



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2020

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Saturday ~ Noon—5:30PM
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SCHOOL HOURS:

Monday through Friday/School Day ~ 8:00AM—2:45PM
Main Office ~ 7:30AM—3:30PM

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

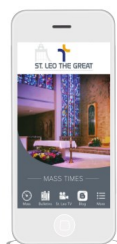
Parents desiring Baptism for their children are asked to contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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.



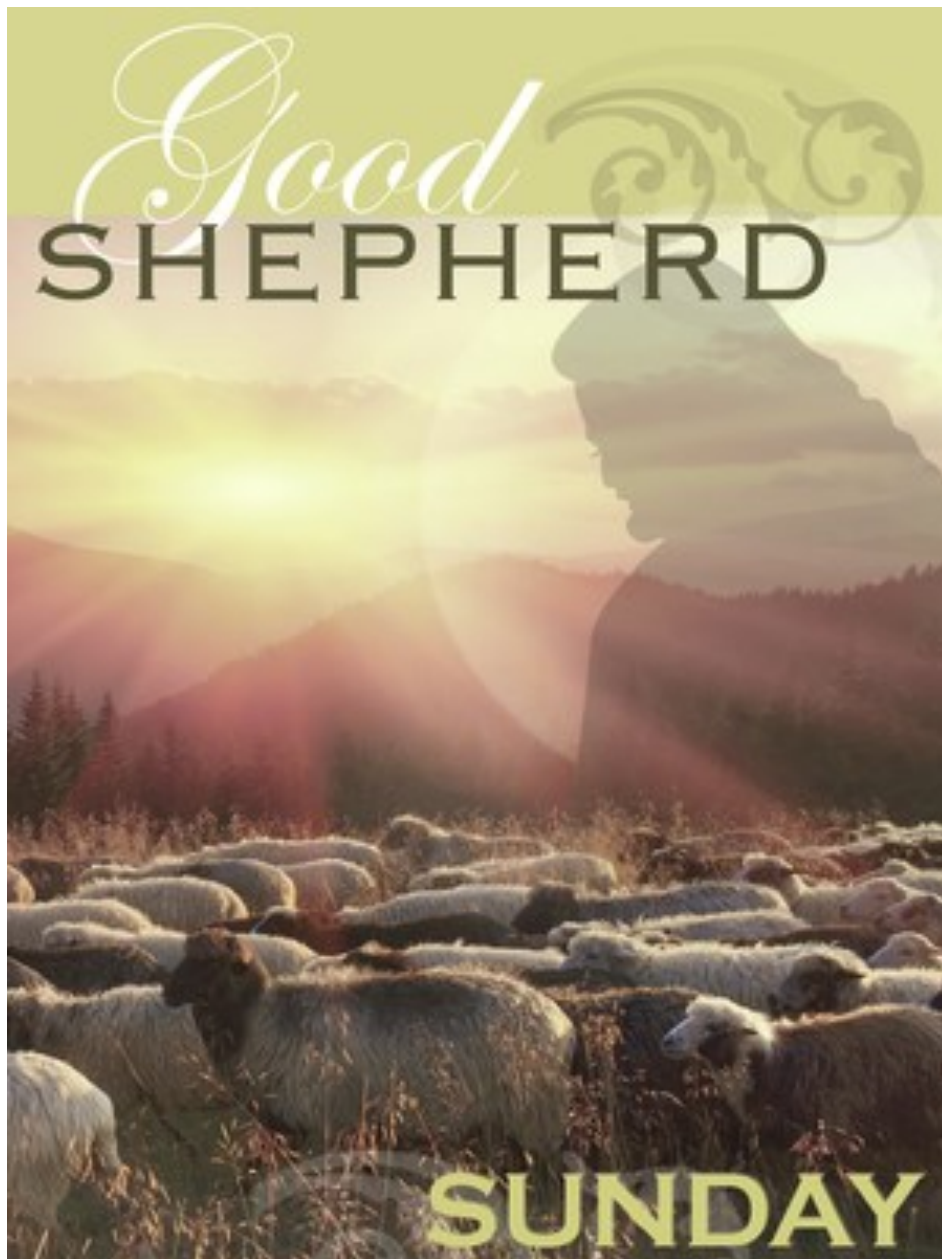
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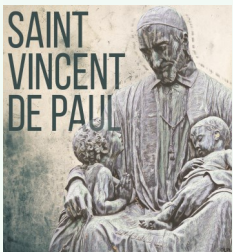


“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.”

