



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 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



Is God a real Being for you or simply an idea to be entertained? Often, we reduce God to a set of ideas, theories, and principles and neglect to see Him as the One who takes joy in helping us understand all of the events and mysteries of life. God delights in journeying with us and is the only One who can fill us with joy and make our hearts burn with excitement and jubilation. He is the One who assists us in recognizing the truth that is before us and interpreting not only the jewels of Sacred Scripture but the events of history. If we recognize God, we can also see that He inspires us to see the divine meaning of our own lives as well. Sometimes it takes us a little time. After all, even Jesus' closest friends had to walk with him for a while on the road to Emmaus before their eyes were opened in the breaking of bread.



HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We are grateful that so many have asked how they can continue with their contribute during this time. Here are some options:

- 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) Use our online giving option called WeShare by clicking the WeShare logo on the website (leothegreat.org). It is 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.
- 4) Call the rectory office (216-661-1006) and leave a message. Someone will get back to you and help you with any questions you might have.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REACH OUT AND HELP US HELP NEEDY FAMILIES.

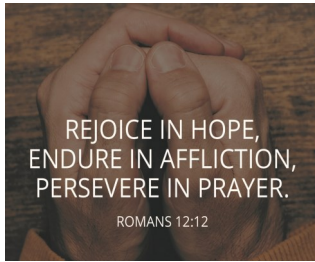


Not every parishioner can be in the right place at the right time to help a needy family as Jesus asks, especially during these trying times. Your St. Vincent De Paul Outreach Organization has been set up to do just that. Your help would be greatly appreciated to help us provide food and helping with other expenses

to those in need. Your donation can be put in an envelope marked SVDP Outreach mailed or dropped off at the rectory office. You can also create an account or log in to your account through WeShare-Online. <https://leothegreat.weshareonline.org>. There is an option to choose St. Vincent de Paul in addition to your weekly donation. Thank you!

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 and 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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION



April 26th to May 9th

**For my dear friend,
JEANNE CLYMER**

Lovingly, Sharon

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS!

PAT & JOAN BERIGAN

April 20, 2020

\$100.00 Winner



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.

**Alexander Spenik
Mother of Sorrows, Peninsula
IV Theology, Saint Mary**



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

Parish Support

Easter Contribution Figures will be available next weekend.

**OUR CONTINUED APPRECIATION
FOR YOUR SUPPORT,
ESPECIAL DURING THESE
VERY DIFFICULT DAYS!**

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, April 27th - Easter Weekday

+Martin Fontaine (Miriam Fontaine)

Tuesday, April 28th - St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 29th - St. Catherine of Siena

+Stan Kosiba (Wife, Rose)

Thursday, April 30th— St. Pius V

No Mass

Friday, May 1st - St. Joseph the Worker

+Betty Kollar (Kollar Family)

Saturday, May 2nd - St. Athanasius

No Mass

Sunday, May 3rd - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

+Carol Sladewski (Lou)

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

First Reading: Acts: 2:14, 22-33

None of the Scripture readings during the seven-week Easter Season are from the Old Testament. But the Acts of the Apostles, which is read every Sunday during Easter, frequently quotes Old Testament passages which the early Christians saw as fulfilled in Jesus. Today's reading gives part of Peter's sermon at the first Pentecost. Peter quotes from Psalm 16 which, like most the Psalms, was popularly thought to have been written by David.

Second Reading: 1Peter 1:17-21

The Christians for whom the first letter of Peter was written were recent converts from paganism. They found themselves a small minority in pagan surroundings. Their neighbors and authorities made life miserable for them. Today's passage offers encouragement by reminding them that Jesus died and rose for them.

Readings for the week of April 26, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16)

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

Today I had 3 Zoom meetings (video conferencing with several people at once)...first with our Principal & School teachers (they've been having Zoom meetings with their students), then with some rectory staff people, then with some priests from the Diocese. It's helpful to be able to see familiar faces besides hearing their voices. It was just announced that school will be closed for the rest of the year, which is not a big surprise. But again we have to wait for more news on religious services, etc.

We are taking advantage of this time to do more work in and outside of the church in preparation for when you return. First, we have much better lighting in the church itself. We added some ceiling lights on the left and right side aisles, and then replaced all the ceiling bulbs with LED lights that are a bit brighter than the ones we had before, and repaired the ones that were not working at all. All of the lights now have a nice warm glow to them which really makes a difference in the sanctuary or altar area as there was a mix of cool (white tint) and warm (yellow tint) lights there before. Hopefully it will help ease the strain of our aging eyes.

We are also taking advantage of the emptiness of the church to strip and wax the terrazzo floor which was in very bad need of being cleaned. It's hard to do more than simply sweep and mop the floor when people are in there throughout the week so this gave us the chance to really clean it up and the difference is very noticeable. We also painted the very dated (from the 70's) wooded walls in the vestibule.

