



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM
Sundays ~ 8:00AM, and 11:00AM

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Thursday ~ 7:30AM
Friday ~ 8:30AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30AM and 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are heard on Saturday, from 2:45PM—3:30PM or anytime by appointment.

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

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

BAPTISMS

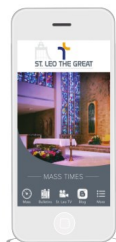
Parents desiring Baptism for their children are asked to contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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.



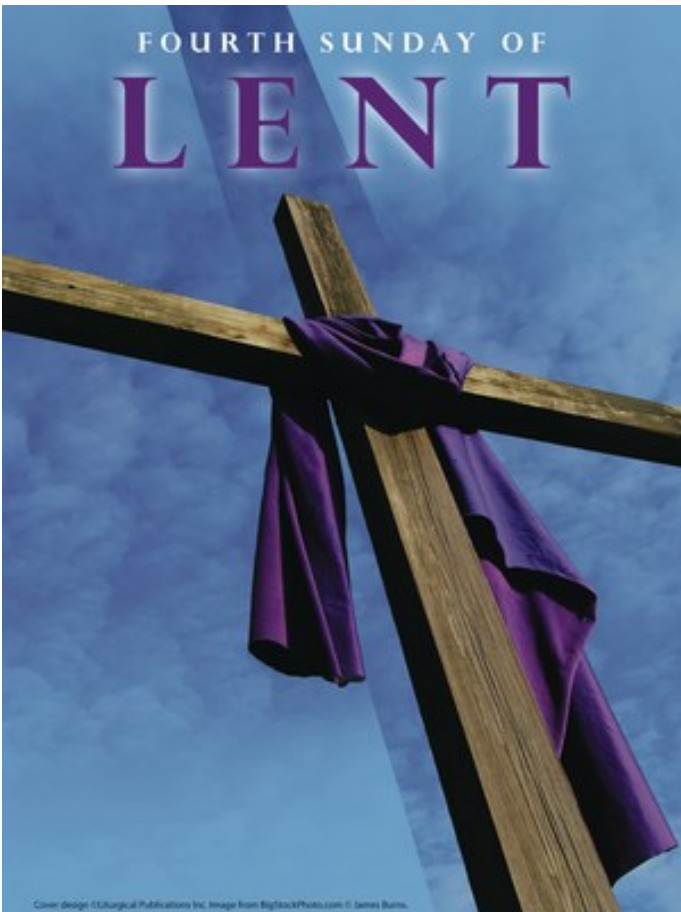
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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Seeing is much more than just a function of our eyes. We can look at something with clear vision but not really see it. Often what we think we see is colored by our presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and needs. We judge things by appearance, but God looks into the heart. God's sight has a much wider range and far greater depth. Receiving things or people just based on appearance can lead us to erroneous and hurtful judgments. We think we are seeing clearly, but we are not. Allowing God to restore our sight so that we can truly see is a worthy goal for our Lenten journey. Look within and look without. What do you see? Allow God to complete the picture for you. Ask Him to give you the insight to look into someone's heart. Don't draw hasty conclusions or presume you know the truth. Be open and humble enough so that you can receive the sight that only God can give. ©LPi



**FORGIVEN-VIDEO SERIES
HAS BEEN CANCELLED
AT THIS TIME.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER
RICHARD
IN YOUR PRAYERS.**



**MARY THE MESSENGER presented by
TRAPPER JACK HAS BEEN POSTONED.**

It will be rescheduled at a later date.

In Loving Memory of
RICHARD OSBORNE

Born: December 23, 1969

Entered Into Rest: March 9, 2020

Services: Wednesday, March 11, 2020
St. Leo the Great Church
Cleveland, Ohio

Interment: Holy Cross Cemetery
Section 29 Lot 2647 Grave 2



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed
Be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in
Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses as we
Forgive those who trespass against us,
And lead us not into temptation, but
Deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
Kingdom and the Power and the
Glory for ever and ever.
Amen.

R I P E P I
FUNERAL HOME
Pearl Road at Snow Road



We will not be gathering together this month to pray the Rosary. Please continue this important form of prayer at home during this difficult time.

**Have a Heart
Lend a Hand**

The Have a Heart, Lend a Hand Lenten program has been temporarily suspended. When normal church activities resume we will continue the program. The baskets of hearts will remain at the doors of the church for a month or so after church activities resume and we will post a new collection weekend. There is NO collection on Palm Sunday weekend, April 4/5. All items collected for these organizations are needed throughout the year so whenever we deliver them they will be greatly appreciated. Some of you have already purchased items. If you need to drop them off at the rectory, you may. But if you can, please keep them for our new collection weekend. Let us all pray for each other. Thank you and may God Bless You.

