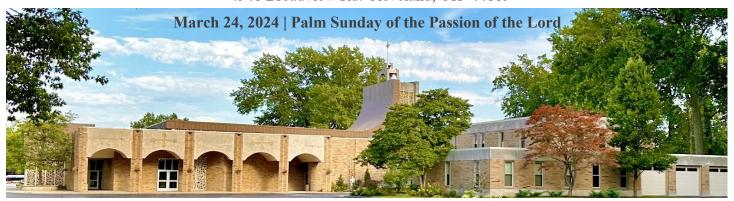
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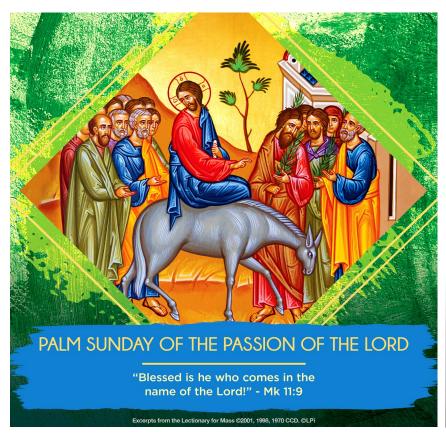


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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday | 9:00am— 4:00pm Saturday | 12:00pm—5:00pm Sunday | 9:00am—12:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm

Sundays | 8:00am and 11:00am

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday | 8:30am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Mass will be at 8:30am and 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are celebrated Saturdays from 3:00pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10:00a-10:30a, 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 or use our website.

BAPTISMS

Parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to contact the Rectory 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 interested about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.

If you or a family member are ill or homebound please let us know so that our priest or deacon can visit and provide spiritual care.



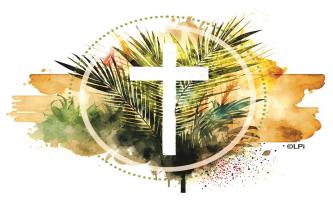
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join your fellow parishioners in the church at 7:00 p.m. this last Friday of Lent for the Stations of the Cross. Make a prayerful journey to Calvary with Jesus and form a better understanding of what He endured.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

After the recessional hymn reach into your pocket or purse and make a contribution to assist those in need and place it in the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization Poor Boxes. You

can also place your contribution in an envelope and mark it "SVDP" and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the rectory. "Lent is a special time for almsgiving." We thank you much.

EASTER DISTRIBUTION

The St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program will also be giving our families a gift card to purchase their Easter ham and additional items to help make their Easter dinner more complete. Please consider a donation to help us with this expense. Place your cash or check in an envelope marked "SVDP Easter" and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the Rectory Office.

Contributions

If you are an Online Giver and would no longer like to be receiving envelopes, or, if you contribute with envelopes but would like to switch to online giving, please call us at the rectory office 216-661-1006 to request.

HELP NEEDED

Looking for a mature woman from the parish to take care of 94 year old man starting with one day/week and possibly expanding to more days in the future. Please respond with any questions or interest to <u>katieg4570@hotmail.com</u>.

OUTDOOR PRAYER WALK

All those in the community are welcome, on Holy Saturday March 30, 2024 at 10:00 am, to join an outdoor prayer walk/ Stations of the Cross at the Jesuit Retreat Center 5629 State Road, Parma OH 44134. This experience began in 1994 by a Women's Renewal Group through St. Leo the Great Church. Join us for our 30th year! No registration is needed; just meet in the main parking lot behind the Retreat House. For additional information, contact Lori at 216-970-0100





Visit leothegreat.org to download a brochure of the tour. You email Fr. James Schmitz directly schmitz@leothegreat.org with any questions or interest you might have.



