



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

**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**August 9, 2020**

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**Father James J. Vesely**  
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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, 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 after Mass by request or any time 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.



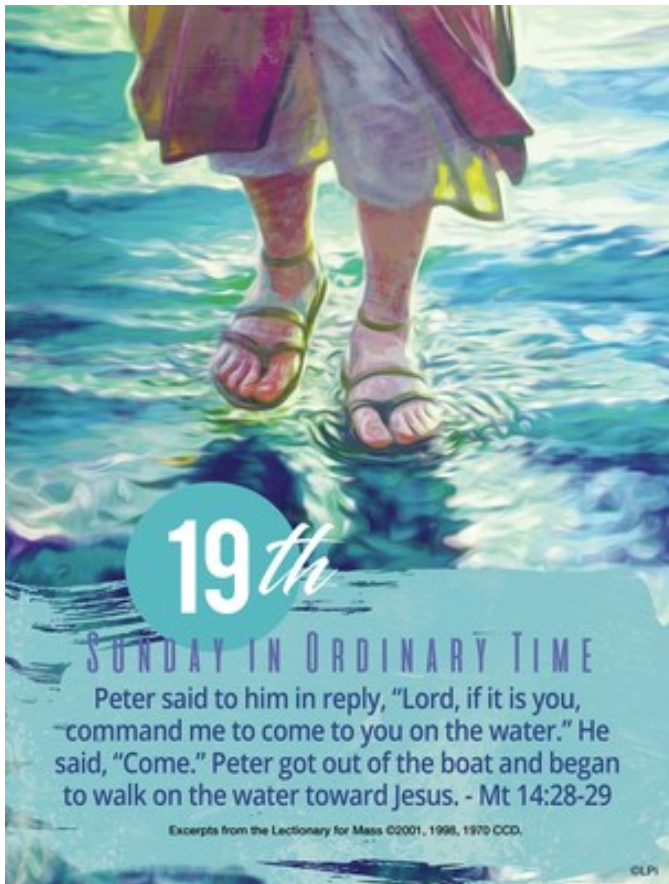
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**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

There is something very sacred about silence. Silence connects us. It is where the heartbeat of all of creation — and its life blood and source — are embraced and where oneness is experienced. When in the presence of an environment that is silent, the worries, tribulations, struggles, and challenges of life seem to fade away, and we can experience a peaceful whisper. We can call that whisper God. Through the practice of contemplative prayer, we can find our way to that inner place of silence even in the midst of great distraction, busyness, and noise. The silence becomes one with us and grounds us. When we become friends with silence, friends with God, we can hear the gentle whisper of God’s voice saying, “Come, stay here. Trust me and you will not fall.”

**ROSARY**



Please join us in praying the rosary on Friday, August 14th, at 7:00 pm. Weather permitting, it will be held by the Marian shrine. In keeping with current guidelines, please bring your own lawn chair (rather than using the benches) and wear a mask. Thank you.



*In Loving Memory of  
Alexandra Plech*

March 9, 1927 – July 25, 2020

**Burial**

Brooklyn Hts. Cemetery  
Garden of Serenity Lot 243 Grave 6

**God's Garden**

*God looked around His garden  
And found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So He closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered "Peace be thine".  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.*

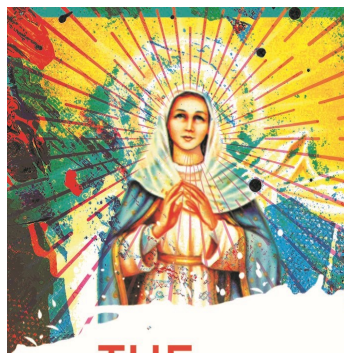
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**THE ASSUMPTION**

**Question:**

What lessons should I learn from the Assumption of Mary?

**Answer:**



**THE**  
*Assumption*



Growing in holiness is similar to training in a sport. We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well. Mary is a model of sanctity. She shows us how to be faithful to God’s will, living each day with confidence in God’s mercy and love. At the Nativity, in Jesus’ public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust. She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish his plan for her and for all of us. In the Preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: “For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church’s coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people.”