- Lk 24:30-31



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and our need to continue to serve those we assist the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization can use your help. If you are able could you donate to SVDP either by cash or check. 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.weshareonlineorg>. There is an option to choose St.

Vincent de Paul in addition to your weekly donation. WE THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH!!!

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



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, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, & Trudy Miller.

Remember in Your Prayers
ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS!

RICHARD V. KRUZER
April 27, 2020
\$100.00 Winner



Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available at the Rectory Office.

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

Scott Cerrito
Our Lady of Grace, Hinckley
Diaconate Program - Year 2



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

Parish Support

Sunday, April 12th

Collection	\$4,381.26
WeShare(online)	\$1,235.00
Total.....	\$5,616.26

Sunday, April 19th

Collection	\$3,561.00
WeShare(online)	\$1,640.00
Total.....	\$5,201.00

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Congratulations!
Monday, May 4th - Easter Weekday
50th Wedding Anniversary
Larry & Linda Bronecki
Tuesday, May 5th - Easter Weekday
+Mary Panacik (Family)
Wednesday, May 6th - Easter Weekday
+Marilyn August (Marie Stankiewicz)
Thursday, May 7th - Easter Weekday
No Mass
Friday, May 8th - Easter Weekday
+Bates Family (Sara Stupic)
Saturday, May 9th - Easter Weekday
+Patricia Staab (Daughter)
Sunday, May 10th - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MOTHER'S DAY

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

First Reading: Acts: 2:14a, 36-41

In last Sunday's reading from the Act of the Apostles, we heard a portion of Peter's sermon at the first Pentecost. Today's passage gives the last part of that sermon, and the reaction of those who heard it.

Second Reading: 1Peter 2:20b-25

Today's passage from the first letter of Peter was addressed to Christian slaves who were being treated harshly by their pagan masters. The author reminds them that they are members of a flock whose shepherd walked ahead of them in the face of insult and unjust treatment.

Readings for the week of May 3, 2020

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

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

2020 MASS INTENTION BOOK



There are still dates available in our 2020 Mass Intention Book. Please call the Parish Office, leave a message, and we will get back to you to schedule your intentions. The Mass stipend is \$10.00 and can be sent in at a later date.

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

I want to express our sympathy to Eleanor Tanner and to her two daughters Chris and Cindy on the death of their husband/father, James Tanner, who had been in the nursing home for some time. I also want to ask your prayers for Dorothy Forester, mother of Judy Ladaika, who also died recently. Because of COVID19, both families have decided to have funeral services at a later time, but I wanted to acknowledge their loss and assure them of our prayers.

You will notice on our website that besides the opportunity to ask me to light a vigil candle for you at one of our shrines in the church, you may also purchase a Great Sweepstakes Raffle ticket as well, using a credit or debit card. We can have it ready for you to pick up in the rectory office (when we reopen) or we can mail it to you, or you can give us the information for it over the phone. And besides the ability to configure your online contributions through WeShare, you can also make a one-time donation to the parish as well by choosing the menu item called "Online Commerce" at the top right of our website. We are attempting to make online information and services more available to you, especially during this time when our rectory office and church needs to be closed. Please feel free to suggest other products or services we can offer on our website for your convenience.

I also wanted to point out that there is a search function on our website which makes it very easy for you to find anything you're looking for, past or present. For example, you can search for "online Mass" or "raffle", and within seconds, it will present you with a list of items you can choose from. It will even search inside for past pastor and news blogs.

Our thanks to Phil Bukovsky for his donation of several holy water bottles. We planned on handing these out to you on Holy Saturday but we had to cancel the blessing of food baskets. But we'll be sure to make good use of them in the future so thanks to Phil for his thoughtful donation.

We also received a generous donation in the amount of \$5,000 from a parishioner at Easter but we did not include that in the Easter collection in our bulletin so I wanted to offer our gratitude to this parishioner for that very kind contribution. Again, thanks to all of you for dropping your contribution envelopes inside the rectory office door slot or for mailing them in. I'm just amazed at how many of you are so conscientious about that during a time when so many churches are suffering financially because of the quarantine. So please accept my appreciation to you for supporting us in that way during this time.

Like you, I'm anxiously awaiting for further news from the Governor (and from the Diocese) on when and how we will be gathering together again. Of course I will let you know as soon as I hear anything. If we didn't have the internet technology we have today, how different (& difficult) it would be to keep everyone informed. So I'm glad that so many of you have been able to watch the online Masses from our website or elsewhere, and I look forward to celebrating the Eucharist with you in again in person.

