



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

May 22, 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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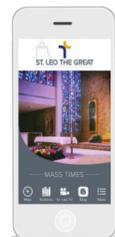
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MAY 22, 2022 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

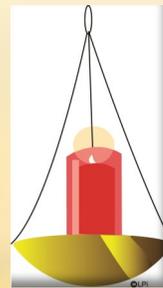
[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

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Cross Catholic Outreach

Please welcome Father Ron Mrozinski who will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

May 22 to June 5

IN LOVING MEMORY  
Robert Zarko  
We love and miss you!

Senior Group



Our upcoming meeting will be Wednesday 5-25-2022. This will be our Game Day. Members should arrive around 11am. Lunch at 12 noon with games to follow a brief meeting. Remember to bring your nickel's!



St. Vincent De Paul

"I was hungry and you fed me." We THANK YOU for the food and staples which you donated. Without your help the St. Vincent de Paul Organization would not be able to exist here at St. Leo the Great. Your help makes it possible for us to help others.

Pro-Life



Pro-Life Peaceful, Prayerful Witness by the Planned Parenthood Office, will meet on the corner of Brookpark & Broadview roads, Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 am. Join us on the public sidewalk. Pray to end abortion. Questions, call Mike & Doris Peters, 216-659-3362.



St. Edward Get the Edge Camp

St. Edward's Summer Enrichment Camp for Boys Entering Grades 7&8

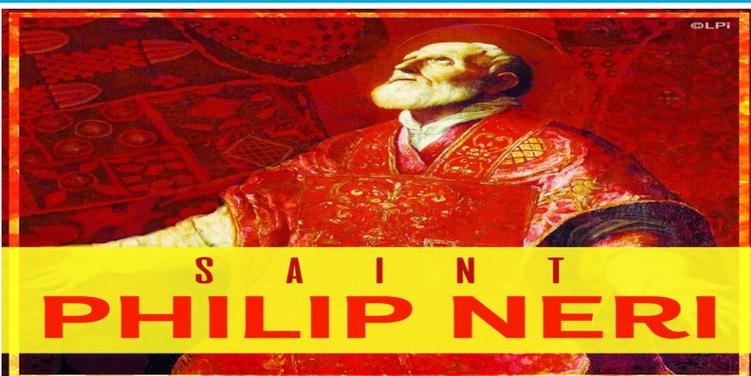
Dates: Weekday's from Monday, June 13 -Friday, July 1

Time: 8:30 am — 12:30 pm

Cost: \$300

Location: St. Edward High School

To learn more and to register, please visit: [sehs.net/gte](http://sehs.net/gte)



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Prayer REQUESTS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, 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, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Ana Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Greg Wasacz, Stan Wasacz, Joe Barr, Mary Ann & Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey, Jim & Gerry Tisch & Cecilla (CiCi) Choromanski

MASSt INTENTIONS

**Monday, May 23rd—Easter Weekday**  
8:30am No Mass or Communion Service  
**Tuesday, May 24th—Easter Weekday**  
8:30am No Mass or Communion Service  
**Wednesday, May 25th—Easter Weekday**  
8:30am No Mass or Communion Service  
**Thursday May 26th— Saint Philip Neri, Priest/The Ascension of the Lord**  
8:30am No Communion Service  
**Friday May 27th—Easter Weekday**  
8:30am No Mass or Communion Service  
**Saturday May 28th – Easter Weekday**  
4:00pm +Rosalie Zupancic (Zupancic Children)  
**Sunday, May 29th— The Ascension of the Lord/Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
8:00am +Lois Tarnowski (Fr. Jim Schmitz)  
11:00am People of the Parish

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



DC. Ian Kelly  
St. Charles Borromeo, Parma  
V Theology, Saint Mary

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

**First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29**

It is about 20 years after Jesus' death and resurrection. The Church is already experiencing questions about its doctrine and practices. In today's reading, the Church is dealing with the major problem of whether to impose circumcision and observance of the Jewish law on its Gentile converts.

**Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23**

Revelation is an Easter book because it focuses on the Risen Jesus and our final victory over sin and death. In this passage, the author uses such phrases as "heavenly Jerusalem" or "new Jerusalem" to describe the Church in its glory at the end of time.