**If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216 351 6247,
and thank you for your generosity.**

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Ed Gorcyka, Bob McLaughlin, Annamae Sironen, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ron Vokac, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka, William & Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Bill Hinton, Linda Debaltzo, Anna Mendoza, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda, George Aloschen, Mary Suder, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Dorothy Forister, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Trudy Miller & Bobbie Whittaker.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Monday, March 23rd - St. Turbius of Mogrovejo
7:30am +Deceased Pelley Family (Rose Pelley)

Tuesday, March 24th - St. Oscar Romero
7:30am +Lukesic Family (Kollar Family)

Wednesday, March 25th - The Annunciation of the Lord

7:30am +C. & L. Choromanski (Daughter)

Thursday, March 26th - Lenten Weekday
7:30am No Intentions

Friday, March 27th - Lenten Weekday
8:30am +Vasi Family (Family)

Saturday, March 28th - Lenten Weekday
4:00pm +Jim Hocevar (Family)

Sunday, March 29th - Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00am +Jane Thurston (Miriam Fontaine)

11:00am +Fr. Tony Muzic (Fr. James Schmitz)

(Fr. Jim will offer these intentions during his private Masses during the shut down of public Masses.)

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

It is about 1000 B.C., 250 years after Moses brought God's people from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. It took a long time for these people from different tribes to unify as a nation. The turning point came when David became their king. The story of how he was chosen is told in today's reading. Samuel was a venerable old prophet. Jesse was a resident of Bethlehem and had eight sons, the youngest of whom was David.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

The ancient city of Ephesus was located on the western coast of what is today Turkey. The Christians there existed in a society dominated by pagan values, which today's reading equates with darkness.

Readings for the week of March 22, 2020

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 /Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

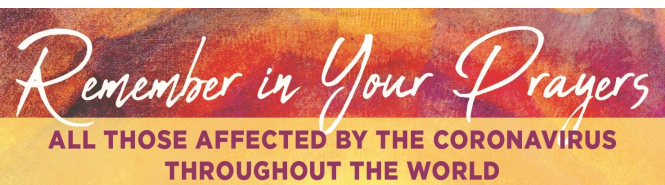
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 /Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." (1 Sm 16:7b)



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!



MARY KAY SIMONIK

March 16, 2020

Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the Church, or at the Rectory Office.

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

Michael Mucic
St. Mary of the Falls
Olmsted Falls
Diaconate Program—Year 1



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

Parish Support

Sunday, March 15th

Basket Collection.....	\$ 4,245.59
WeShare(online).....	\$ 1,130.00
Total.....	\$ 5,375.59

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



Dear Parishioners,

Now that we have received updated information from the Diocese of Cleveland concerning directives regarding Mass but also for the other sacraments and even non-liturgical parish activity as well, I am able to bring you up to date on how we as a parish are dealing with the coronavirus.

As you already know, it was already decided to suspend all public celebrations of Mass and liturgies throughout the Diocese. I am celebrating Mass privately each day in our chapel and I continue to offer these Masses for the individual daily intentions that have been made. So if you had a Mass intention scheduled for this month or next, please be assured that that Mass is still being offered for your loved one or for your particular intention. And of course, included in my daily Mass, are prayers for you and for all those affected in any way by our current health crisis.

Though the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended until at least after Easter, there are other ways that you can participate in this great prayer of the Church every day, but especially on Sunday. Mass is being live-streamed from many places on the internet, including from the website of the Diocese of Cleveland. Mass can be watched on TV through Channel 8 and EWTN. Prayer for ourselves and others, especially the greatest prayer we have in the Mass, is the most helpful way we can get through this present situation.

The chapel area of our church will be open from 9am until 3pm Monday through Friday, and from 9am until Noon on Sunday (we will be closed on Saturday). Please enter the doors closest to the chapel area by the rectory office as these will be the only doors kept unlocked during this time. Since the tabernacle is in that space, it is a good place to come into the presence of the Eucharistic Lord for some quiet time, meditation and prayer.

We are urged to bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound only when absolutely necessary. If a loved one is sick and in need of the support of the Church, we are happy to speak with you or a family member over the phone and to join you in prayer. Please give us a call at 216-661-1006.

At this time we plan to continue to offer our Fish Fry's but with take-out only. We'll have someone at the door to be sure we don't have more than 10 people inside the building at the same time.

Many have asked how they can keep up with their weekly contributions while weekend Mass is suspended. You can mail your envelope to us or drop it off at the rectory office (you can put it in the mail slot of the door if the rectory office is closed).

The best way for you to remain connected with the parish during this time is through regular visits to our website which we will keep updated as soon as new information is available.

I want you to know that I pray for you daily (as I did before this health situation) and that we are here to serve you, especially during such challenging times. Please reach out to us through an email or phone call with your questions and spiritual needs. May Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us, and may the Holy Spirit bring us strength, comfort and the reassurance that God's love and presence will never change.

Fr. James Schmitz



A PRAYER TO BE OPEN TO GOD'S WILL

Good and gracious God,
I know that life can be unpredictable.
Sometimes I know what is good and right,
but I don't have the courage to do it.
Sometimes I am so busy with my own affairs,
I forget to see the needs of people in front of me.
Sometimes I am set in my own ways,
and I resist growing and learning.
Help me, Lord, to be open to Your will.
When You prompt me to do the right thing,
give me the courage to do it.
When those around me need my help,
give me Your heart to love them.
When I'm stuck in my own ways,
give me the grace to grow closer to You every day.
Give me the trust and confidence of Mary.
Let it be done unto me according to Your word!
Amen.





