

St. Leo The Great

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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.

**PARISH POT LUCK TO MEET AND
GREET THE NET AND THE MALISH
FAMILY**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 5 (NEXT
SATURDAY)**

IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER THE 4:30 PM. MASS
Bring your favourite dish, even if you didn't sign the sign-up sheet!

On Saturday October 5 (next Saturday) following the 4:30 pm. Mass, we are hosting a PotLuck supper bringing our parishioners together to share a meal and to welcome our recently arrived Malish family of five who arrived from Africa to begin their new lives here in Canada.

It will also be an opportunity for us to greet and get to know our second arriving NET team of six young adults who will live and work among us for the next 8-months to bring our youth to know and love Jesus Christ.

POPE FRANCIS: ON THE ELDERLY



As a follow-up to my bulletin article last week where I spoke about my mother's Dementia in particular but also the general neglect of families in our time to care for their own aging parents, grandparents or even great grandparents, the secretary sent me the following article about one of two talks Pope Francis gave at the Vatican in March of 2015 specifically about care of the elderly and the increasing trend to neglect or forget them.

Before we get into that article, it struck me that there are strong parallels between our relationships with the elderly and with God. I'm sure most people who might rarely if ever visit a parent or family member in a nursing, if asked whether they love this elderly person, would answer in the affirmative. But then would follow some people's 'reasons' for not going to visit them which could be the same reasons they might give for not attending to their relationship with God. It could be that they don't have time and their life is

too busy. Or it could be that they find it difficult to see their elderly relative in this state of physical and mental decline. Perhaps it could be that they see no need to visit since their relative doesn't know them or recognize them anymore. The list could be long.

Ultimately, for me, my view is that the person should go visit and care for their relative because they are in need and it's the right thing to do. When Jesus spoke about how we would be judged at the great judgement at the end of time, he stated that "whatsoever you did to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me". Even if one considers the elderly in their lives as the least important person, their neglect is neglect of Christ. And one need not believe in God at all in order to still do what is right on a purely human level.

VATICAN CITY — Seeing the elderly only as a burden "is ugly. It's a sin," Pope Francis said at his weekly general audience.

"We must reawaken our collective sense of gratitude, appreciation and hospitality, helping the elderly know they are a living part of their communities" and sources of wisdom for the younger generations, the 78-year-old pope said Wednesday at his weekly general audience.

Continuing a series of audience talks about the family, Pope Francis said he would dedicate two talks to the elderly, looking at how they are treated in modern societies and at their vocation within the family.

"An elderly person is not an alien," he said. "The elderly person is us. Soon, or many years from now -- inevitably anyway -- we will be old, even if we don't think about it."

"If we do not learn to treat the elderly well," the pope said, "we won't be treated well either" when the time comes.

In a talk punctuated with references to his own family life, his grandmother and his experience visiting homes for the elderly in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Pope Francis said even Christians are being influenced by cultures so focused on production and profit, that the biblical exhortations to respect the aged and draw upon their wisdom are being ignored.

"We elderly are all a bit fragile," the pope said, changing his prepared text to include himself among the aged.

The elderly he visited in Buenos Aires, he said, would often tell him that they had many children and that their children visited them. "And when was the last time they came?" the pope said he asked one woman. "She said, 'Well, at Christmas.' It was August. Eight months without a visit from her children. Eight months of being abandoned. This is called a mortal sin. Understand?"

"It is so easy to put our consciences to sleep when there is no love," he said.

"While we are young we are tempted to ignore old age as if it were an illness to hold at bay," he said. "But when we become old, especially if we are poor, sick and alone, we experience the failures of a society programmed for efficiency, which consequently ignores the elderly."

"We want to remove our growing fear of weakness and vulnerability, but doing so we increase the anguish of the elderly," Pope Francis said.

The aged are the "reserve of the wisdom of our people," they have experienced and survived the struggles to raise a family and provide them with a dignified life, he said. Tossing them aside means tossing aside their experience and the way that experience can contribute to making life better today.

