



# ST. LEO THE GREAT

PARISH & SCHOOL

January 30, 2022

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### RECTORY/OFFICE HOURS:

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[www.leothegreat.org](http://www.leothegreat.org)

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM

Sundays ~ 8:00AM and 11:00AM

#### WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday ~ 8:30AM

Thursday - Communion Service ~ 8:30AM

#### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30AM and 7:00PM

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions can be heard Saturdays from 3pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10am-10:30am, or anytime by request or appointment.

### NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing addresses are asked to contact the Rectory Office.

### BAPTISMS

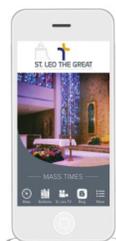
Parents desiring Baptism for their children are asked to contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Preparations and arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance with a priest. Only then can a wedding date be confirmed.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you are curious about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.



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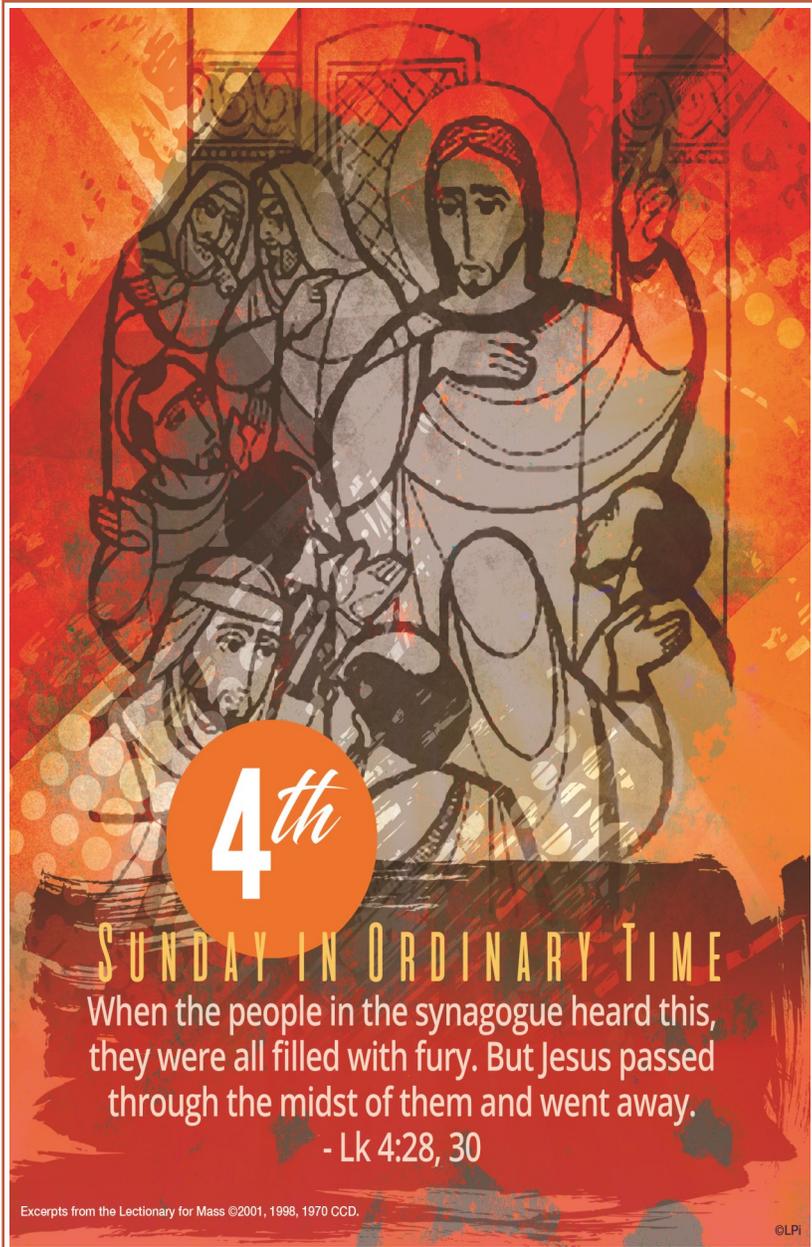


## St. Vincent de Paul

Let your heart and means dictate what to share. Your contributions will enable the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization to deliver your message of good cheer to our needy neighbors. The Poor Boxes can be seen as the "bread boxes" of those less fortunate. You can put your donation in the Poor Boxes or you can put your donation in an envelope and mark it "SVDP" and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the Rectory. Your help really does make a difference.

