-26)

He called us to “*Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test,*” adding, “*the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.*” My people perish for want of knowledge! ...I have told you this so that you may not fall away... (Hosea 4:6; John 16:1)

But Jesus never dwelt upon these things. Likewise, there is a risk that in fixing our eyes upon the distant and uncertain horizon *rather than Jesus*, we can quickly lose sight of what is most important, what is most necessary, what is most essential in the present moment.

When Martha greeted Jesus with the news that Lazarus had been dead for several days, He responded: “*Your brother will rise.*” But Martha replied: “*I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.*” To which Jesus said, I AM the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? (John 11:25) Martha’s eyes were fixed on the future horizon that moment instead of the Lord’s presence. For right then and there, the Creator of the Universe, the Author of Life, the Word Made Flesh, the King of kings, the Lord of lords and Conqueror of Death was present. And He raised Lazarus right then and there.

So too, in this moment of uncertainty, confusion, and darkness that has descended upon our world, Jesus says to you and me : “*I AM the Era of Peace; I am the Triumph; I am the Reign of the Sacred Heart, right here, right now... Do you believe in me?*”

Martha replied:

Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world. (John 11:27)

You see, the main event is not coming—it is already here! Jesus is the main event. And so, what is most necessary at this moment is that you and I fix our eyes upon Him who is “*the leader and perfecter*” of our faith. Everything I have said or written in over 1200 writings comes down to one word: Jesus. If I have spoken of the future, it’s so that you may turn your eyes to the Present. If I have warned of a coming deceiver, it is so that you may encounter the Truth. If I have talked about sin, it is so that you may know the Savior. What else is there?

Whom else have I in the heavens? None beside you delights me on earth. Though my flesh and my heart fail, God is the rock of my heart, my portion forever. But those who are far from you perish; you destroy those unfaithful to you. As for me, to be near God is my good, to make the Lord God my refuge. (Psalm 73:25-28)

The main event is not earthquakes, famines, or plagues; it is not the triumphs of which Our Lady has spoken; it is not really even Heaven at the end of our lives. Rather, it is her Son, Jesus. Here. Now. And He gives Himself daily to us in both His Word and the Eucharist.

...every day in the prayer of the Our Father we ask the Lord: “**Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven**” (Matt 6:10)... we recognize that “**heaven**” is where the will of God is done, and that “**earth**” becomes “**heaven**”—i.e., the place of the presence of love, of goodness, of truth and of divine beauty—only if on earth the will of God is done. — POPE BENEDICT XVI, General Audience, February 1st, 2012, Vatican City; cf. *Hymn to the Divine Will*

So, do not be worried or anxious about tomorrow, brothers and sisters. The Main Event is already here. And if you fix your eyes upon Him now, you will actually become the most significant sign on the horizon of tomorrow.

You will be the dawning of a new day, if you are the bearers of the Life, which is Christ! —POPE JOHN PAUL II, Address to the Young People of Apostolic Nunciature, Lima Peru, May 15th, 1988; www.vatican.va

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 2nd

8:30 a.m. † Alice Launay

Wednesday, October 3rd

7:00 p.m. Intentions of our NET team

Thursday, October 4th

8:30 a.m. Intentions Lawrie Wallington

Friday, October 5th

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Helena Nowak
† Mary Mulcahy

Saturday, October 6th

4:30 p.m. † Tom & Mary Treacy

Sunday, October 7th

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Barbara Regimbal

11:00 a.m. † Edith Ferrigan

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MOMS!

Join our Mother's Ministry! We meet once a month to talk about all different topics of interest. Meet other Catholic moms from the neighbourhood and grow in faith and friendship. Join us for our next meeting on **Wed October 10 at 8 pm in the Quiet Room.**

Contact annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com or visit www.catholicmomsgroup.com for more information.

New members are always welcome!

CWL

The Catholic Women's League members are at the back of the Church welcoming all Women of the Parish age 16 and over to consider joining this fun organization.

**St. John the Evangelist Parish
903 Giffard Street, Whitby**

Marriage Preparation Program

**Tuesday Evenings, in the St. Joseph Room
from October 23 - November 27, 2018
7pm to 9pm, in the St. Joseph's Room**

Cost: \$150 per couple

To register, contact Vicki at the parish office
(905) 668-3676

Our Lady of Guadalupe & the Theology of the Body

Presenter: Sr. Helena Burns, fsp,

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Saturday, October 27, 2018 - 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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KofC Annual Spaghetti Dinner

St Leo Knights of Columbus is inviting everyone to its Annual Spaghetti Dinner, complete with meat balls, salad, dessert, tea, coffee and soft drinks with beer and wine cash bar in the Church hall.

Date: Saturday, October 27, 2018 @ 6:30 P.M.

Tickets sold after each Mass

Adults - \$15.00

Youth 4 - 12 - \$10.00

Children under 4 - Free

KofC BREAKFAST

St. Leo Knights of Columbus will serve Breakfast on October 14th. 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.

DR. EDWARD SRI IS COMING TO HOLY FAMILY WHITBY

Dr. Edward Sri is coming to speak at Holy Family Parish (91 Ribblesdale Dr Whitby ON L1N 6Z3) on **Friday, Oct 12th from 7:00 - 9:00pm**. He will give 2 talks: 1. Into His Likeness- Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ; 2. Vibrant Family in A secular Age- Today's Challenge for Parents, Families and Parish Leaders. Ticket price is: \$15.00 and is now available for sale. To buy your tickets, please call the office at 905 665 6470 ext 201 or email: holy.family@rogers.com. Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author and well-known Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN. Each year he speaks to tens of thousands of people from around the world, including clergy, parish leaders, catechists and laity. Do not miss this great opportunity to see him in person!

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Upcoming Weekend: October 19-21, 2018

For more information and application, please go to www.wmme.org or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925.

VOCATION SEEDS

Today's readings speak of the gifts of prophesy and of casting out demons. If you feel that God is calling you with the gift to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, **Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997, vocations@archtoronto.org, www.vocationstoronto.ca**




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