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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.

WHAT IN HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE ANGELS ALL ABOUT?

Last weekend, as the Archdiocese of Toronto was celebrating the Feast Day of its patron, St. Michael the Archangel, I spoke in my homily about angels in general. There are some truly fascinating things I discovered in reading up on the subject and several things that I didn't know about before at all.

It is good and necessary in our time to reflect on the facts about the angels which are in sharp contrast to a more secular and certainly more recent idea of what angels are. The new age movement has done much harm in throwing confusion on what an angel is and what an angel does. Angels have in more recent history been erroneously portrayed as gods unto themselves who have power to grant us mere mortals what we want and have even gone so far as to suggest that we are angels. Of course, if an angel is an angel unto itself, it is not an angel at all but a fallen angel, a demon. So, it is not only good but solid that we would seek to explain the characteristics and role of the Angels.

Angels are a Dogma of the faith – you cannot be a Catholic if you don't believe in their existence.

The Jewish people could not help but believe in angels since they were mentioned numerous times in the Old Testament and in the New Testament, almost every book mentions the angels as a real and active force in the world and our lives. So, you can't believe in Jesus Christ if you don't believe also in the angels he created.

WHAT IS AN ANGEL?

St. Augustine said that Angel is the name of their office, not of their nature. Their nature is 'spirit', their office is 'angel', therefore, Angel is what they are, spirit is what they do. With their whole beings, angels are servants and messengers of God. They are spiritual beings created by God to serve Him. They can appear in human form and interact with us, but when they do so, the bodies they appear in are only temporary illusions and pass away as soon as their encounter with a human is over. After encounters with humans, willed by God, the bodies the angels appear in vanish because they do not need physical bodies. As created beings, angels exist in time, as we do and don't know the future unless God reveals it to them.

Every encounter by a human of an angel is at first frightening. When the Angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah (the father of John the Baptist) in the temple, the Gospel of Luke tells us "he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him". While the Luke's Gospel doesn't state that Mary was at first frightened of the angel, but following his greeting to her, Gabriel said, "Do not be afraid, Mary". As spiritual beings, Angels do not have DNA.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF ANGELS?

Their role is to serve God, praise God, worship God and pray to God. In serving God, they also protect us, pray for us, inspire us, encourage us and guide us during our earthly journey to our final place, whether it is heaven or hell.

While angels may assist us in salvation they, like the grace of God itself, cannot force us to accept God or to follow God. That is subject to our own free will. There is considerable scriptural basis for believing that our Guardian Angel might accompany us to Purgatory, our place of final purification of sin, though this is not known for sure.

Everyone has a Guardian Angel assigned to us by God Himself. That the angels pray for us is found in various scripture texts. In Matthew 18:10, Jesus tells us not to despise or bring harm to children "for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven."

The number of angels cannot be counted – they are innumerable, though the angels themselves and God, of course, know how many there are. Each angel is as distinct from one another as a dog is from a cat.

There are Nine Choirs of Angels, organized in a heavenly hierarchy:

Seraphim, Cherubim, Dominions, Thrones, Powers, Virtues, Principalities, Archangels and Angels.

Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones mediate upon the Person, Wisdom and Judgment of God.

Dominions, Powers and Virtues govern the forces of nature and the Universe as a whole.

Principalities are guardians of nations and cities, Archangels are guardians of special people, like the Blessed Mother. And Angels are guardians and messengers to us all.

The three Archangels named in scripture are:

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael and the Church only officially recognizes the 3 named Archangels from scripture.

THE FALLEN ANGELS

God did not create evil. Evil, is the absence of the good that God created in that what was once good has become evil, separate from God. Therefore, good can exist without evil but evil cannot exist without good. Angels and humans were created by God with the gift to be able to choose to serve God, hence the option to choose not to serve God.

The leader of the rebellion against God was a high angel called Lucifer who said to God, "I will not serve". It was Lucifer's pride that led to his rebellion and envy which brought death into the world and when Lucifer rebelled against God he took a third of the angels with him. Although he was originally a highly gifted angel with power, wisdom and beauty, this was not enough for him and he himself desired to be worshipped and adored.

No. 393 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "*It is the irrevocable character of their choice, and not a defect in the infinite divine mercy, that makes the angels' sin unforgiveable. 'There is no repentance for the angels after their fall, just as there is no repentance for men after death.'*"

Ultimately, even with Satan's fall, God assigns us with heavenly help in our guardian angels:

Angel of God, my guardian dear,

To whom God's love commits me here,

Ever this day, be at my side,

To light and guard, rule and guide. Amen.



Edge Nights (Grades 6 – 8) will begin on **Thursday, October 10th at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. No pre-registration is required.

Highschool Youth Nights - IMPACT begin on **Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** No pre-registration is required.



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.



Want to Join our Choir???

The Sunday 11:00 am mass choir is looking for new members to join this already wonderful group. All ages and vocal abilities are welcome. The only requirement is that you need to like singing. The choir sings at the 11:00 mass on Sundays and we rehearse on Thursday nights from 7:30 -9:00 pm. If you have been thinking about joining the choir, then now is the time to give it a try. Also, if you know someone who may be interested in joining, please encourage them to try it out too. For more information about joining this talented and fun group, please see Ted, the director, after the 11:00 mass or come out to the church on Thursday night at 7:30pm. He can also be reached by phone at 647-302-6996. Thank you.



The Morales family want to express our deepest gratitude to the community of St. Leo the Great for the support, prayers, love, kindness during the difficult and challenging times we faced during the summer. Thank you for the Eucharist, visiting us, and for showing us the mercy of God through your words, actions and

meals delivered to our house as a representation of the presence of Jesus Christ in our homes, in our lives during the loss of our baby Maria Sophia. God bless you all, and may He shower your lives with abundance, faith, health, love and hope. All of you became angels sent from Heaven to reinforce our faith and conviction that even in the darkest time God is taking care of us. Yours, Juan, Santiago, Sebastian, Sandra and Mauricio Morales.



Tuesday, October 8th
 8:30 a.m. † Marc Raphael Remedios
Wednesday, October 9th
 7:00 p.m. † Michele Cavallari
Thursday, October 10th
 8:30 a.m.
Friday, October 11th
 8:30 a.m. † Felix Manapul
Saturday, October 12th
 4:30 p.m. Intentions of our NET team
Sunday, October 13th
 9:00 a.m. † Ted, Walter & Franciszka Kalmuk
 11:00 a.m. † Oliveen Treinor



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It is only through your donations to the poor box that we are able to assist the poor to meet their basic needs.

Thank You!

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. **Saturday, October 26, 2019.**

Doors open @ 6:30 P.M.

Tickets sold after each Mass. Adults - \$15.00, Youth 4 - 10 - \$10.00, Children under 4 – Free. Please purchase Tickets in advance. No Sales at door on the 26th.

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Holy Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m.

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