Fr. James Schmitz



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:
Daily Prayer Versus Mass?

Question:

I have a friend who says she doesn't need to attend Mass because she prays to God every day. What are your thoughts on this justification?

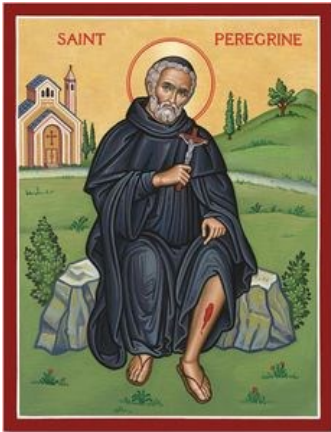
Answer:

If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God, your friend might be right. Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed. The Church is a community of believers, formed by "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism." It is an outward sign of our faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God's life.

Coming to Mass is not really for God's sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If this is true, why would we ever stay away?

ANOTHER SAINT OF THE DAY FOR MAY 4th

SAINT PEREGRINE LAZIOSI'S STORY



Born in Forli, Italy, Peregrine is the patron saint of persons suffering from cancer, AIDS and other serious diseases.

As a young man, he was a member of an anti-papal party until he encountered Saint Philip Benizi, the head of the Servite order, who had been sent to try to reconcile the divided community. While trying to preach in Forli, Philip was heckled and even struck by Peregrine, who was overcome by momentary political

fervor. But that moment also changed Peregrine. He began to channel his energies in new directions, engaged in good works and eventually joined the Servites in Siena and went on to be ordained a priest. Returning to his hometown, he founded a new Servite house there and became well known for his preaching and holiness, as well as his devotion to the sick and poor.

One of the special penances he imposed on himself was standing whenever it was not necessary to sit. Over time, Peregrine developed varicose veins and, in turn, cancer of the foot. The wound became painful and diseased and all medical treatment failed. The local surgeon determined amputation of the leg was called for.

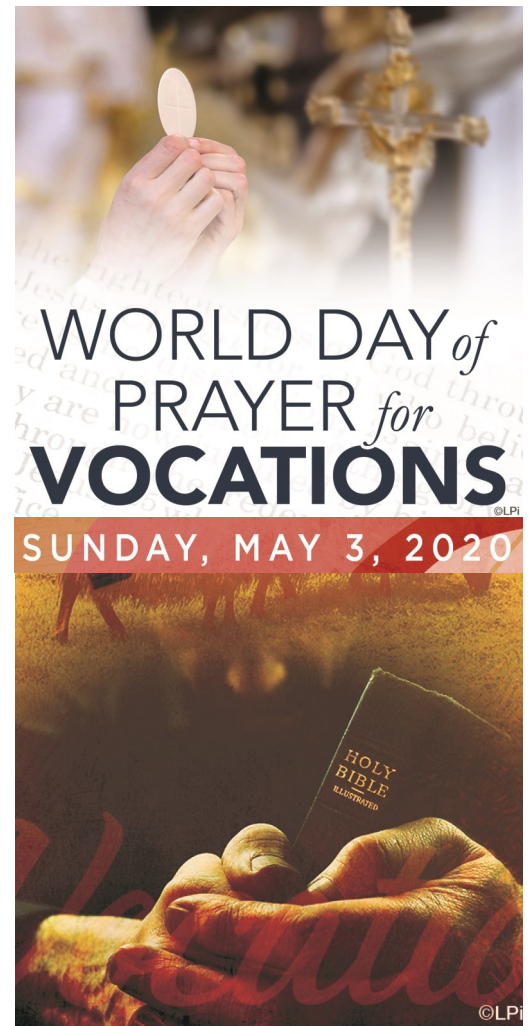
Tradition has it that the night before surgery was scheduled, Peregrine spent much time in prayer before the crucified Jesus, asking God to heal him if it was God's will to do so. Falling asleep at one point, Peregrine had a vision of the crucified Jesus leaving the cross and touching his cancerous leg. When Peregrine awoke, the wound was healed and his foot and leg, seemingly miraculously cured, were saved. He lived another 20 years. Peregrine was canonized in 1726.

