



**ST. LEO THE GREAT**  
PARISH & SCHOOL

April 17, 2022

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**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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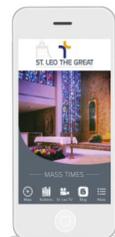
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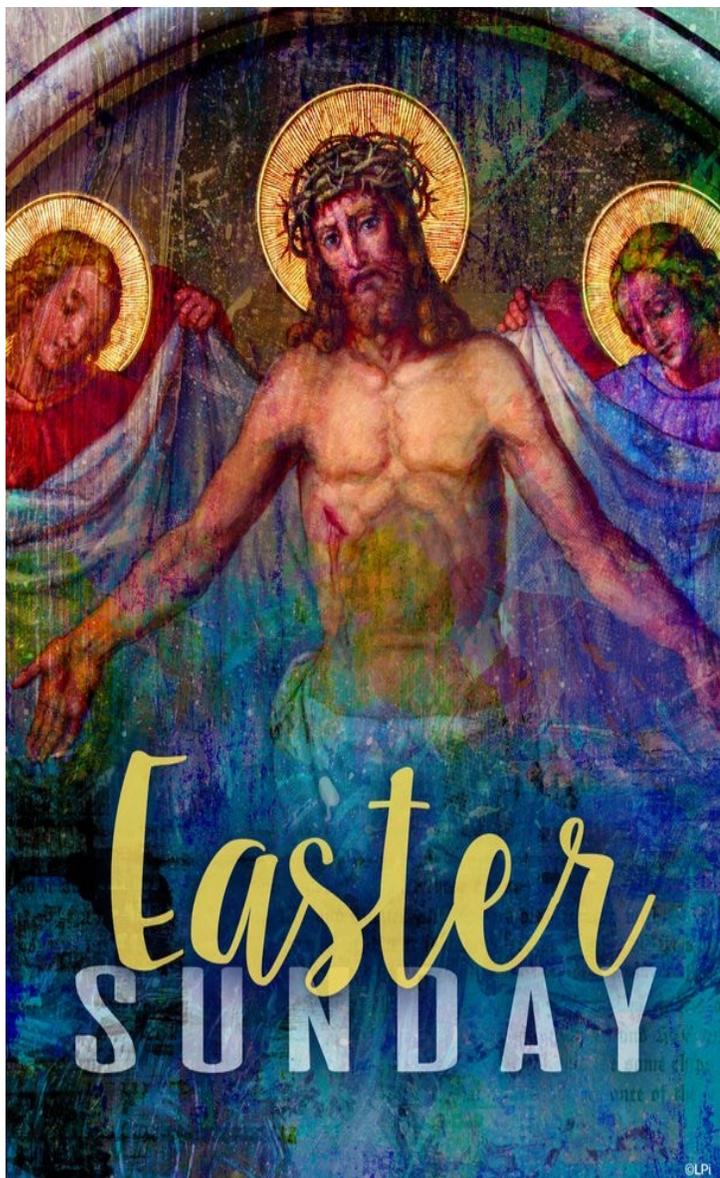
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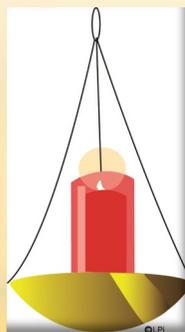
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APRIL 17, 2022 – EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD



Happy and blessed  
Easter to all  
St. Leo the Great  
parishioners



**SANCTUARY CANDLE  
INTENTION**

April 10 to April 24

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

+Joseph Hirko  
Once a Marine, Always a Marine

**REMINDER**

Parish offices will be closed on  
Easter, April 17th  
and  
Easter Monday, April 18th



**St. Leo the Great School  
Now Enrolling  
For the 2022-2023 School Year**



Cleveland Scholarships Available!  
Call 216-661-2120, visit [www.leotheadgreat.org](http://www.leotheadgreat.org)  
or please contact Mrs. Burns, Principal at  
[dburns@leotheadgreat.org](mailto:dburns@leotheadgreat.org) for more information.