## REGISTER WITH US

Have you moved into the area recently, or have you joined us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family. Please stop by at the rectory office, go online at [leothegreat.org](http://leothegreat.org) or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.



4<sup>th</sup>  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.  
- Lk 4:28, 30

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## Eucharistic Adoration

Please join us the First Friday of every month from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. St. Leo the Great has had a long history of Eucharistic Adoration of First Fridays. Part of our Commitment as a parish is that when we have Adoration, Jesus in the Eucharist should not be left alone. We realize we are still in the midst of the pandemic, but we need your presence for as much or as little amount of time as you are able to spend in the presence of Jesus. The Eucharistic Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 5:00 PM. Can you spend just one hour, once a month with Jesus?



## GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE FOR ALL YOUR SHOPPING

Our Gift Card Program is an excellent way to help support your Parish. A complete list of gift cards is available at the rectory office or on our website at [leothegreat.org](http://leothegreat.org). Gift Cards can be used for everyday purchases, gifts, or a simple thank you.

**PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE AND SUPPORT US.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn “Joe” Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, William & Amelia Rebello, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Lorice Yurek, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Phyllis Zbasnik, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Ken Proctor, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Harriet Franko & Ana Mendoza.

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life.



**Andrew Bendahan**  
St. Luke, Lakewood  
First Year, Borromeo

Pray that he may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God’s call.



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16th**  
Collection .....\$6,146.28  
WeShare.....\$3,146.86  
Total.....\$9,293.14

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23RD**  
Collection.....\$3,333.30  
WeShare.....\$1,670.00  
Total.....\$5,003.30

**DECEMBER TOTALS**  
Capital Improvements Total...\$2,702.00  
SVDP Total.....\$325.00  
Solemnity Total.....\$286.00  
Flowers.....\$1,141.00  
Retirement.....\$3,370.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



**Monday, January 31st—St. John Bosco, Priest and Religious Founder**  
8:30am People of the Parish  
**Tuesday, February 1st—Weekday**  
8:30am People of the Parish  
**Wednesday, February 2nd—The Presentation of the Lord**  
8:30am No Mass  
**Thursday February 3rd—St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr**  
8:30am Communion Service  
**Friday February 4th—Weekday**  
8:30am +Gene Bogufh (Novak Family)  
**Saturday, February 5th — St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**  
4:00 +Frank Zupancic (Family)  
**Sunday, February 6th— Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00am People of the Parish  
11:00am +Angela Chopka (ChopkaFamily)

**First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5; 17-19**

Today we hear about Jeremiah’s call to be a prophet. It came when he was quite young. It also came at a time of turmoil when Babylon was in the process of conquering the entire Near East. That’s why Jeremiah felt uneasy about the call. God, however, refuses to take “no” for an answer.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13**

We will recognize today’s passage from first Corinthians as one that is often read at weddings. Actually, the context is not marriage, but squabbles in the Christian community in Corinth over whose spiritual gifts were most important. Paul goes to the hart of the matter.

