

# St. Leo The Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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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.

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS  
2019 - 2020**

<b>FIRST RECONCILIATION</b> (Grade 2)	<b>FIRST COMMUNION</b> (Grade 2)	<b>CONFIRMATION</b> (Grade 7)
<p><b>PARENTS INFO &amp; REGISTRATION in the church (mandatory attendance)</b>  <b>Sunday, September 29 at 12:30 pm</b>  <b>OR Tuesday, October 1 at 7pm</b></p> <p><b>Please bring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Registration Form (available on our website)</li> <li>- A <b>photocopy</b> of your child's Baptism Certificate</li> <li>- \$50 registration donation</li> </ul>		<p><b>PARENTS INFO &amp; REGISTRATION in the church (mandatory attendance)</b>  <b>Sunday, January 19 at 12:30 pm</b>  <b>OR Tuesday, January 21 at 7pm</b></p> <p><b>Please bring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Registration Form (available on our website)</li> <li>- A <b>photocopy</b> of your child's Baptism Certificate</li> <li>- \$50 registration donation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Please note that registration for the sacraments this year will take place on these dates <u>only</u>.</b>  <b>Late registration will be deferred to the Fall of 2020.</b>  <b>Please make sure these dates are on your calendar.</b></p>		

**I CHANGED MY MIND...**

Parishioners will remember that before the summer months I put a notice in the bulletin stating I would no longer be publishing articles and listed some of the reasons. Several people approached me since that time and mentioned their disappointment and that of the many people they know beyond our parish who count on reading my articles each week – even some of them are priests!

So, given the summer to think this over I have decided to continue writing, but I would ask for your help.

If you know of a topic, a question or would like me to attempt to write about a particular issue or subject, kindly let me know, write it on a piece of paper and put it in the collection basket or email your topic to the parish office. Your input is appreciated. FrC

have people who have come forward to join the RCIA process and we would welcome you to journey with us to grow in knowledge, faith and discern the Catholic Church and the sacraments.

If you are interested, please speak to me following Mass or call the parish office at 905-644-3286.

**Our Refugee Family**

If you were away this summer you might not have heard that our parish is sponsoring a refugee family of five – the Malish family – who have been living in a refugee camp in Northern Uganda for the past three years. They were originally residents of Sudan but were forced to flee for their lives when their home was destroyed.

The family is comprised of the father, David (30), his wife, Sabina (29) Chris (7) Austine (5) and Catherine (2).

We have formed a committee of several parishioners who have been meeting to organize our welcome of the Malish family to Canada to live and work in our area of the Durham Region.

While we anticipated having more time to make preparations and plan, we found out last week that the family will be arriving in Canada on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. A parish family has offered housing for a year and employment, however, the house won't be available for the Malish family until January 1, 2020, which means we have to look at finding them a place to live for the months of October, November and December. If any parishioners know of a suitable dwelling or apartment in the area that could be made available to our family, please contact the parish office.

Eventually, the family will be living in Raglan, between Brooklin and Port Perry and David Malish, whose background is in agriculture, will have a job on a chicken farm close to their home.



**Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults**

**RCIA**

*RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION*

If you've ever considered becoming a Roman Catholic, in your life, there is no better time to do something about this than now.

RCIA is a process in our parish beginning in October where

inquirers to the Catholic faith attend weekly gatherings with me, Fr. Charles, and look at all aspects of Catholic faith in the context of Jesus Christ, her founder. The classes lead to the Easter Vigil and for those who along the way have felt the call to enter the life of the Church, would be fully initiated receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist or, if you are already baptized in another Christian denomination, would be Received into the Church and then receive Confirmation and Eucharist. We already

Our parishioners have been most generous in their offering of household items, furniture and support but right now we cannot really accept any furniture until closer to the date the family moves into their home in the new year.

**WANT TO HELP?**

However, if you would like to make a donation to support the family you may do so by cheque to St. Leo the Great Parish / Refugees. It would also be appreciated if you donated gift cards to area grocery stores or Walmart.

As well, we are looking for volunteer drivers who would be willing to drive family members to any appointments they might have. There is a sign-up in the vestibule but you can also call the parish office to add your name and the times of the day you would be available.

**NET TEAM II COMING!!!**

Our youth ministry plans continue to build upon last years' NET team and the evangelization efforts they made to meet our young people in elementary and high schools and put on the weekly youth meetings for Grades 6-8 (Edge) and High School (Impact). Our team arrives on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and we are in need of host-homes to house 2 or 3 missionaries for two week periods. There are flyers/application forms available in the vestibule for you to fill out and return to the parish.

We will be hiring a full-time youth minister in the coming year to assure the smooth transition of the work NET has done in the construction of youth ministry and ensure its continuation touching the lives of our young people with the reality and love of Jesus Christ.

This year we will be looking for youth voices and musical abilities to become involved in the Youth Mass and the NET Team will work under the accomplished leadership of Rob Caley who has been providing the music for the 4:30 pm. Mass for the past few months.

Our schedule will resume in October following the same form of last year's Youth Mass, Edge and Impact.

YOUTH MASS – Every Saturday 4:30 pm. Mass.  
 EDGE – (Gr. 6-8) Every Thursday 6:30 – 8:30 pm.  
 IMPACT (High School) Every Tuesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

*PATRICK COFFIN'S*

**SEVEN REASONS FOR HOPE to stay in the Church**

I don't think anyone should be surprised to know that the Catholic Church is going through some rough times right now as Catholics have become confused and concerned about attacks from outside of her and attacks and dangerous shifts from within. Sometimes, people might be tempted to jump ship altogether or move to another denomination but Catholic evangelist and friend, Patrick Coffin, offers the following reasons why you should stay and weather the storm:

1. Your salvation is a matter between you and God.
2. There were many holy saints in the Old Testament who remained true despite the corruption that existed in the Jewish hierarchy.

3. In the past, we have had moments in the history of God's people where there was a holy few. (*1 Kings 18:22*)
4. There are brothers and sisters to whom we can reach out for spiritual help during this period of desolation. (Living and dead)
5. In the New Testament, we have the example of Jesus Christ, who was executed through the scheming of the very priesthood that God Himself set up for the sanctification of His people. (Jesus knew all about religious corruption.)
6. God's promises are stronger than man's sin. (Petrine promise: "Blessed are you Simon Bar Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of hell will not prevail against it. I give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. What you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven and what you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.") Mt. 16:17-19
7. From the greatest evil came the greatest good. (The greatest evil ever committed or that could ever be committed was the crucifixion – of killing God – that we can be sure that God is still sovereign and that we can be drawn out of whatever evil befalls us.

We have been given a great gift, the gift of the Catholic faith.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 a.m. Intentions of Anna Maria & Benedetto Tuzi  
**Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. † Kathleen Power  
**Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 a.m. Intentions of Margaret Forget  
**Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 a.m.  
**Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**  
 4:30 p.m. † Gurdil Singh  
**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00 a.m. † Claude Auger  
 11:00 a.m. † Ivan Krizmanic

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**Federal Election Debate From A Catholic Perspective**

A federal election will be held on October 21, 2019. To help educate Catholic voters through the lens of our faith, the Archdiocese of Toronto is hosting a debate from a Catholic perspective on Thursday, October 3 with candidates from the four major political parties. Moderated by veteran political journalist, Don Newman, this free ticketed event will be held at the John Bassett Theatre at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre with an audience of 1,000 guests.

For more information, election resources and to order your free tickets, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/election](http://www.archtoronto.org/election) — we hope you'll join us on October 3 as we educate, reflect and act leading up to the October 21 election.




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