St. Leo Fish Dinners

Every Friday in Lent
February 28th - April 3rd
Serving 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Dinners - \$8.00

- Baked Tilapia Almondine Dinner
- Baked Seasoned Cod Dinner
- Battered Fried Fish Dinner
- Breaded Shrimp Dinner
- Pierogi Dinner

Combo Meal - \$10.00

1 baked or 2 fried fish
with 3 pierogies

- Special! Empanadas**
- Special! Salmon Patty Dinners**
- Special! Fish Taco Platters**

Dinners and Combo Meal include choice of baked potato
or fries, coleslaw or applesauce, roll & butter

Fish Sandwich - \$6.00

fried fish with cheese on
a Kaiser roll served with
fries and coleslaw

Kids Meal - \$4.00

choice of: fish/pizza/
mac & cheese/pierogi
with fries and drink
(age 10 & under please)

A la carte menu

Baked potato	\$2.00	French fries	\$2.00
Cheese pizza	\$2.00	Pierogies (3)	\$3.50
Mac & cheese	\$2.50	Cabbage & noodles	\$3.00
Side of fish	\$5.00	Soup of the day	\$2.00
(2 fried or 1 baked)		Dessert & Beverages Available	

St. Leo the Great Church - Lux Hall
4900 Broadview Road - Cleveland



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Almsgiving is a private thing. You share what you have with a neighbor you do not know and who does not know you, but it is an act of service to those in need. During Lent let us share with others. Any donation you are able to make to SVDP during this time can be dropped off or mailed to the Rector Office.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



The American Red Cross will be at St. Leos on Sunday, March 29th, from 8-Noon in Lux Hall (gym). They are in a blood emergency due to the virus affecting donors. If you are able, please stop by and donate. Please note the precautions the Red Cross will take: temperature taken at the door (above 99.5 will not be permitted to donate); greater physical distancing; employees are screened before they are sent out to drives; cleaning of beds between donations; donors using sanitizer while using equipment. Please consider donating due to the emergency. May God Bless everyone.

Be healthy, be nice, be safe!

ONLINE GIVING



Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website (www.leothegreat.org) to sign up. If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006.

4th Sunday
OF LENT



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

-Jn 9:35-38

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ST. LEO THE GREAT SECOND GRADE

Mrs. Alicia Grosel's 2nd grade has been busy - we hope we can list it all! There was a delicious Math contest, each time a student passed a math fact test, they received a piece of a banana split, a day was picked where they enjoyed their hard earned reward! Students celebrated Read Across America Week and Dr. Seuss's birthday!

They took a Field Trip to the Great Lakes Science Center where they were able to learn the inner workings of an automobile, make their own paper airplanes, and enjoyed learning about the states of matter and turning chocolate milk into chocolate ice cream! Everyone said it was delicious! In Science class they created an electrical circuit with a small lightbulb, battery, foil & tape. The students were so proud and amazed at what they were able to create!



MARCH 22, 2020—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LETTER FROM THE BISHOPS OF OHIO

March 16, 2020

RE: Catholic Bishops of Ohio Suspend All Publicly Celebrated Masses/Liturgies

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After serious consideration of the grave health risk involved in public gatherings and in order to curb the spread of the coronavirus, the bishops of Ohio have decided, effective immediately, to suspend temporarily all publicly celebrated Masses/liturgies, at least through the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. The bishops of Ohio dispense the Catholic faithful who reside in their respective dioceses and all other Catholics currently in Ohio from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass through Easter Sunday.

This decision is not taken lightly and, as your bishops, causes us great sadness. However, after consultation with the governor and health officials we are convinced that this is the most prudent and necessary action.

Science has proven that participation in public gatherings significantly increases the risk of contagion. This poses a serious danger to those especially most vulnerable.

As Catholics, in every Sunday Mass we celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. In this moment, we are experiencing in a unique way the passion of our Lord as this pandemic prevents us from gathering for the Sunday Eucharist. In this very difficult time, we encourage the faithful to turn to the Church's treasury of prayer. Sunday remains a holy day, and we encourage the faithful to pray using the rich resources of our faith, including praying as a family or individually the rosary, divine mercy chaplet, the Liturgy of the Hours, stations of the cross, etc. We also urge you to participate in prayer by way of radio broadcast or televised or livestreamed Mass and make a spiritual communion.

Please join us in praying for all who are suffering from illness or disease of any kind, for all health care workers, and for an easing of the anxiety and tension caused by this situation. Relying on the motherly care of Our Lady, we unite our sufferings to those of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our healing and our hope.

Most Rev. Dennis M. Schnurr Chairman
Catholic Conference of Ohio Archbishop of Cincinnati
Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan Bishop of Columbus
Most Rev. Jeffrey M. Monforton Bishop of Steubenville
Most Rev. George V. Murry, S.J. Bishop of Youngstown
Most Rev. Joseph R. Binzer Auxiliary Bishop Archdiocese of Cincinnati
Rev. Donald P. Oleksiak
Diocesan Administrator of Cleveland
Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas Bishop of Toledo