**Fruits of Holy Communion**

**Question: What are the "fruits" of holy Communion?**

**Answer:** The Eucharist, like all sacraments, offers its own unique grace. We receive a special share in God's life that helps us in our faith journey. We are given all we need to sustain and nurture our relationship with God. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Everything we are and everything we hope to become is found in this sacrament. It is essential to the life of the church, to each member of the church. Without it, there is no church. The Eucharist is the center of our spiritual life and has enormous effects on our growth, our holiness, and our way of life. The fruits of holy Communion are the benefits one receives from the sacrament. These fruits of holy Communion are discussed in the catechism in the article on the Eucharist. The primary benefit is union with Christ. We become one with him sacramentally, just as we hope to become one with him for eternity. The Eucharist also separates us from sin, both past and future. It forgives the venial sins of the past and, by the love we receive, protects us from mortal sin in the future. The church community is also unified and strengthened by the Eucharist. It unites us to the poor and offers the pledge of eternal life.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Prayer REQUESTS

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, 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, Ana Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze & Joe Barr.

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

**Fabian Duckhyun Han**  
Archdiocese of Daegu  
IV Theology, Saint Mary



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

MASST INTENTIONS

- Monday, April 18th**—Monday within the Octave of Easter  
No Communion Service or Mass
- Tuesday, April 19th**—Tuesday within the Octave of Easter  
8:30 am Communion Service
- Wednesday, April 20th**—Wednesday within the Octave of Easter  
8:30 am Communion Service
- Thursday April 21th**— Thursday within the Octave of Easter  
8:30am Communion Service
- Friday April 22th**—Friday within the Octave of Easter  
8:30 am Communion Service
- Saturday April 23th** – Saturday within the Octave of Easter  
4:00 +Nina Weisheit (The Zuchowski Family)
- Sunday, April 24th** —Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Devine Mercy  
8:00am +Devin Neumann (Parents)  
11:00am People of the Parish

**First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43**

The Apostle Peter was originally skeptical about preaching the Gospel to non-Jews. But one day, the Holy Spirit summoned him to preach to a Gentile—the pagan army officer Cornelius and his household. Today’s passage is a portion of Peter’s sermon, which summarizes the life and ministry of Jesus.

**Second Reading: Colossians 3;1-4**

The letter to the Colossians depicts Christ as the only mediator between God and the world. A previous passage of the letter presented baptism as the way we are united with Christ. The author will today remind us of the heights to which Christ has raised us and then call upon us to live up to this.

**Readings for the week April 17, 2022**

- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35
- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/ Mk 16:9-15

PARISH SUPPORT

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

Sunday Collection.....\$4,572.80  
WeShare.....\$1,375.00  
Total.....\$5,947.80

MARCH COLLECTIONS

Capital Improvement.....\$1,923.00  
SVDP.....\$840.00  
Flowers.....\$964.00  
Catholic Relief.....\$448.00  
Ash Wednesday .....\$1,791.77  
Black & Indian.....\$484.00  
Eastern Europe.....\$397.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

GOSPEL MEDITATION -  
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE  
April 17, 2022 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't!

Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live.



St. Vincent De Paul

HAPPY EASTER AND THANK YOU so much for your financial contributions and for your donations of food and stables to support our families to help provide them with Easter Blessings at their table. We continue to pray for all those who contribute and support our St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization at St. Leo the Great.



BUS TRIPS

**HARTVILLE** - Friday, May 27 - \$75.00 per person  
Lunch at Hartville Kitchen - Included  
Shop/browse - The Shops at Hartville Kitchen  
Hartville Flea Market  
Downtown Hartville  
Harry London Chocolates  
Deadline for reservations and payment: Friday, April 29

**LUNCH CRUISE ABOARD THE NAUTICA QUEEN**  
Wednesday, June 29  
\$70.00 per person  
Shop/browse - West Side Market

**SENECA NIAGARA/SENECA ALLEGANY CASINOS**  
Monday, July 11 & Tuesday, July 12  
Seneca Niagara Casino and Hotel—overnight stay  
Monday July 11, walking distance to the falls.  
Casino Bonus \$35 slot play & \$15 food credit  
Seneca Allegany Casino—Tuesday, July 12  
Casino bonus: \$25 slot play

