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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.

PROGRESS ON OUR CRUCIFIX

The project of erecting our new large crucifix has been well underway for many weeks now since our large and beautiful corpus arrived. The plans for hanging the large corpus on a cross have been worked out with a special form of mounting hardware consisting of two large steel cleats which will hold the crucifix solidly on the large west sanctuary wall.

The baldachinno, made of solid concrete and reinforcing steel, which currently remains will be removed this week enabling the crucifix to be affixed more centrally on the wall between the Tabernacle and the large west window above. We are just waiting for the completion of the large cross on which we will mount the corpus image of Christ crucified and then we will be ready to raise the completed crucifix onto the wall. Stay tuned. *(Fr. Charles)*

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY



The following article and prayers for souls in purgatory are from the website, ourcatholicprayers.com

Have you lost a loved one who passed away, or know someone who has? Prayers for souls in purgatory can help them! While we can derive great comfort from the hope that our loved ones are enjoying Eternal Life with God, it never hurts to pray for their souls in any case.

In purgatory, the souls of many of those who have died in God's grace undergo purification so that they may enter heaven.

The Prayer of St. Gertrude, below, is one of the most

famous of the prayers for souls in purgatory. St. Gertrude the Great (pictured at left) was a Benedictine nun and mystic who lived in the 13th century. According to tradition, our Lord promised her that 1000 souls would be released from purgatory each time it is said devoutly.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Many of the Fathers of the Church, such as St. Augustine and St. John Chrysostom, considered prayers for souls in purgatory to be essential. The church has endorsed the doctrine of purgatory from the Councils of Florence and Trent in the 15th and 16th centuries right up through Vatican II in the 1960's.

The most famous scriptural reference, among others, concerning these prayers comes from the Old Testament where it is called "a holy and wholesome thought to pray for

the dead, that they may be loosed from sins" (2 Macabees 12:46).

November is traditionally an especially important month to pray for those in purgatory, and many visit the graves of the departed on All Souls' Day, November 2nd, as shown in this painting on the right.

While the sacrament of penance (confession) is essential for the forgiveness of sins, purgatory may still be necessary for many of us to satisfy the temporal punishment still due for venial and forgiven mortal sins.

To get a better handle on what this means, think of a kid who breaks a window while playing ball. He can, and should, apologize to the person whose window has been broken, but either he or his parents, (or both!) still have to pay to fix it!

While the souls in purgatory can do nothing for themselves, their purification "pays for the damages" of their sins. It makes whatever restitution remains for these sins to God.

For another good way to look at it, think of your soul at baptism as being bright white. In your daily life it picks up bits of grime from sin, much like snow in a city a few days after a winter storm.

Even with frequent confession many of us still need purgatory to really get our souls really spotless. Purgatory is more than just some sort of Divine Detergent, however. It prepares souls for their heavenly home!

Purgatory has been described, at times rather poetically, as a "cleansing fire" that burns away the dross of sins on our souls. St. Paul wrote those of being saved "yet so as through fire" (1 Cor 3:15), and whether or not the soul endures a literal fire, its purification does involve suffering.

Thus, when it comes to purgatory the expression "No pain, no gain!" seems apt. The time each soul spends there, and the severity of the pains it experiences, varies.

However, our prayers for these souls can help alleviate their sufferings and help them reach heaven more quickly. Although they can no longer pray for *themselves*, they can and do pray for *us* as well out of gratitude!

In addition to saying prayers for souls in purgatory such as these, we can help them by having masses said for the departed and by engaging in works of charity and sacrifice on their behalf.

Speaking of charity, this prayer below, known as the Heroic Act of Charity is especially powerful, calling to mind as it does an especially powerful intercessor with our Lord, His Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Heavenly Father, in union with the merits of Jesus and Mary, I offer to You for the sake of the poor souls all the satisfactory value of my works during life, as well as all that will be done for me after death. I give You my all through the hands of the Immaculate Virgin Mary that she may set free whatever souls she pleases, according to her heavenly wisdom and mother's love for them. Recieve this offering, O God, and grant me in return an increase of Your grace. Amen.

