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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.

Why it's Totally Worth It:

A CATHOLIC PRIEST'S MOVING TESTIMONY ABOUT LIVING HIS VOCATION DAILY (by Fr. Bill Peckman)

What is it like being a priest these days?

It is sometimes sitting in a folding chair listening to your school kids singing Christmas songs.

It is sometimes standing by the bedside of a person drawing their last breath in this life.

It is sometimes being amazed that you are holding the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ at Mass.

It is sometimes feeling totally unworthy to do so.

It is sometimes being in the pulpit wondering if anyone is listening.

It is sometimes being in the pulpit being very aware that people are listening.

It is sometimes being the strong one in a room full of grieving people.

It is sometimes resting your head on your steering wheel trying to collect yourself after such moments.

It is sometimes the joy of a baptism.

It is sometimes the sorrow of a funeral.

It is sometimes eating a great meal at a parishioner's house.

It is sometimes getting to the end of the day trying to remember if you've eaten anything today.

It is sometimes the joy of helping the prodigal son come home.

It is sometimes the sorrow of watching a defiant prodigal son leave.

It is sometimes the hours of prayer which keep you afloat.

It is sometimes the pain of scandal which drags you down.

It is sometimes getting up and knowing you are stepping on to a battlefield.

It is sometimes moments of incredible grace.

It is sometimes moments walking in the valley of death.

It is sometimes being respected.

It is sometimes being scorned.

It is sometimes speaking words of comfort.

It is sometimes speaking unwelcome words calling people to conversion.

It is sometimes being praised for your service.

It is sometimes being called every name in the book for telling the truth.

Lived correctly, it is always about being a servant in Persona Christi.

It is difficult but rewarding.

It is a constant call to give witness.

It is willingly being the poster child for being countercultural.

It is about dying to self intentionally every day.

It is about making God's grace available as much as possible.

It is not for the thin-skinned or faint of heart.

It is not for the worldly and ambitious.

It is not a job or career.

It is a way of life.

I would have it no other way.

Adding My Own Two Cents... (FrC.)

The above article was sent to me by a parishioner and I thought I would share it as it is an honest expose on the day-to-day life of a Catholic priest. I would add that while the seminary prepares the priest with philosophy, theology, biblical studies and Church history, it in some ways prepares you for a life you're not going to live in the parish as a priest and pastor. When I was in the seminary I was living, praying, studying and relating to 90 other guys. All of a sudden, you're ordained and living in a rectory with a seasoned, experienced priest who has been serving for several years while you're just learning to serve the people of God.

Eventually, and increasingly these days, you move from being an Associate priest (*a Curate*) to being a pastor and living on your own. In the Archdiocese of Toronto the majority of priests are running parishes on their own without an Associate and often without the help of a Deacon.

Priests today must be the employer, the organizer, the liturgist, the handyman and sometimes even the housekeeper and the cook. No matter the requirements, I wouldn't trade it for anything. It is what I was called to do, love to do and am fulfilled in doing, even though it is often not easy, is challenging and opens me up to new experiences. It is a privileged vocation as the faithful invite you into the most personal and intimate parts of their lives through birth and death and everything in between. Yet, the priesthood is nothing without the Source, Jesus Christ. Everything I do as a priest, even through my weak human nature, is done in the person of Christ because the priest never ceases to be a priest. It is joy and reflection, it is comfort and it is blessing, it is challenge and it is reward. It is such a gift.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, November 26th
8:30 a.m. † Joyce Gay

Wednesday, November 27th
7:00 p.m. Intentions of Catholic Mothers Group
† Luis Tolentino

Thursday, November 28th
8:30 a.m.

Friday, November 29th
8:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 30th
4:30 p.m. † Vincenzina Mammone

Sunday, December 1st
9:00 a.m. † Garnet McKee
11:00 a.m. † Joanne Hum

Sanctuary Lamp Intention: Intentions of Enoia Pacheco



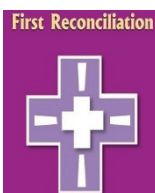
The Vincentians of the Saint Vincent de Paul conference of St. Leo the Great want to thank the parishioners for your ongoing support. Without your generosity we would be unable to extend a helping hand to the less fortunate within our community. In the months of September and October we made 33 home visits. We distributed \$2330 in food cards, We paid two enbridge gas bills \$584 in total and purchased two double beds, mattresses and bed bug covers, We also provided a family in need with \$150 Walmart card to purchase back to school outfits and supplies. We delivered 28 backpacks with school supplies to 28 neighbours in Need. Know that you have made a difference to those we visit by letting them know they are not alone and that we care and love them.

VOCATION SEEDS

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” Can you lead others to make this request of our Lord and King? Give your life to Jesus and others are sure to hear, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca**



The 2019-2020 **SUNDAY MISSALS** are available at the **Welcome Centre** following Mass at a cost of \$6.00



FIRST RECONCILIATION for the Children Preparing for First Holy Communion is...

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 at 7 p.m.

Reminder: For the good of the children the church doors will only be open at 6:40 p.m.

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit
Friday, December 6 to Friday, December 13
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, 2565 Bathurst St. 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 those miracles took place.

PHONE: 416-787-4547

WEB: <https://olassumptionto.archtoronto.org/>

POSTER: <http://bit.ly/EucharisticMiraclesoftheWorld>



Handicraft Holy Land Christians

The weekend of December 14-15 we will have with us a special guest from Sebastien Cardinal's team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in The Holy Land. Christians in the Holy land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and the purchase of these special religious art pieces.

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May God Bless you for your generosity, for help, and for your prayers." **www.HolylandChristians.ca**



SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical Quas Primas (“In the first”) to respond to growing nationalism and secularism. He recognized that these related societal ills would breed increasing hostility against the Church. His encyclical reminds the faithful that while governments and philosophies come and go, **Christ reigns as king forever.**




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