



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.

Bulletin Article Suggestions

Thank you to those parishioners who have kindly submitted lists of various topics I can write bulletin articles about. They are most helpful and provide me with a direction in which to aim my thoughts and reflections. If you have a topic or suggestion for a bulletin article, kindly submit it in an envelope and place it into the collection basket on Sunday. Thank you. *Fr. Charles*

GOING TO THE SOURCE IN CONFUSING TIMES

Whether one considers the times in which we are living as confusing or not, it seems to me, is dependent on how one sees the world and where they get their information in this information overloaded world.

First of all, confusion comes from an inability to understand or make sense of the many things we see, hear and perceive and if left unchecked can lead to a great sense of uncertainty. For example, I would consider our present times to be confusing in that within the world and especially in the Church we are hearing contradictory messages about what are the most important points of focus for our living and what is essential to living out our Catholic lives. For example, many have taken on the issue of climate change as the most important issue of our time and yet it has taken on the passion and the imperative of a religion and in such a short time at that. There are clearly also many opposing voices from other experts and scientists who give clear evidence and proof that we have always experienced climate change and that what we are experiencing now is vastly different depending on whether you are focused on hype or hard data.

This is no different from what we have seen within religions and Christianity itself. The scriptures reveal the truth of God and God's purpose for the human race. We are told that we have a beginning and even an ending in God and we all know, whether we are believers or atheists, that we will all die. Yet, through the ages many Christians have looked around in the cultures in which they were living and from what they saw predicted when it was all going to come to an end, even going so far as to put a date and time on it. Of course, history has proven they were misguided and ultimately wrong and that they had wasted precious time and energy from their lives in upholding their views. In the end, as the 'due dates' of their predictions came and went, they were proven wrong about when the world would end. We had such a case just about seven years ago when a movie, based on a Mayan prophecy, depicted the world ending in 2012. And by the way, we're still here and yet again the predictions and the hype were wrong.

Of course, the real danger isn't in *when*, as some are claiming, that the world is going to end in 12 years from now (or less, depending on when people actually started claiming this) if we don't drastically change our way of living, burning fossil fuels, eliminating plastic straws, etc. The danger is in the distraction of time over purpose. Our purpose is to know Jesus Christ in the here and now and on this very day and not tomorrow. Again, each of us only has one day to live and that is this present day. Any of us, and in fact, all of us could be gone by supper time tonight if the Lord said so.

The 'when' of things can be such a dangerous distraction to what we need to do right now in getting ourselves right with God, living our present moment in His presence and living in right relationship

with Him and our neighbour. When I've had occasion to visit a cemetery for a burial or just made a visit to a particular grave, I often look around at the vast number of headstones and grave markers and wonder how many of them were actually ready to go, how many were so suddenly taken from this life and perhaps weren't prepared at all to leave the world they were immersed in. God, of course, is the only one who knows the human heart but it is an important reminder for us to take stock of this present moment and what we should be putting our energies toward.

What is the most important issue for a Catholic? Am I right with God and my neighbour. Our sudden departure from this world at any moment will realize that this is the only thing that matters.

Of course, this isn't to say that taking care of our souls and concern for the souls of others means that we won't have concern for the environment, the future, and the needs of the world around us. It's just that on a scale of priorities the quest for God must be paramount, thus the mission of the Church has been and must continue to be most vital.



The need to return to Jesus, the Source of all truth, knowledge, revelation and peace is what is most needed for our lives. It makes little difference if I believe the world is going to

end in twelve days or twelve years if my life will end in five minutes. Among the many, many issues we face in the world and are being called to side with and fight for, there is none more important than the care of our souls and those of others. Doing this will determine everything else that flows from that perspective and reality and what we will use our energy to accomplish.

In the parable of the Rich Fool, Luke 12:16-21, we hear of a man who is rich with land and barns who desires to pull them all down and build even bigger ones in the futility of thinking that he will then possess economic immortality. He is driven by his future but not his future with God. He is deemed a 'fool' by the very commentary of Jesus, who states: *"You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"* What the rich man considered most important were as dust before the timing and plan of God.