Also, as Patrick Madrid, the well known author and lecturer, has noted, the degree of grace with which we bear our own misfortunes, offering them up to God for the forgiveness of

sins, can shorten whatever time in purgatory we ourselves might face.

Here are two other good prayers for souls in purgatory:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

O Lord, who art ever merciful and bounteous with Thy gifts, look down upon the suffering souls in purgatory. Remember not their offenses and negligences, but be mindful of Thy loving mercy, which is from all eternity. Cleanse them of their sins and fulfill their ardent desires that they may be made worthy to behold Thee face to face in Thy glory. May they soon be united with Thee and hear those blessed words which will call them to their heavenly home: "Come, blessed of My Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Keep in mind, however, that for the souls in purgatory there is great joy as well as pain. They know *for certain* they are bound for heaven! St. Catherine of Genoa wrote of the "flame of love" in purgatory removing what she called "the rust and stain of sins" and filling souls there with an intense longing for God's eternal embrace. Talk about a burning desire!

Remember that our prayers for souls in purgatory, along with our sacrifices and sufferings bared with grace, can shorten their time there (and perhaps ours as well). Christmas is known to be one of the biggest days of the year for the release of souls from purgatory to heaven. What better gift can we give them than our prayers?

REMINDER ALL YOUTH

Edge Nights (Grades 6 – 8) every Thursday, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Highschool Youth Nights every Tuesday, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

GIFT OF SECURITIES

You can now support the Church using securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds.). You will not have to pay any capital gains on your gift and you will get a tax receipt for the full amount. Also, you can divide up your gift to as many Archdiocesan charities as you wish (e.g. Parish Offertory or building fund, ShareLife, The Shepherds' Trust etc.). For more information please contact the Parish Office or the Development Office or the Archdiocese at 416-93403411 or at development@archtoronto.org

VOCATION SEEDS

How are you contributing to the treasury? God knows what gift we give to Him in love. Let us then be faithful to whatever vocation God calls us to live. Does Jesus want you to give your life to the Church? If you think that God is calling you serve Him as a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997**

email vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 13th

8:30 a.m. † Mary Whalen

Wednesday, November 14th

7:00 p.m. Deceased Members of St. Leo's Knights of Columbus

Thursday, November 15th

8:30 a.m. † George & Mary Anne Campbell

Friday, November 16th

8:30 a.m. † Mark Poole
Intentions of Father Phil Jones

Saturday, November 17th

4:30 p.m. † Giuseppe Bruni

Sunday, November 18th

9:00 a.m. † Vincenzina Mammone
11:00 a.m. † Deolina & Everisto Medeiros & MariaTeresa & John Jeronimo

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Book of Remembrance is on the lectern in front of the statue of Mary for the month of November. Parishioners may write the names of their deceased relatives & friends in the book.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MOMS!

Join our Mother's Ministry! What keeps you motivated as you balance work and life? Our topic for November is the Working Mom and we will discuss how we manage work inside, outside and around the home. Our next meeting is on **Wed November 14 at 8pm in the Quiet Room**. We look forward to seeing you there! Contact annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com or visit www.catholicmomsgroup.com for more information. **New members are always welcome!**

CWL

Monday Nov 12 CWL Meeting 7-9 pm. Guest Speaker Fr. Charles.

ADVENT RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC MOMS

Saturday December 1, 2018. St. Benedict Parish, 2194 Kipling Ave., Toronto, Ontario, Time: 9-5pm. Fee: 40.00 includes breakfast & hot Italian lunch. Register at www.CatholicMomsGroup.com

(R.C.I.A) Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

St. Gregory's Church – 214 Simcoe Street North Oshawa
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) provides instruction and spiritual formation to anyone 16 years of age and older who are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian community, who would like to become a member of the Catholic Church. Catholic adults who have not yet celebrated their First Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation may also take part. St. Gregory's Parish offers this program and everyone is welcome! Classes are on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If you missed the information night it is not too late, simply speak to Fr. Bob or call Jacqui at the office 905-723-8141.




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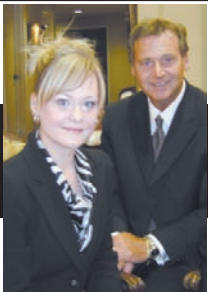
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