**Readings for the week of January 30, 2022**

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30  
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13  
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-3

## ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Parishioners,

Though a couple of months late, today the new awnings we ordered last summer were finally installed. I believe they will be a great help in identifying buildings & their proper entrances while at the same time blending in with our current architecture. One is located at the Broadview Road entrance of the school building & says "Main Entrance." We already have a sign to the right of these doors which identify the building as our Parish School. There is also an awning on the parking lot entrance of the school building by the cafeteria & Junior High wing which says, "School Entrance." The one on the Parish Center (the old convent building) says "PreSchool" and "Community Center" as it serves both of these purposes. A corner awning on our gym entrance says "Lux Hall" on one side and "Gym Entrance" on the side facing the parking lot. Finally, the one on the building where I am currently working says, "Rectory Office." Each of these has our parish logo (the blue & gold cross surrounded by an oval of the same colors) in the middle. I hope you also believe they serve a needed purpose while enhancing the appearance of our parish buildings.

Unfortunately our Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, scheduled for last Sunday evening, needed to be cancelled due to the inclement weather. The purpose of this time of prayer was to pray for the minds & hearts of pro-abortionists to be converted and to pray for the women who are expecting and in need of financial, emotional and spiritual help during a difficult time. Please remember to include this intention in your personal prayer today.

When there is bad weather, usually due to a snowstorm which makes driving both difficult and unsafe, I strongly encourage you not to risk your life (or that of others) when you otherwise would have planned to drive to church. This would be true for either weekend or weekday Mass. Better to join us via livestream when the weather (or your personal health) would call for you to remain home. We will try to let you know via our website when it would be wise for you to remain at home due to bad weather, as we did this past week when the parking lot was not yet plowed before the 8:30am Mass on Monday as it had just started snowing early that morning before the snow plows were able to clear our parking lots. So please remember that the first place to look for the most current and timely information would be on our website (leothegreat.org). If you are technically challenged, please feel free to call the rectory office to inquire about morning Mass, but you may not be able to reach us if the rectory office is closed. We may be able to provide a number for you to call for such inquiries and I'll let you know about that in this space soon. The most important rule is: do not risk your life or health in coming to Mass, as much as you would like to be here or we would like to have you here.

I feel it necessary, when encouraging you to use our livestream technology, to also caution you about using that technology irresponsibly. I have frequently encouraged you to join us via livestream if the weather or your health demands it, however my fear (which is shared by several priests and bishops during this time), is that people will depend on such technology while at the same time still going out in public. Of course going to a doctor's appointment is understandable, but the presumption is that if you are trying to stay safe by watching Mass at home, neither are you visiting other public places unnecessarily. It's like the rule my mom had when we were young: if you're too sick to go to school, you're too sick to go out to play. Only you can judge your own personal circumstances, but I do need to caution you that it may become too easy to think that live-streaming is a suitable substitute for attending Mass in person, as you are lacking the presence of the Church community while at home as well as the sacramental presence of Christ in the Eucharist. So please take this into prayerful and serious consideration. By all means use live-streaming when necessary, but know the importance of being with your fellow parishioners to receive Holy Communion whenever possible.

*Fr. James Schmitz*

### BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you recently lost a loved one—a spouse, sibling, a parent, other relative or a close friend? Join the St. Leo the Great Bereavement Sharing Group. We are a group who have a common bond—the loss of someone close to us. All are welcome to come and share with us the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. We meet for about an hour and share our feelings and memories of our loved ones. **The next meeting dates will be February 2, March 2, and April 6, 2022.** Feel free to join us—no reservations needed.

**If you have any questions,  
contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by  
email: [jberigan@leothegreat.org](mailto:jberigan@leothegreat.org).**

### PRE-PLANNED FUNERAL

Do your loved ones know what your wishes are for your funeral Mass? Have you thought about the readings you'd like to have at your funeral Mass? If so, contact Joan Berigan at the rectory (216-661-1006) or email her at [jberigan@leothegreat.org](mailto:jberigan@leothegreat.org) for help in pre-planning your funeral Mass.

### HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We are grateful that so many of you have continued to contribute. Here are a few ways to help you with your contributions:

- 1) Mail your contribution envelope(s) to us, either for the week or the month. (St. Leo the Great, 4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44019)
- 2) Drop your contribution envelope(s) in the mail slot of the rectory office door.