Please stop in the main vestibule to see the banner of parishioner photos above the display case. Thank you to everyone who Anniversary participated, and a special thank you to John Sabol for re-creating the image of the

church building used in the banner. You may recall that the image was used as part of the 50th anniversary logo. While a church is a building, it is the people who make up the Church.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Larry Kuznik, Irma Zappitelli, John Sofcheck, Gary Skelley, Virgina Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Anna Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Stan Wasacz, Jim Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Kathy Svoboda, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, Megan Arena, Lena Sunyak, Chuck Pacanovsky, Theresa Truxall, Susan Fenski, Antoinette Jakosh, Rose Arlia, Liz Woisnet, Betty Popow, Allen Phillips, Ruth Bublavy, John O'Malley, Jesse Kazimer, William Woolard, Claudia Woolard, Carol Rucinski, Joe Deranek, Ben Wheelock, Janice Smith, Lesley Uffman, Dorothy Pazdernik, Sandie Stefanchik, Jordan Sierra Lionberger, Dottie Barr, Joe Barr, Brett Stewart, Allison Dusenbury, Mary Ann Perry, Mary Ann Corlett, Shawn Calvey, Gloria Madonia, Anthony Bozek, Joe Brodzinski Suzanne Brown, Joyce Stevens, Victoria Fischer, John Gierlach, Dylan Greve, Ken Perry, Leo Hansen, Betty Hinton, Eileen Johnson, Judy Towalski, Susan Mante, Vicki Przybylski, Kristi Burkhart, Maria Giangrande, Amanda Pacanavsky, Karen Horvath, Chris Geiger, Scott, Jesse Wilson, Kathy Patterson, Jack Gibas, Christine Slaghter, Gloria Ashworth, Dan & Teri Divincenzo, Maryann Kosakowski, Ranae Walters, Cady Williams, Dave Collins, Tom Cramer, Joan Lowry, Gloria Hiendlmayr, William Nelymeier and Ann Mezak.



Brother John Draves, CSC Congregation of Holy Cross 2nd Year Temporarily Professed

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life. Pray that they may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God's call.



FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

Chapters 40-55 of the Book of Isaiah contain the message of a prophet who spoke to God's people during their exile in Babylon. Several times the prophet speaks about a servant who will one day deliver God's people. Because the Servant is portrayed as suffering, Christians have traditionally identified Jesus with him.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

In the years following Christ's death and resurrection, Christians began to develop the prayers and hymns that would become part of their rituals. In today's passage from the letter to the Philippians, Paul appears to be quoting an early Christian hymn celebrating the dying and rising of Christ.

Mass Intentions and Liturgical Events HOLY WEEK

SAT: Mar 23rd Lenten Weekday

Mass at 4:00p.m. +Marie & +Ralph Alltop (Jessica & Lora Pepera)

SUN: Mar 24th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00a.m. People of the Parish

9am-12:30pm Pancake Breakfast (in Lux Hall)

Mass at 11:00a.m +Billy Strodtbeck Jr. (The Hamilton Family)

MON: Mar 25th Monday of Holy Week

Mass at 8:30a.m. +Betty Clancy (Fr. James Schmitz)

TUES: Mar 26th Tuesday of Holy Week

Mass at 8:30a.m. +Linda Debaltzo (Family)

WED: Mar 27th Wednesday of Holy Week

Mass at 8:30a.m. +Julia Korchofska (Maria)

THUR Mar 28th Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

8:30a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by

Solemn Exposition of the Eucharist

FRI: Mar 29th Friday of the Passion of the Lord

(GoodFriday) Fast & Abstinence

8:30a.m. Morning Prayer

3:00p.m. Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00p.m. Stations of the Cross

SAT: Mar 30th Holy Saturday

8:30a.m. Morning Prayer

11:00a.m. Blessing of the Food

Mass at 8:30p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil | People of the Parish

SUN: Mar 31st Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mass at 8:00a.m. People of the Parish Mass at 11:00a.m. People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24, 2024

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 22 24 (20)/Pb:12:6 11/Mls 14:1 15:47 or 15:1 20

23-24 (2a)/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 **Wednesday**: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/ Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next 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 Mk 16:1-7