It is this image of holiness that we strive to imitate. In the office, at home, or in our community, we look for signs of God’s grace that call us to an ever greater love of him and each other. A greater awareness of God is a sign of our conversion of heart that lives the lessons Mary teaches.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...**



Ed Gorczyca, 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, Dianne Toronski, Linda Debaltzo, Anna Mendoza, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Antoinette Jakosh, Ralph Mlady, Ralph Rath, Walter Alflen, Joseph Mackey, Diana, John Sofcheck & Steve Fuehrer.



**Monday, August 10th - St. Lawrence**  
8:30am Ralph Mlady (Friends)

**Tuesday, August 11th - St. Clare**  
8:30am +Dan Stankiewicz, Chiappetta & Stankiewwicz Families (Marie Stankiewicz)

**Wednesday, August 12th - St. Jane Frances de Chantal**  
8:30am +August Bublavy (Children)

**Thursday, August 13th - Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus**  
8:30am Communion Service

**Friday, August 14th - St. Maximilian Kolbe**  
8:30am +Caitlin Soucek Kacher (Family)

**Saturday, August 15th - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
4:00pm Seniors

**Sunday, August 16th - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00am People of the Parish  
11:00am +Edward Stupic (Sara Stupic)

*Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Ps 85)*

**GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER!**

SHARON & TOM HARPER

**August 3, 2020**  
**\$100.00 Winner**




Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available on our website. ([www.leothegreat.org](http://www.leothegreat.org)). Or just call the office 216-661-1006 and we will sign you up.

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**First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a**  
The prophet Elijah lived about 800 years before Christ. Because he was loyal to God, he fell into disfavor with King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. He had to flee for his life to Mount Horeb (also known as Mount Sinai). As you listen to today's passage, it will be helpful to know that wind, earthquake, and fire were traditional Old Testament expressions of God's presence.

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

**Ronie Rafael Altejar**  
**Capuchin Formation Program**  
**Senior, Borromeo**



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

**Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5**  
In chapters 9 to 11 of Paul's letter to the Romans, he addressed the painful question of why the majority of Jewish people failed to accept Christ. These were Paul's own people and he was personally hurt by this. He still loved his Jewish heritage and in today's passage he lists seven wonderful blessings that God's Old Testament people have received. He then adds an eighth: Christ the Messiah.

**Parish Support**

**Sunday, July 19th**

Collection .....	\$ 4,745.22
WeShare(online).....	\$ 1,732.50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 6,477.72</b>
Capital Improvements (July, 2020).....	\$ 1,492.00
SVDP (July, 2020) .....	\$ 633.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

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**Readings for the week of August 9, 2020**

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

**Monday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6,7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

**Tuesday:** Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday:** Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday:** Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21—19:1

**Friday:** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 /Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 /1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

**Next Sunday:** Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

## ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Parishioners,

Alexandra Plech was the mother-in-law of parishioner Sophie Plech and I celebrated a funeral service for her on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. She had an interesting story as she was born in Russia, married in Germany where she had 2 children, moved to Belgium and finally arrived in the United States which she called home for the rest of her life. She was 93 and lived on her own to the very end. We pray that she may now rest in God's peace.

Fr. Vesely certainly misses the people of St. Leo's and I'm sure is very anxious for life to return to normal as he has had to suffer the limitations that COVID-19 impose at places like Mount Alverna. We continue to remember him in prayer and all those who like him are finding the harsh realities of nursing home or assisted living hard to endure. We pray for their health and well-being. Happy belated birthday to his sister Mildred Ancin (August 6<sup>th</sup>) as well.

Congratulations to Dr. Andy Grubic & Sara Schirripa who are getting married next Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. They are both in the medical profession so we pray they may remain healthy and we thank them for their courage while working in this field during this pandemic.