Reflection

Peregrine got his miracle. His cancer was cured even as the doctors prepared to amputate his foot. But Peregrine had already experienced a more important healing. A softening of his heart rechanneled all his energy into the service of the Gospel. Most of us pray fervently if not for a miracle, at least for some need that lies close to our hearts. And so we should, for God cares about our concerns. But no prayer would please God more than to ask that we might experience an ongoing softening of our hearts.

Saint Peregrine Laziosi is the Patron Saint of: AIDS and CANCER patients.

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"Let your words teach and your actions speak"

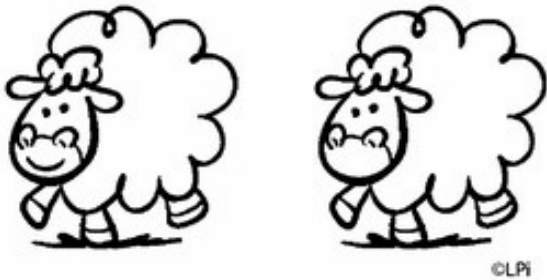
-ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA



GROWING WITH THE GOSPEL

Puzzle

Find the lamb that is different!



Sharing the Gospel

Jesus is the way for you to go to heaven. Through Jesus' love and forgiveness, you can be close to God. You can enjoy the many ways God takes care of you. God gives you people to love. God gives you food to eat. He gives you the Bible to read. Stay close to God through Jesus.

Prayer

Jesus, thank you for helping me follow God.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of a sheep eating green grass.

Mission for the Week

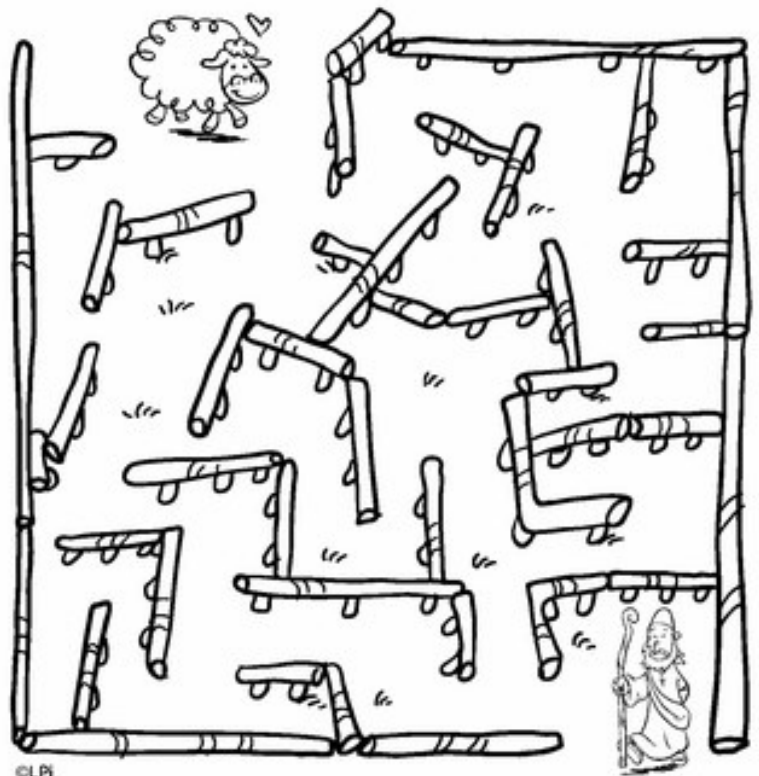
Make a sign for your bedroom door that says, "Jesus is the way to heaven."

Read the Gospel and Color



Puzzle

Help the sheep find the shepherd.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP



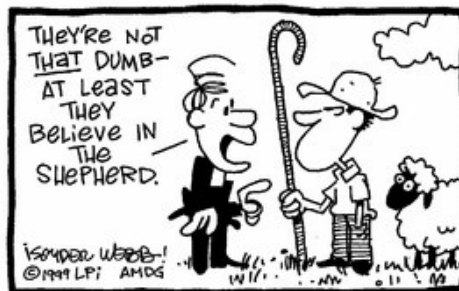
In the past year, my wireless provider introduced something called HD Voice. Suddenly, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the customer any additional fees and it didn't require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the call. How clearly can you hear the voice of Jesus Christ? In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper, but unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if we are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper.

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ROARING 20'S

ST. LEO THE GREAT ATHLETICS WOMEN'S REVERSE RAFFLE

HAS BEEN CANCELLED



You will be contacted in regard to the refund of your money.



BOY SCOUT CLOTHING DRIVE

RESCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 12TH

More information will be available at a further date.