March 24, 2024 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

REFLECTIONS BY LUKE BROWN | SACRED HEART COUNSELING

It is Palm Sunday and there is only one week left of Lent! I pray that all of you have had a grace-filled Lent and find yourselves closer to the Lord through sacrifice and prayer. Speaking of prayer, this week I wanted to discuss silence. In today's world, silence is undervalued and sometimes hard to find. I found myself frustrated the other day when I fueled up my vehicle and the gas pump was even playing advertisements. As our world becomes more and more inundated with technology, accessibility, and immediate gratification, the amount of silence in our lives shrinks. I believe this is one of the reasons anxiety has increased dramatically in the last 20 years. Fear of missing out, constant availability via smartphone, and never ending entertainment at our fingertips are just a few things that have become a part of daily life for most people. If you do not have any silence in your life, I would encourage you to try a few different things. Driving with the radio off is a good way to start. Maybe try praying in a quiet part of your house and leave your phone in a different part of the house where you cannot hear it buzzing or beeping. If we do not take time for silence and we are constantly distracted, we lose our connection with God and with ourselves. It is often in the silence that we come to know God and ourselves. During this last week of Lent, consider making time for silence so that you can be better prepared to take in all that God has in store for you as we celebrate the Paschal Mystery. — Luke Brown

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Last week, a few of our 8th Graders put together brown bag lunches that we decorated with cheerful images and inspiring messages to be distributed to the St. Augustine Hunger Center. "Thank you" to them for the time they volunteered to bring sunshine to someone's day. Another "Thank You" goes out to all of you who contributed PB&J to this recent food drive. Your generosity allowed for the success of this mission.









FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners.

And so begins Holy Week today. We do not recreate the historical events that took place in Israel 2 millennia ago. But we do make present to ourselves today the memory of those all-important events which have literally transformed the world and which deal with our eternal life once we have left this world. So nothing is more important to us as Christians as what takes place this week in our churches, and in our hearts. Do we consider the magnitude of what we do here? Likely not. But that is the invitation extended to each of us this year.

Today, be sure to take palms when you enter the church and please hold them during our opening procession to signify that you are part of the crowd that welcomed Jesus into the holy city of Jerusalem where our salvation was worked out. Then again, feel yourself as part of the crowd that later cried out, "Crucify him!" as we again place ourselves in the crowd of people during the proclamation of the Passion (the story of Jesus' suffering and death). Ask God for the grace to enter into the mystery of what this week was all about for Jesus, but more importantly, what this week is all about for you, for the Church, and for the whole world.

Consider joining us on Holy Thursday as we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm. Watch as feet are washed, as an example to us of our call to service. Pray with Jesus (and indeed before him) as at the end of Mass, we process to the chapel altar with the Eucharist, the Real Presence of the one who asked his Father to let this cup of suffering pass him by, but who resigned himself to the Father's no.

On Good Friday, be present for the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm, which has 3 parts: the Liturgy of the Word (again, with the reading of the Passion but this time according to John), the Adoration and Veneration of the Cross, and the reception of Holy Communion. If you can't be present at 3pm, then perhaps you can pray the Stations of the Cross at 7pm instead. Remember that Good Friday is the 2nd and only other day of the entire year when the Church asks us to fast and abstain from meat.

And then the great celebration begins with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night at 8:30pm (remember there is no 4pm Vigil Mass). It is especially exciting to have 3 people this year who will be baptized, confirmed, and receive their First Holy Communion on this night! We pray that they may share in our joy as they now share in our faith. Mass on Easter Sunday will be at 8am and 11am.

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, you can join us for Morning Prayer at 8:30am in the chapel area. The Blessing of Easter Food on Holy Saturday will be at 11:30am.

On Monday of this past week, I sent this notice to our School Parents and Staff:

By mutual agreement, Mrs. Burns will be moving on from her role as Principal of St. Leo the Great School for the 2024-25 school year. She will continue in her current position until the end of June 2024. We are grateful for what she has accomplished during the past 7 years with us and we wish her well in her future endeavors.

I will be working with the Education Department of the Diocese as we search for a new Principal and have assured the parents and teachers that I will be seeking their input.



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 on the first MONDAY 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.

Feel free to join us—no reservations needed!

Upcoming Meetings:

May 6th and June 3rd

(No meetings will be held in July and August but will resume in September)

If you have any questions, contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by



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 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 continue to contribute. Here are a few ways to make contributions when unable to place directly in the offertory basket at Mass on the weekends:

- 1) Mail your contribution envelope(s) to us, either for the week or the month. (St. Leo the Great, 4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109)
- 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 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.

PRACTICING CATHOLIC The Whole Story

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Bible is a strange book.

It's one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It's also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There's nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.