PARISH SUPPORT

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022

Sunday Collection.....\$6,414.31  
WeShare.....\$2,190.00  
Total.....\$8,604.31

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Readings for the week May 22, 2022

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29  
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20  
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/  
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/ Lk 24:46-53  
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ /Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

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

**May 22, 2022 | 6th Sunday of Easter**



Jesus tells his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." The peace that Jesus gives is far different than the kind that comes from the absence of war, conflict, or affliction. The peace that God offers is found alongside suffering and hardship, not necessarily in their absence. St. Teresa of Avila offers us a bit of wisdom regarding peace: "May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us."

In order for us to experience the divine peace that Jesus offers, we have to allow God's presence to settle into our bones! It is only when this happens that we can be truly taught by the Holy Spirit to discern the true path to peace and find ourselves with untroubled hearts. The world and our lives are so unpredictable and changeable. If we look for a source of lasting and real peace only there, our search will never be satisfied. Something will always unsettle and disturb us. The Jewish disciples could really relate to what Jesus was saying about peace (shalom). They already knew that it was more a matter of achieving wholeness and wellbeing than anything else.

Wholeness and wellbeing are precisely what is uncovered when we begin to really see and know the height, depth, and breadth of God's presence and promise. The elegance of God's Divine life flows through our blood and the marrow in our bones. It is that close and deep. As we breathe in and exhale God's life, peace becomes what we know within and what is exhaled out. This remains in the midst of intense conflict, persecution, suffering, rejection, and even death



**WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLES**

If you have not yet returned the baby bottles for Womankind, they can be returned to the parish rectory office. The deadline is Sunday, May 22nd. Thank you for your generosity.



**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? Our next First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be June 3 from 9:00 am to 4:45 pm.

**Congratulations**

**Class of 2022**

- Jalियana Acosta
- Antonio Aldrich
- Evan Antonios
- Emily Ayala
- Jason Byrge
- Jack Damas
- Kevin Delaney
- Christian Elliott
- Colin Farago
- Ashley Graves
- Auyana Hamilton
- Sydney Hreha
- Julia Johnson
- Kameron Karpa
- Araceli Ortiz
- Jaiden Perez



- Aubrey Phillips
- Cameron Ramsey
- Ashley Rivera
- Colin Robinson
- Javier Saavedra
- Kynneddy Shumate
- Jacob Smith
- Janae Smith
- Ayden Stanicki
- Alexandra Tehoke
- Joshua Thompson-Seay
- Noah Tomatchko
- Autumn Weidus
- Adalae Wilamosky
- Yolanda Wilson
- Savanah Winland

## ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO



Dear Parishioners,

I want to welcome the priest who will be celebrating Mass with you this weekend. We appreciate his willingness to be here during my absence. I hope he will offer you a new perspective on God's Word as he speaks about the importance of the missionary work of the Church.

This week our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be having their annual Dinner Dance on Monday and then will be graduating on Tuesday. I mentioned before that we celebrated a Baccalaureate Mass for them before I left and I was happy to congratulate them and to assure them of my prayers. I believe that many of these students were in the first grade when I arrived here as Pastor in early 2014, so I have seen many of them grow into the young men & women they are today. May the Lord bless them as they begin the next phase of their lives.

Someone suggested that I post pictures of our travels on our Twitter and Instagram accounts. In case you do not yet "follow" us on these social media platforms, our Twitter and Instagram account name is leothegreatorg. So please add us so that you can follow us.