A society that cannot show gratitude and affection to the elderly "is a perverse society," the pope said. "The church, faithful to the word of God, cannot tolerate such degeneration."

"Where the elderly are not honored," he said, "there is no future for the young."



LOVE INCARNATE

...waiting for you

Parish Adoration with praise and worship music by our NET team will be taking place this coming **Friday, October 4th. Adoration is 7-8 p.m.**



CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MOMS! Join our Mother's Ministry as we begin the Mommipotent program which validates the dignity and importance of motherhood by recognizing uniquely feminine strengths, and how to use those strengths to find peace, purpose, balance, and joy in being the woman God created us to be. Our next meeting is on Wed October 9 at 8pm. Contact annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com or visit www.catholicmomsgroup.com for more information. New members are always welcome!



Evening at the Seminary

Monday, October 7 @ 4:45pm at St. Augustine's Seminary. Inviting men in Grades 12 and older to come and experience seminary life. The evening will include Mass and supper with the seminary community followed by a short talk by Fr. Chris Lemieux. **Please register online** at www.vocationstoronto.ca. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, October 1st
8:30 a.m. Intentions of our NET team

Wednesday, October 2nd
7:00 p.m. † Michele Cavallari

Thursday, October 3rd
8:30 a.m. † Armenio Medeiros & all the souls in Purgatory

Friday, October 4th
8:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 5th
4:30 p.m. Deceased friends of Anna Maria & Benedetto Tuzi

Sunday, October 6th
9:00 a.m. † Fred Molica
11:00 a.m. † Josephine & Thomas Mitchell



A Thanksgiving Housewarming for our New Family Fundraiser

The David and Sabina Resettlement Committee are having a fundraiser to collect household items required for David and Sabina and their family to set up their new home.

We will have our Thanksgiving "pumpkin" tree at the back of the church after all masses on Thanksgiving weekend. Each pumpkin will have a household item required for their new home. (i.e. Laundry basket and detergent, broom and dustpan etc.)

Anyone who wishes to participate will pick a pumpkin from the tree, record their name and item on the list, and purchase the item listed on the pumpkin. We ask that all items be brought back by the weekend of November 2, 2019.

Your support of this endeavour is greatly appreciated and will help our new family get settled in their new home.

Marriage Preparation Course

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Six Tuesday Evenings October 15, 22,29, November 5,12,19

7pm to 9pm

Register at the parish office (905) 668-3676



St. Leo Knights of Columbus will serve Breakfast in the Church hall on **October 20th** following the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. Masses. Everyone is invited to enjoy a **full Breakfast** of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice. Adults - \$6.00, Children ages 4 - 10 - \$4.00, and Children under 4 - free. Please join us.

Educate, Reflect, Act! Be an Informed Voter!

With a federal election scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2019, the Archdiocese of Toronto has prepared a series of resources to help us reflect on important issues throughout the campaign. These short video vignettes and one page reflections provide background through a Catholic lens on issues like poverty, religious persecution, life issues, environment, etc. As a charity, the church cannot tell people who to vote for but we do hope that all Catholics will read the party platforms from our faith perspective. To access these resources, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/election — let's learn about the issues as we prepare to cast a ballot on October 21.

Thursday, October 3, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.

Federal Election Debate From A Catholic Perspective New Viewing Locations Announced!

Thanks to an overwhelming response, in just three days, more than 1,000 free tickets were ordered for the Thursday, October 3, 2019 Federal Election Debate from a Catholic Perspective. While tickets for the John Bassett Theatre are sold out, four archdiocesan parishes (located in Brampton, North York, Barrie and Oshawa) equipped with the appropriate technology are opening their halls for viewing parties to bring interested Catholics together to participate in this important evening. Individuals can also livestream the event from their own home should they wish to do so. To order free tickets for a viewing party near you or to learn more about the livestream, the debate and related resources, please visit www.archtoronto.org/election.




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