Though August 15<sup>th</sup> is normally a holy day of obligation as we celebrate the feast of the Assumption that day, but this year it falls on a Saturday and there is still no obligation to attend Mass anyway during this time. I am so disappointed that the feast in Little Italy will not take place this year. It is an annual event for me as I walk up & down the street sampling the wonderful Italian fare and bringing home several containers of cavatelli, meatballs, cookies & pizza to store up for our months in hibernation during the winter. We are seeing the cancellation of so many of our usual summer events and activities due to the pandemic and yet it's precisely these things that help us to cope during such difficult times. I'm not anxious for 2020 to be over with but of course we hope and pray that the pandemic will soon come to an end as it has taken the lives of so many people and has imposed many hardships on the lives of many more across our city, country & world. May our faith help us during these troubling times.

As you are aware there have been no missals (Breaking Bread) in the pews since we have returned to our public liturgies again. But we have an annual subscription to these which are replaced at the beginning of every new liturgical year which begins with the first Sunday of Advent. So we're taking the 2020 books out of their holders and placing them on tables by the front doors of the church where you enter and leave for Mass. You are welcome to take one or more of these home with you to keep. If you like to read along as the Scriptures are proclaimed at Mass, you can bring it back with you every week but please be sure to take it back home with you again as any missals that are left behind in the pews will need to be disposed of.

Richard Czech will be the new Parish Community Center Coordinator. Again we thank Mina Rolando for the great job she did in this position over the last few years. We are continuing to rent that space for parties and other gatherings though with a smaller maximum capacity. Feel free to call the rectory for more information.

*Fr. James Schmitz*

### GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS

#### FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS

Due to social distancing, we are not putting the raffle tickets in the vestibule this year. The Festival raffle tickets are being delivered to the homes within the parish boundaries. If you reside outside the parish boundaries, please provide the rectory with your name and address (including zip code!), and we will arrange to have your tickets available for pick up in the rectory within a few days. If COVID-19 prevents the parish from holding the Festival, there will still be a raffle drawing. The Festival is an important event for the parish and the community. The proceeds from the Festival help sustain the parish. Please do what you can to support the parish by selling your raffle tickets.



#### TRAPPER JACK

"He's Back! Trapper Jack will be coming to St. Leo the Great on Sunday, October 11 at 7:00pm. He'll be talking about the Blessed Mother as a Messenger of Christ!" Save the date and watch the bulletin for further details as they become available! It will also be livestreamed.

#### 2020 MASS INTENTION BOOK



There are still dates available in our 2020 Mass Intention Book. Please stop in the Parish Office or call the office to schedule your intention. The Mass stipend is \$10.00 and can be sent in at a later date.

#### GIFT CARD PROGRAM

The Gift Card Program is an excellent way to help support our Parish. A complete list of gift cards is available at the rectory office or on our website at [leothegreat.org](http://leothegreat.org). Gift Cards can be used for your everyday purchases, gifts, or as a simple thank you. **PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**



"WE BECOME WHAT WE LOVE

AND WHO WE LOVE SHAPES

WHAT WE BECOME."

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## ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

### FOOD DRIVE



#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Please remember the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach food and staple collection **NEXT WEEKEND, AUGUST 15TH & 16TH.** Items most needed are canned carrots, mixed vegetables, packages of dry beans, canned protein beans, sweet potatoes, canned pastas, pasta sauce, spaghetti noodles, assorted pastas, boxed mashed potatoes and other boxed potatoes, stuffing mix, rice & noodle sides, skillet dinners, tuna fish, macaroni & cheese, soups, cereals, peanut butter & jelly, pancake syrup, bar soap, dishwashing soap, Kleenex, paper towels and toilet paper. Whatever you are able to donate will be very much appreciated. Without you, we simply would not be able to exist here at St. Leo's. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

#### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS BEING HUMAN IS TO DOUBT



Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others. Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was a child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

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#### SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI

**August 11** - Saint Clare referred to herself as a little plant. In many ways, she was a strong oak. The first woman to write a Rule of Life for her sisters, she insisted on the privilege of poverty until her dying breath, getting papal approval of her Rule just days before she died. A model of humility, Clare cared for her sisters even through her own years of illness. Her devotion to Jesus was extraordinary.



