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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.

DISCOVERING THE MASS

When Jesus taught His disciples and commended them to in-turn teach the nations, He was making known to the world that which had not been fully known or revealed before. This has been carried out by the Church throughout the centuries and into our own times with the great and ongoing missionary efforts throughout the earth. Yet in twenty centuries the Good News of Jesus Christ has in fact been taken to all the world already and in the New Evangelization of our time something different is being emphasized and focused on—Catholics being taught *again* what Christ has handed on to His Church. But why do Catholics need to *again* be taught about the faith? Because it has not been passed on in the past two or three generations as it once was.

As I have said many times before, so many of our young people don't know Jesus and even if they are educated in a Catholic school they might come to know 'about' Jesus but not come to truly know Him. The Catholic faith throughout the centuries has largely been passed on by parents to their children through weekly attendance to Holy Mass and the frequenting of the Sacrament of Confession. Today, (and this should come as no surprise to Catholics), the Catholic faith is often transmitted in such a watered-down way that it either doesn't make any real sense, is misunderstood in the first place, or both.

Inspired by the current scripture study being held in our parish, *A Biblical Walk Through The Mass*, I would like to begin a new series of bulletin articles on various parts of the Mass and the Eucharistic Prayer itself.

The Eucharistic Prayer WHEN IS CONSECRATION?

From the moment we complete the sung *Holy, Holy, Holy*, we kneel down and remain kneeling (in the Archdiocese of Toronto) until the Doxology, when the Priest sings:

“Through him, and with him, and in him,…”

Everything in between is called the Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass. We kneel to show honour, reverence and humility to what takes place during the Eucharistic Prayer and principally through the consecration when bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. A good question to ask is, when does this consecration actually take place? A hint is found in the ringing of the sanctuary bells by the Cross Bearer who is instructed to ring the bells either once or three times at specific parts of the Eucharistic Prayer. There are two parts during the Eucharistic Prayer that are actually the separate consecrations of first, the Body of Christ, and then, the Blood of Christ. At these consecrations an altar server rings the bells three times for each. The thrice ringing of the bells indicates the extraordinary moments when the Holy Spirit through the actions of the priest changes bread into the Body of Christ and wine into the Blood of Christ.

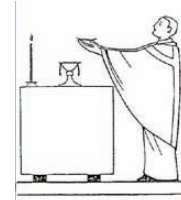
However, there are parts of the Mass *leading up to the Consecration* that sometimes are misunderstood as being the consecration, but they're not. The first is the Offertory Chant, which is outside of the Eucharistic Prayer. The

second is found at the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer prayed by the priest.

THE OFFERTORY CHANT

This chant is said by the priest in a low voice if the Offertory hymn is being sung but is said aloud when there is no offertory hymn, usually at weekday Masses.

While the Offertory hymn is being sung, the priest takes the paten with a larger host on it and lifts it slightly above the altar, saying in a low voice,



“Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.”

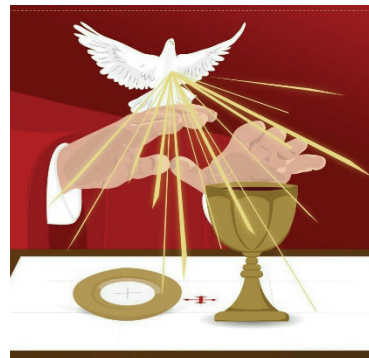
Then lifting up the chalice slightly above the altar, he says:



“Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.”

These two prayers, one over the bread and the other over the wine, acknowledges that these gifts offered by God's people come from God Himself. The words *“it will become”* makes clear that this is not a consecration at all but a calling to mind that the gifts themselves are of God's origin, fashioned in time by human hands and are about to be used for the Mass and the good of God's people.

THE EPICLESIS



This part within the Eucharistic Prayer at its beginning, takes place when the priest extends both hands over the bread and wine and calls down the Holy Spirit to make them holy, separated from all other elements in God's creation to become the Body and Blood of Christ.

“Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Again, while this may look like the priest is saying words with the action of making the Sign of the Cross over the bread and wine offered by the people, it is not yet consecration. It is asking the Holy Spirit to now bless these two elements of bread and wine that *are about to be* used for consecration, but not yet.

THE CONSECRATION takes place following the Epiclesis when in each of the various forms of the Eucharistic Prayers the priest says the Words of Institution that Jesus said



on the night of the Last Supper and St. Paul recounted later on. It is when the priest says, “*This is my body...*” and then “*This is the Chalice of My Blood...*” that the Holy Spirit changes them into the Body and Blood of Christ. Evidence of this reality is found when once the consecration of the bread takes place into the Body of Christ, the altar server rings the bell three times as the priest holds the host aloft for the people of God to behold with their

eyes and adore. He then, places the consecrated host back on the paten, and genuflects to the Real Presence of Jesus. Then, the priest continues with the separate consecration of the wine into the Blood of Christ, shows it to the people and then genuflects while the bells are rung thrice again. The Mass is not magic but the majesty of Christ, the King and Suffering Servant who chose to come to us in His self-giving sacrifice throughout the course of history and in time to appear to us that we might actually receive Him into our bodies as food for this journey! We are truly blessed. (Fr. Charles)

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 14th

8:30 a.m. † Clarita Guinto Bautista

Wednesday, January 15th

7:00 p.m. † Gerry Brezina

Thursday, January 16th

8:30 a.m. † Victoria Regan

Friday, January 17th

8:30 a.m. †

Saturday, January 18th

4:30 p.m. † Susan Quinn

Sunday, January 19th

9:00 a.m. † Francesco Caruso

11:00 a.m. † Lynne Theriault

Sanctuary Lamp is offered for John & Kristin Tomsic

St. Leo Knights of Columbus

Annual Valenti ne's Day Dance

will be held on February 8, 2020. Everyone is invited for another enjoyable evening with friends and family.

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Time- Doors open at 6:45 P.M.

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Dinner - Full meal with desert

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Prizes - Door prizes and draws during evening

Price - \$30.00 individual, \$50.00 couple

CONFIRMATION 2020

(Grade 7)

PARENTS INFO & REGISTRATION in the church
(mandatory attendance)

Sunday, January 19 at 12:30 pm
OR Tuesday, January 21 at 7pm

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Contact exodus90brooklin@gmail.com for any questions and to join a group with other men in the community. We will be starting the program on January 13th and ending on Easter Sunday. Even if you decide at a later date to start the 90-day program, please feel free to contact us for support and fraternity.



Thank you to everyone who participated in **Christmas Angels** this year. With your generous contributions, we were able to assist 28 families consisting of 102 individuals. We also provided food vouchers for their holiday meals.

Thank you as well to St. Bridget's Elementary School, for providing food items from their Christmas food drive which were distributed to each family.

VOCATION SEEDS

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus “a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’” Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca**




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