The English clergyman, Thomas Fuller, wrote: "A good archer is not known by his arrows but his aim". The aim of the Christian, first and foremost must be his or her relationship with Christ the King and the desire to know Him, love Him and serve Him as such and from this relationship of love should come the love of others, that they too would know Him. If we aim to please Christ in this present moment we won't become distracted by other 'loves' or desires which won't lead to that end. Jesus might say to us, "Why are you interested in saving the planet but are not interested in the salvation of your souls?" While the two are not mutually exclusive they do not carry the same weight. The realized pursuit to land on the moon and perhaps live there is not more important than the pursuit of living on the earth in the here and now. While our times are indeed confusing with many voices, opinions and demands being offered, none is more important than the care of souls. In this there should be no confusion. (*Fr. Charles*)

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Friday, November 1st

8:30 a.m. † Michel Regembal
† Vincenzina Mammone & Attilio & Maria Tuzi

Saturday, November 2nd

4:30 p.m. All the faithful departed

Sunday, November 3rd

9:00 a.m. Deceased members of Delvecchio & Mihelcic Families
11:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Sullivan Family

There will be no daily Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday but there will be Holy Hour and Mass on Friday morning.



Edge Nights (Grades 6 – 8) on **Thursdays, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. No pre-registration is required.

Highschool Youth Nights - IMPACT on **Tuesdays, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** No pre-registration is required.

PARISH YOUTH

ALL SAINTS PARTY

PUT ON BY OUR NET TEAM

When? **Thursday, October 31**

Time? **6:30 – 8:30 pm.**

For Whom? **All ages Gr. 4 & up**

Music! Games! Food! Music! NET Team!

All we ask is that you come dressed as your favourite Saint! Please don't tell others what Saint you are dressed as, let them guess! The Catholic Church offers us so many holy examples of Saints and pictures of them and the way they dressed are easily found online. Enter through the Carson St. hall doors.



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Parish Adoration with praise and worship music by our NET team will be taking place this coming **Friday, November 1st. Adoration is 7-8 p.m.**

Calling all Laity

to St. Augustine's Seminary's Institute of Theology

The purpose of the Institute and its programs is to assist in the formation of the laity by offering a variety of courses to accommodate parish, school, and community involvement. The Institute coordinates two conjoint Degrees (Master of Religious Education and Master of Theological Studies) and two conjoint Certificates with the University of Toronto at the Master's level. The Institute also offers two non-conjoint Diploma programs. For additional information please visit www.staugustines.on.ca. Courses are conducted at our main campus sites: St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough and Alumni Hall on the University of Toronto St. George Campus. Our extension site is located in Aurora. Online courses are also offered. Class times are varied and include day, evening, and Saturday classes. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Individuals interested in an application package should contact ioft@sastoronto.org or 416-261-7207 ext. 243.



Come and See Weekend

Friday, November 1 (begins at 7:00 p.m.) to Sunday, November 3 (ends at 1:30 p.m.), at St. Augustine's Seminary: Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent.

For more information, please contact (the Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org

VOCATION SEEDS

WANTED: Humble sinners who know the forgiveness of God. These make good servants of the Gospel. They can be priests, deacons, sisters or brothers. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto** phone 416-968-0997 email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Annual General Meeting

National Association of Catholic Nurses-Canada

Monday, Nov. 11 – 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Newman Centre

89 St. George St., Toronto

Join the National Association of Catholic Nurses – Canada for the Annual General Meeting following Mass at 5:30 p.m. Terry McDermott, RN, Parish Nurse, will discuss "Bearing witness to the dignity of human life in nursing practice." NACN-Canada board members will then present reports on association activities and engage members in planning for 2020. Our association supports health professionals to align their practice with the Catholic faith.

CONTACT: National Association of Catholic Nurses - Canada
EMAIL: nacncanada.boardcontact@gmail.com WEB: <https://nacncanada.weebly.com>

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit

Sunday, November 3 to Saturday, November 9 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. St. Dominic's Parish 625 Atwater Avenue, Mississauga
Please join us as we host the Vatican approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit. The exhibit, which was designed and created by Venerable Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place. Phone: 905-278-7762
<https://stdominicschurch.blogspot.com>

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.




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