Finally, since we're pretty much caught up with repairs to the buildings, we are finally able to turn some attention to the landscaping (or lack thereof) outside on our grounds. It's a big project given the size of our property but it will be nice to have some fresh scenery. We needed to remove some dead and/or diseased trees but are also adding some to replace those. The fence alongside the property line to the right when you drive in is being repaired as well. This ongoing project will give a welcoming look to you and those who visit us.

My hair was getting so long that I was beginning to look like cousin It from the Adam's family. But my barbershop is closed, so I watched a couple of YouTube videos on how to cut your own hair. I knew it would be very risky, but I also knew that few people would see me for a few weeks anyway (except in my YouTube Mass videos but I could always get away with wearing a biretta...do you know what that is?). To be honest, I've had worse haircuts from actual barbers! So pretty proud of myself that it doesn't look like a blind-folded person cut my hair. And now I'll save a couple hundred bucks every year doing it myself. So there's another small blessing hidden in these times.

You can now quickly fill out a form on our website requesting me to light a vigil candle at one of our shrines for your intention. How important it is for us to keep prayer foremost in our minds as we continue on through this time.

Fr. James Schmitz

LIGHTER SIDE

Windshield Wiper Sermon

One rainy afternoon, a mother was driving along one of the main streets of town, taking those extra precautions necessary when the roads are wet and slick. Suddenly, her son Matthew spoke up from his relaxed position in the front seat. "Mom, I'm thinking of something."



This announcement usually meant he had been pondering some fact for a while and was now ready to expound all that his seven-year-old mind had discovered. She was eager to hear.

"What are you thinking?" she asked.

"The rain is like sin," Matthew began. "And the windshield wipers are like God, wiping our sins away."

After the chill bumps raced up her arms, the mother was able to respond, "That's really good, Matthew." Then my curiosity broke in. How far would this little boy take this revelation?

So she asked, "Do you notice how the rain keeps on coming? What does that tell you?"

Matthew didn't hesitate one moment with his answer. "We keep on sinning and God just keeps on forgiving us."



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my
soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my
heart. I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to
be separated from You.
Amen.*



GOSPEL MEDITATION THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

What does it take for our eyes to be opened? Every day, a man laboriously walks down Main Street of town. With great difficulty but graceful determination, he places one foot in front of the other, uses a crudely made staff for support, and walks. His pace is slow, but he walks. What does he hope to see? Where does he want to go? What does he find? We all walk through life. The type of “walking” life requires is not always physical but is most assuredly emotional and spiritual. We walk, we look, we encounter, and we seek. How we do these things and what we actually find is determined by what we carry and what we allow ourselves to discover along the way.

If walking is too challenging for us, we may choose to isolate and stay alone. If we are afraid to walk, we may become overly dependent on others providing for us and abandon the journey. We can walk and pay attention only to what is in front of our feet and never notice the immensity of what is happening around us. The road is never the same twice. The journey is always different.



What kinds of things do you notice as you walk through life? It seems that the disciples of the Road to Emmaus missed a lot at first. We do as well.

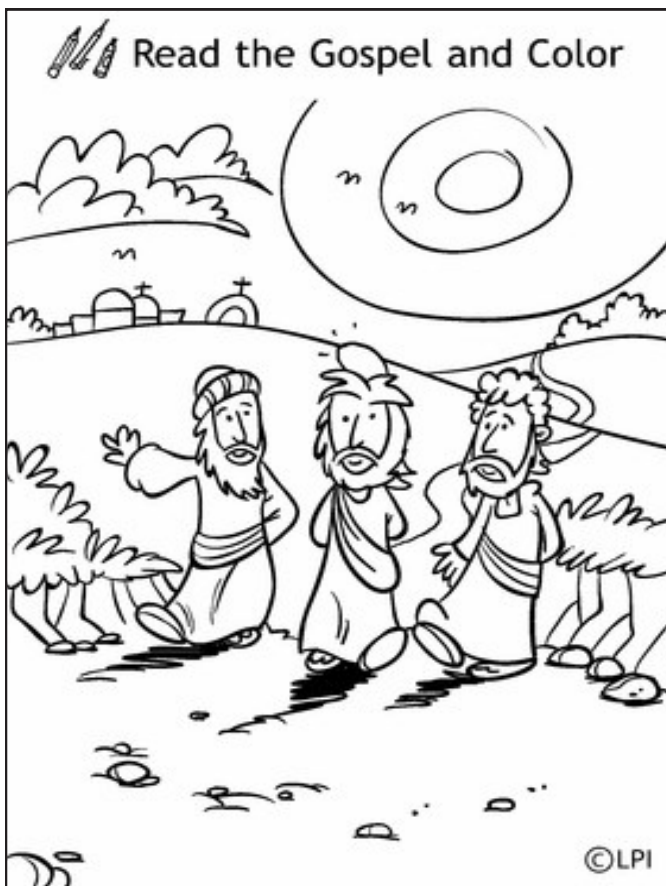
We are called to walk with purpose, to listen, and to notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has a special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct, and inspire us. The incarnate mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been

with us all along. How could we have missed Him? Our journey brings us back to the breaking of the bread, and something begins to stir within us. We begin to understand, and things look differently. Bread, body, wine, and blood bring us to see that everyone and everything is a “Eucharistic” encounter. We become what we eat and we see what we eat. We continue to walk. Our eyes are now opened, and we recognize Him. Our hearts burn. Stay with us. Please stay with us.