#### SAINT JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

**August 12** - Saint Jane Frances de Chantal was a wife and the mother of six. When her husband was killed, Saint Jane took a vow not to remarry and sought to join a religious community. She was dissuaded by her spiritual director, Saint Francis de Sales. Eventually, she and two others founded a community intended for those who could not join the established congregations. They wanted to actively engage in the works of mercy, but social circumstances forced them to live a cloistered life.



#### SAINT MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE

**August 14** - Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, a Conventual Franciscan, is best known for volunteering to take the place of a condemned prisoner in the death camp. But he also worked tirelessly for the spiritual welfare of people through a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother. His whole life seemed to revolve around Mary as the path to God.



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# GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE A



## COLOR

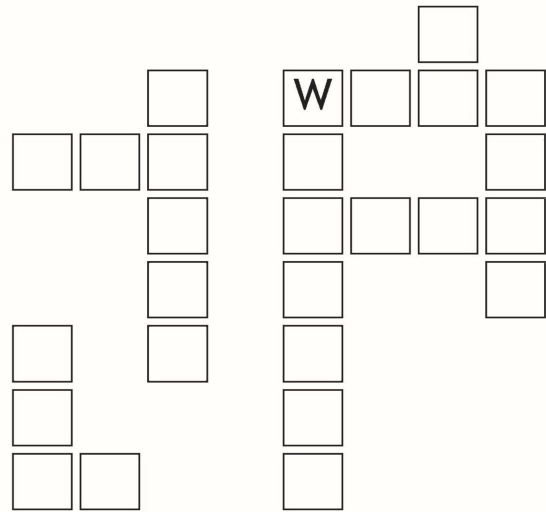
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



## PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

Jesus went out to them,  
walking on the lake.



## MISSION

When you are afraid, ask Jesus for help.  
Remember how powerful he is.

### LIGHTER SIDE



#### The Peace and Love of God

After a very long and boring homily the parishioners filed out of the church saying nothing to the pastor. Towards the end of the line was a thoughtful person who always commented on the homilies.

“Father, today your homily reminded me of the peace and love of God!”

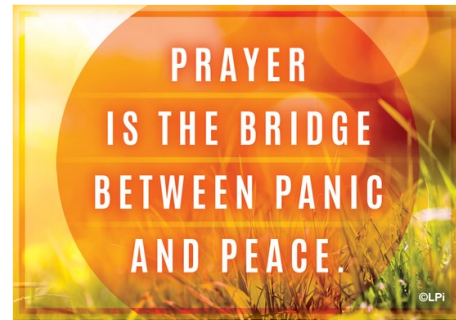
The pastor was thrilled. “No one has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Why did it remind you?”

“Well, it reminded me of the peace of God because it surpassed all understanding, and the love of God because it endured forever!”



### The FEST@Home

Every year at this time, The FEST brings together thousands of people from across our Diocese for an amazing day of faith, family & fun - The FEST. Things are a little different this year for just about everything - including The FEST. Join us on **THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH** for The FEST@Home. You'll get to enjoy the most inspiring and uplifting music from NINE of the top Christian artists/bands that you hear on 95.5 The FISH (Casting Crowns, for King and Country, Danny Gokey, We are Messengers, Matt Maher and more). While listening to this music on the FEST website ([www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us)), you'll also be able to 'visit' amazing displays, get free giveaways for Moms, visit the Man Cave, all while the kids get to do crafts and activities that will offer lessons of faith and family. It's truly going to be a glorious day – The FEST@Home. The FEST will end in a beautiful outdoor Mass with Bishop Roger Gries, followed by an amazing fireworks display (all in the comfort of your home). It's The FEST@Home. Please invite everyone you know to join us for a day of faith & family. While everything is different, what won't change is God's faithful love for us and the promise of HOPE that we will celebrate and proclaim this Sunday during The FEST@Home. Please join us: [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us).



### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN



The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org).

You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.