Next Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, is Memorial Day so we will have our Mass at 9am outside at the Shrine (weather-permitting) so bring a chair if you can but know we have several benches there for those who are unable to haul a chair with them. I hope that many of you who picked up the free book on helping your child (or others) return to the Church & practice of the faith helpful. We may have some copies still left if you're interested in picking one up. It's called "Return" and is written by Brandon Vogt who works as the Content Director for Word on Fire, an organization founded by Bishop Robert Barron, a very popular Catholic Evangelist and Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles. I am currently reading another book written by him (which is also out as a series of videos) called "The Pivotal Players" which speaks of the lives of several people who in the history of the Church have been pivotal in the advancement of the Church's mission. Some are canonized saints, some are not. I just read about Michaelangelo whose gift as one of the greatest artists of history had as the focus of his work, the message of Christ. How much our world today is in need of such mentors! In a culture which focuses so much on the human sins & weaknesses of leaders we formerly admired, we need to remember that we are all a mix of saint and sinner, again, the reason we are called "practicing" Catholics as we have not perfected the living out of our faith yet, something that can only be accomplished with our cooperation with God's grace. I enjoy doing a little bit of reading each day & wish I could devote even more time to spiritual reading as I find it so enlightening, interesting & helpful to my understanding & appreciation of our Catholic faith. I'd like to mention what book I am currently reading to you in case you find the topic interesting. You can find a great list of suggested books on the website [wordonfire.org](http://wordonfire.org). Most of these can also be ordered through Amazon.

*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 June 1, August 3, and September 7, 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).**



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**



**Management According to the Apostles**

If you've ever worked in any kind of organization, for-profit or not-for-profit, I'm sure you have attended a conference or two. Whatever our expectations going in, I usually find these conferences expose me to communication and problem-solving styles that are different from my own, nudging me into a little unexpected self-discovery. And it's a great opportunity to meet new people and do something different.

Here's my idea for a leadership conference: The Management Style of the Apostles. Think about it, the only thing the Apostles had more abundantly than holiness was problems. Lots and lots of problems ... most of them of the human resources variety. It's no small feat, starting Christ's Church on earth. I wouldn't want to be project manager of that endeavor.

The Acts of the Apostles is, in some ways, a big book full of problems and ways to solve them. It's a blueprint for tackling interpersonal issues in the manner of a true steward, who encounters every problem starting from the same place: What would my Master want?

It's a question we should be asking ourselves every time we, too, encounter a problem — especially problems relating to other people. What is the truth in this situation, and how would God have me communicate it? How could I handle this in a way that is worthy of the name of my Master?

In Acts, we see a lot of characteristics of everyday stewardship. We see the Apostles mindfully acknowledge the lack of peace that is posed by problems like false teachings, this Gospel's problem du jour. They prayerfully confront the obstacles to salvation posed by these issues. Always, always, always, their main objective is to reveal the will of God, remaining committed to the truth while helping newcomers find avenues to salvation.

Maybe I'm just saying it because it's my idea — but it sounds like a conference we could all use.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS**

A 9:00 a.m. liturgy will be celebrated on Memorial Day, May 30th. We would like to remember those individuals from our parish who have died in service for our country. If a member of your family has died in the Armed Forces, please complete the form below and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory.

Name of Deceased Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

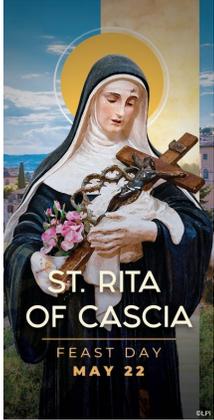
Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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[dburns@leotheadgreat.org](mailto:dburns@leotheadgreat.org) for more information.



## St. Rita of Cascia | May 22

St. Rita of Cascia (1381 – 1457) had the opportunity to live her life as a wife, mother, widow, and eventually, member of a religious community. Born in central Italy, St. Rita felt the calling to become a nun, but was pressured at a young age into marriage. During her 18-year marriage to a cruel man, she raised two sons. When her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons died, St. Rita decided to go back to her first love and attempted to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Her status as a widow caused some complications to her entering, but she eventually succeeded in professing vows.

Throughout her lifetime, St. Rita of Cascia was known for her prayerfulness and charity. She also experienced stigmata on her forehead, meditated frequently on Christ's passion, and cared for the nuns of her religious community and those in the lay community who came to her for counsel.



### Blood Drive

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on Sunday, May 22nd from 8-Noon. Please consider donating due to the critical need for blood. Schedule your appointment at [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org). Walk ins will not be accepted due to scheduling issues. Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay healthy.

### RAFFLE WINNER



**May 16, 2022**  
**Janet Murray**