- 3) Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website [www.leothegreat.org](http://www.leothegreat.org) to sign up. It's incredibly easy and you have many options: weekly, monthly or one-time contributions, the ability to use a checking/savings account direct withdrawal (you just need your account and routing numbers) or you can use a debit or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover). It is simple and secure.

If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006 and we will gladly assist you.

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

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SUNDAY JANUARY 30, 2022  
FROM 10:00 TO 12:30**

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For more information or to schedule a tour call  
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*In Loving Memory Of  
**Daniel A. Henry**  
April 30, 1981 - January 13, 2022*

*My time has come, but don't grieve for me.  
I'm safely home where I have strived to be.  
My life has been full and I have loved so  
much, especially warm smiles and a gentle  
baby's touch. But nothing as valuable as  
loving so many in days of want and days  
when there was plenty.*

*Some days will be tough,  
but those will pass soon enough.  
Remember each person's good  
and where they once stood.*

*Our past creates the future, brighter than  
today. Keep up the fight, for we will meet  
again someday. In a place that is brighter,  
one fit for a fighter. Be faithful and strong,  
as life comes along. So you too can be free,  
one day just like me!*

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*In Loving Memory of  
**Renada Germanotta***

*Born: June 20, 1939  
Entered Into Rest: October 7, 2021  
Services: Monday, October 11, 2021  
Ripepi Funeral Home  
Parma, Ohio*

*Interment: Holy Cross Cemetery  
Section 40 Lot 2072 Grave 1*

*One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was  
walking along the beach with the LORD.  
Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.  
For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints  
in the sand: one belonging to him, and  
the other to the LORD.*

*When the last scene of his life flashed before him  
he looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
He noticed that many times along the path  
of his life there was only one set of footprints.  
He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest  
and saddest times in his life.  
This really bothered him, and he questioned the LORD  
about it. "Lord, You said that once I decided  
to follow You, You'd walk with me all the way.  
But I have noticed that during the most troublesome  
times in my life, there is only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why when I needed You most,  
You would leave me."  
The LORD replied, "My son, my precious child,  
I love you, and I would never leave you.  
During your times of trial and suffering, when you  
see only one set of footprints, it was then that  
I carried you."*

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**Catholic  
SCHOOLS WEEK**

**Record of 2021 Contributions**

To receive a copy of your 2021 contribution statement, please email your request to [info@leothegreat.org](mailto:info@leothegreat.org). You can also call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006. Please indicate how you would like to receive your statement—pick up in the office or back of church, email or mail.

You can also include your name on this slip, put it in an envelope and return it to the parish. We will mail your statement back to you.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

“Love is patient, love is kind ...” As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you’ve probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn’t just for newlyweds. It wasn’t written for married folks. It’s for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

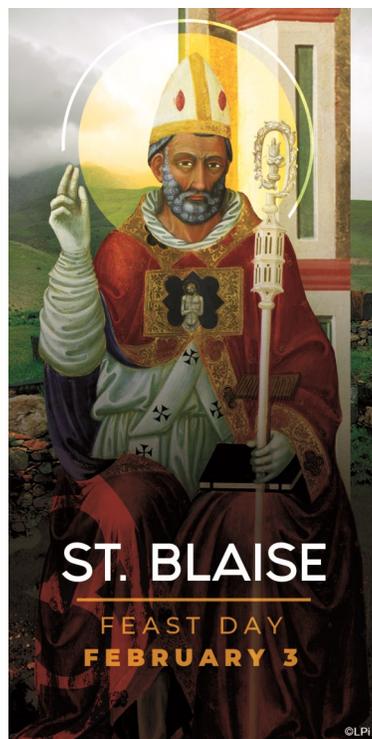
Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It’s for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I’m forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn’t there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it’s never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that’s an opportunity to “strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.”

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### St. Blaise | February 3

You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**January 30, 2022, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a “Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador’s civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica).” As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God’s message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one’s earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God’s love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

**RAFFLE  
WINNERS**



**January 19, 2022**

**Michele Beyer**