But it's hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It's easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won't appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn't have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing — it's just a guy waking up.

How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair.

We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

"His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him." — John 12:16

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

By: Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

I read a story recently about a teacher who donated to one of her former students a kidney. This tremendous act of selflessness came about because the young person had lost most of the function his kidneys due to an illness. Literally, that teacher gave the gift of life to someone who wasn't her own child or another family member.

This is certainly radical stewardship. How far would you go to give of yourself so that another might live? Would you have to love him or her like your own child or parent? No one can deny it would be a difficult decision, especially if your giving put your own health at risk.

Reflecting on these things helps to provide some perspective on the crucifixion of Jesus. Not only did he suffer tremendously at the hands of the Romans, he gave his life for us so we might live forever. What does true stewardship look like? The cross is a symbol to us of total surrender.

When we are called to give of ourselves in ordinary ways in daily life we sometimes hesitate and think twice. Perhaps when we are unsure we should look to the cross and there we can find our strength. And then when the call comes to truly sacrifice and place our trust in God, we may have already developed a lifestyle that makes responding, "yes," that much easier.



A young adult team of leaders coupled with clergy and staff will lead a full weekend retreat for the low, low price of \$65/person. Nobody is refused because of finances.

Please contact Mike Hayes for financial assistance at mhayes@dioceseofcleveland.org (all inquiries are kept confidential).

- Five talk presentations followed by small group discussion.
- Free time on Saturday afternoon.
- All Meals included.
- XLT Service on Saturday with Confession and Adoration.

Spring Spirit Drive at AM 1260 The Rock!

The Spring Spirit Drive is coming to listener-supported AM 1260 The Rock: Wednesday, April 10th - Friday, April 12th.



Join us LIVE as we entrust this pledge drive to the Two Hearts of Jesus & Mary. Our chaplain, Fr. Doug Brown, Debbie Georgianni, EWTN personalities, and local clergy & guests will lead the efforts to keep Catholic Radio on the Cleveland airwaves. You don't have to wait for the Pledge Drive to support this most vital apostolate. Visit www.am1260therock.com and click on the orange "Donate Now" tab in the upper right corner or call us at 216-227-1260. Catholic radio continues to change lives and convert hearts. Thank you for your generous support!!



PARISHAL SUPPORT

Due to early deadlines for the bulletin, our weekly contribution totals will be posted at a later date until after Easter. Thank you for your understanding.

We thank you for
your continued
generosity
and support of St.
Leo the Great
Parish!



THE 2024 GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

March 18th \$100 Drawing

Bernice Celebucki

Tickets are available for purchase in the Rectory Office or on our website. Cost: \$30 for a chance to win multiple times!



When working on your Spring Cleaning remember that you can recycle your old paper and cardboard (please breakdown boxes) at the bins near the school recess lot. In honors of Earth Day, if you utilize our bins especial during the Bonus week of April 22nd —April 26th, it will help our parish receive \$2.00 extra per ton. Thanks so much for your support!



Have you moved into the area recently, or have you joined us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family. Please stop by at the

rectory office, go online at www.leothegreat.org or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006 for more information.



2024 Bus Trips

River's Casino | Pittsburgh, PA Wednesday, April 17, 2024 Casino Bonus: \$20 slot play, \$5 Food Credit

\$46/person

Deadline: Tuesday, March 26th

Hartville

Monday, May 13, 2024 Lunch at Hartville Kitchen (included) \$78/person

Deadline: Tuesday, April 23rd

Seneca Niagra (overnight stay)

Thursday, June 27th
Casino Bonus: \$50 slot play, \$20 food credit
Buffet Open

Seneca Allegany

Friday, June 28th
Casino Bonus: \$25 slot play, \$5 food credit

Buffet Open

Deadline: Monday, May 20th

For reservations or questions contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

If you like to shop online visit schoolstore.com and shop over 400 National Brands online. When you purchase through SchoolStore.com as opposed to a direct website of a participating merchant a percentage of your purchase goes to support our parish school!

You can also support our teachers by donating a Caring for Classrooms gift card that help them purchase classroom materials throughout the year. Contact Nina at the Rectory Office or **ncapone@leothegreat.org** with any questions you might have.