\$287 per person—Single occupancy  
\$196 per person—double occupancy  
\$188 per person - triple occupancy



Contact Sandy Diaddario -  
216-926-3123

## ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Parishioners,

I want to welcome all of those who will be joining us today for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection. I offer these words to faithful parishioners, to guests and to those who have not joined us recently for the celebration of Mass. Last weekend, on Palm Sunday, I told the story of a priest who was from Youngstown, Ohio but was sent to Germany by his bishop to study for the priesthood. He was ordained in Germany and just a few weeks later made plans to come back to the United States by getting a ticket for the maiden voyage of the Titanic. He asked for permission to celebrate daily Mass while onboard the great ship but permission was denied. He then made plans to return to the States via another ship. When he arrived in New York City, he learned that the Titanic had sunk and so his life was spared. He celebrated his first Mass in the United States at St. Patrick Cathedral, praying for the people who died on the Titanic. He was then assigned to St. Bernard Parish in Akron, Ohio. I shared this story because there are still some people today who cannot attend Mass due to the availability of priests or due to persecution. And yet we live in a country where the Mass is always accessible to us, though sometimes we fail to take advantage of this great gift. Each Mass is like a little Easter because we are remembering the death and resurrection of Jesus at every liturgy we participate in. So I invite all of you to accept the great gift of the Mass and to make use of it, the most powerful prayer of the Church, whenever you can. This is not only an obligation (according to the commandment to keep holy the Sabbath), but should be a great joy as God speaks to us and shares his very life with us when we receive the very real Body of Christ. Every saint in heaven was devoted to the Mass and used it as the primary way to God. So welcome to all of you, especially to those who have not been with us for a while, and know that we hope you will be with us each week to receive with us the greatest sign of God's love.

I want to also offer a special welcome to Kristi Burkhart for whom we prayed during the 11am Mass during Lent as she is baptized at the Easter Vigil this weekend, along with thousands of others who are receiving baptism and the other sacraments of initiation, namely Confirmation and Eucharist. We also welcome into our Catholic Faith those who were baptized in another Christian Tradition but who are now confirmed as Catholics and make partakers of the Holy Eucharist: Nichole Kirk, Amelia Morchak, and Jay Warner. May they, who have longed to receive the gift of the Eucharist, be given a generous share of the grace of the Holy Spirit as they continue their journey of faith in the Catholic Family. Welcome to all of you!

We congratulate the parents of Grace Kupchella who is also being baptized on this Easter Sunday. From infants to adults, we rejoice in all those throughout the world who are being brought into the Church today.

Our rectory office will be closed this Monday as our staff continues to celebrate Easter with their families and there will be no Masses this week as I take a few days away. Deacon Pat will offer a Communion Service however Tuesday through Friday at 8:30am, and like weekday Mass, this will be live-streamed via our website.

*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 May 4, June 1 and August 3, 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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT



Leave It in the Tomb

Today, on the most important day of the liturgical year, the Apostle Paul is calling us out.

“I see you hiding in that tomb,” he says. “I see you baking with that old, stale yeast, thinking no one will notice.”

He says it a little more elegantly, I’ll grant you. But the message is this: If you want to be raised with Christ, you’d better be ready to step out of the shadows. Seek what is above — not what is on earth.

I can feel myself responding almost reflexively, “Great idea, Paul — but I’m pretty comfy here.” Because sometimes, it’s just easier to stay in the tomb. It’s easier to crouch in the shadows and look outward at everyone else, thinking of the changes they could make or the sins they could overcome.

Today we are called to embrace newness. New hearts, new lives, new futures, new chances. If there’s anything keeping you from that, you need to leave it in the tomb. It’s a little scary, sure — maybe Jesus thought so before he stepped into the light of that first Easter morning. But no loaf of bread worth eating was ever baked using stale yeast that wouldn’t rise. No new life worth having was ever lived through the broken sins of yesterday. No Easter morning ever dawned without the tomb sitting empty.