And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. - Lk 24:30-31

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Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

Emmaus	Christ	village
talking	Moses	bread
Cleopas	Prophets	Simon

Emuams E m m a u s

Pohprets _____

vliagel _____

taklign _____

Crihts _____

berda _____

Clapoes _____

Mesos _____

Sonim _____

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GROWING WITH THE GOSPEL



SHARING THE GOSPEL

Even though he had risen from the dead, two of Jesus' friends had not seen him yet. These men were still sad and confused. Imagine their surprise when Jesus walked with them, explained the Scriptures about the Savior, and then broke bread for a meal. They saw him alive!

PRAYER

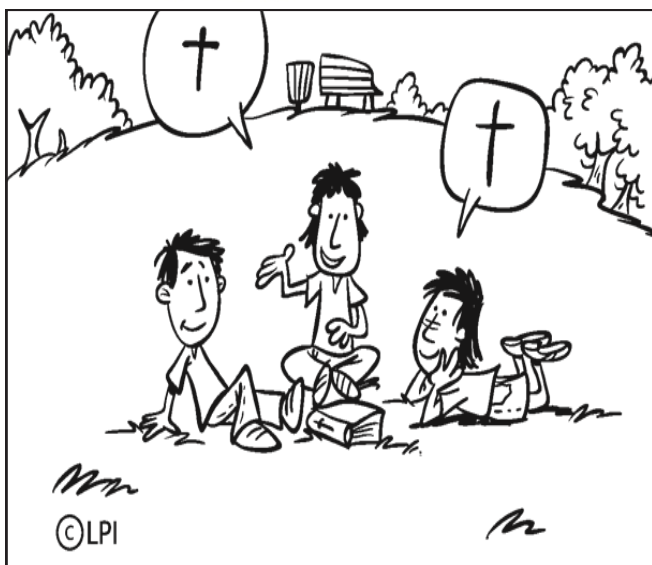


Jesus, when I am sad or confused, help me to remember that you are alive and with me always.

SOMETHING TO DRAW



Draw a picture of Jesus walking with you on a long road.



SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM FR. DON OLEKESIAK, DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR



Catholic Diocese
of Cleveland

May the peace and joy of the Risen Christ be with you. Hello, everyone.

The readings for this Sunday's Mass provide us with two examples of hope and assurance that we are not alone and our faith gives us the resiliency to endure difficult days. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear of the early community: "They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart praising God and enjoying the favour of the people. And every day the Lord added to their numbers those who were being saved."

In the Gospel, "... despite the locked doors to the room where the disciples were cowering, the Lord stood in their midst and said 'peace be with you.'"

These trying days of living with the coronavirus certainly challenge us to deepen our resolve to remain faithful to the Lord, to trust in him and know that he alone provides us with his peace and comfort and that he will see us through this pandemic. The Risen Lord reminds us over and over to "Be not afraid." He is with us as together we rise to meet the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

We know we may have at least two more weeks of the stay-at-home restrictions. There is still great uncertainty about when life will return to normal. Clearly, this is a time of great personal challenge for everyone. Some have lost their jobs. We have seen the long lines at the food pantries. But I want you to know that our Church is doing its part to help those in need.

We have established an Emergency Response Fund to provide funds for parishes with limited resources to address the immediate needs of families and individuals in their parish communities who were impacted by the pandemic. The funds will be disbursed by parishes to people in their community who have become financially vulnerable as they scramble to cover the costs of food, rent, utilities and their health. Contact your parish with questions.

Throughout this current crisis our Catholic Charities continues to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, take care of the sick and provide many critical programs to help children and the elderly in our community. This important work of the Church is needed now more than ever. And they need your support. The generosity of the faithful is needed -- and appreciated -- now more than ever. If you're able, please consider a donation of any size to Catholic Charities by visiting catholiccommunity.org/donate.

Remember to stay connected by watching the holy Mass online Sunday through Friday at 9:30 a.m. on the diocesan website. And check your parish websites for other opportunities to view Mass and connect with the Church.

My dear friends, the Resurrection – our encounter with the risen Lord – can actually only happen within the hidden chamber of our own hearts. That is where we meet him today – in our searching, in our prayer, in our pain and in our persevering love, in our trust that he will see us through this current health crisis and heal us and make us whole.

May we continue to deepen our resolve to open our hearts to encounter the Risen Lord and to have the courage to sing the Easter Alleluia by the very manner in which we live our daily lives. God bless you and your family.

