Sacrament of Anointing and Mass

Next Sunday March 11th at 3:00 pm we will celebrate the Anointing of the sick. This Mass celebrates our journey for wholeness and the life giving healing power of Jesus. It is important to receive this Sacrament of anointing as we seek to be healed physical, spiritually, and emotionally through the Spirit and Love of God. The anointing of the sick is a sacramental expression of Jesus’ continuing care for those who live with the weaknesses of our human frailty. Remember – “Sacraments are for the living. You don’t have to be at death’s door to be anointed”.

Ministry to the Homebound and Sick

Parishioners within the St. Leo’s community may be sick and homebound and unable to come to the church for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist assist with distribution of the Body of Christ to those who are homebound, in nursing home and hospitals. Our homebound are an integral part of our parish and are in communion with us even though they are not physically present at the Eucharist.

Giving during Lent

During lent, we prepare our hearts for Easter. It is common to give something up for the duration of the time of lent. The Code of Canon Law remind us of other works and means of doing penance: prayer, acts of self-denial, almsgiving and works of personal charity. Attending Mass daily or several times a week, praying the rosary, making the way of the cross, teaching the illiterate to read, reading to the blind, helping at a soup kitchen, visiting the sick and shut-ins or giving an overworked mother a break by baby-sitting—all of these things can be more meaningful and demanding than simply abstaining or giving up something.

Serra Vocation

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Missal Prayer Book

We still have a few copies of the new prayer book “St. Joseph’s Sunday Missal” for the 2018 season available. The cost of the Sunday Missal is $5.00. Please ask one of our social committee volunteers. They will be happy to help.

Would you like to be a gift bearer at weekend masses? If so, please inform an usher when you arrive for Mass.
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