Step into the light. He is waiting for you.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Have a Heart-Lend a Hand

To the St. Leo Parish Community,

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to the Have a Heart, Lend a Hand Lenten program. The huge outpouring of support from our parish community is extremely gratifying. The collection this year far exceeded that of previous years. The spirit of Christ is most definitely alive and well at St. Leo the Great Parish!!!

Thank you to all those who helped sort and deliver donations to the 12 organizations we supported this year. The love of Christ will touch all the lives that were touched by your outpouring of love.

May God bless you and keep you safe and healthy,  
Jeanne Sabol



In Loving Memory of  
Anna “Annamae” Mae Stalder  
August 14, 1929—March 23, 2022

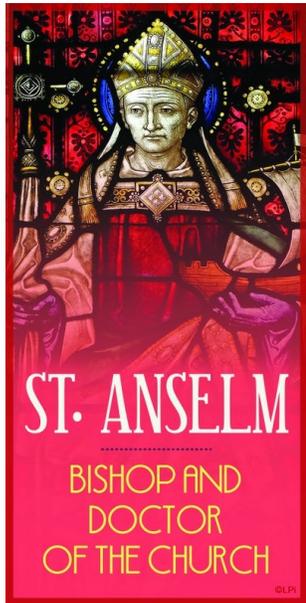
*May the road rise to meet  
you, may the wind be ever  
at your back. May the good  
Lord ever keep you in the  
hallow of His hand,  
may your heart be as warm  
as your hearthstone.  
May the earth rest easy  
over you that your soul  
may be off from under it  
quickly and up and off  
on its way to God.  
May God bless you always*

**Busch**

Housecleaning Opportunity

Parishioner looking for someone to help with housekeeping. He lives at 889 Marcie Drive, Cleveland, OH 44109. Please contact Lenny at 216-534-9766.



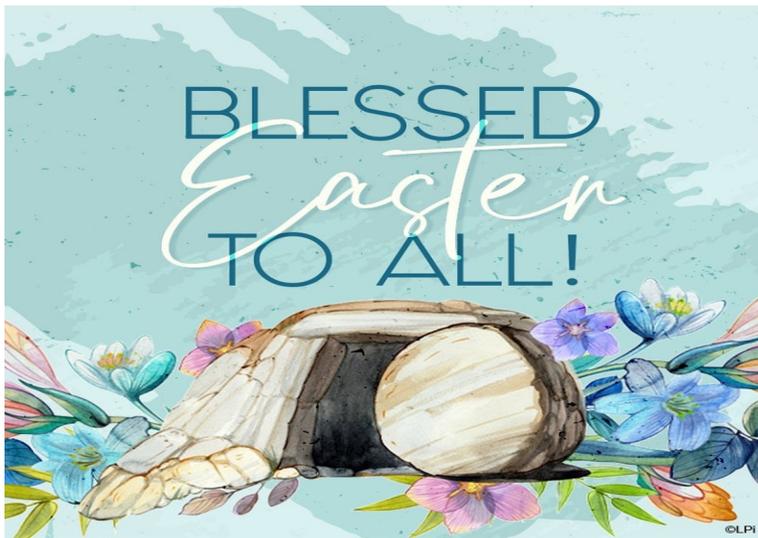


## St. Anselm | April 21

St. Anselm of Canterbury left his home in Italy to travel as a young man and ended up at the monastery in Bec, France, which was known for the teachings of its leader, Lanfranc. Anselm rose quickly to become abbot of the community and his writings are now compared in importance to those of St. Augustine.

In 1093 Anselm was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury by William II Rufus, the son and successor of William the Conqueror. However, at the time there was a controversy in Europe over whether kings or the pope had the power to invest bishops. Anselm, who believed only the pope should have the right to invest an ecclesiastical authority, spent much of his time as Archbishop exiled in Rome.

St. Anselm's teaching and works of theology are his most important contribution to the Catholic faith. He is considered one of the fathers of scholastic theology and his chief achievement in philosophy was the ontological argument for the existence of God. His work *Cur Deus homo?* taught that atonement for sins could only be achieved through Christ. He was canonized in 1494 and named a Doctor of the Church in 1720.



**RAFFLE  
WINNER**

**April 11, 2022**

**Bob Ruiz**

