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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:36 —



CHURCH OF ST. LEO THE GREAT

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

To be sure your charitable donations are being used the way you intended them to be, please consider donating to your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization throughout the year. We are a volunteer organization that provides assistance to the needy in our area, whether it is due to job layoffs, illness, or other misfortune. No questions are asked about religious affiliations, and everything is kept confidential.

The organization prides itself on the fact that ALL donations go directly back to the people we serve. There is NO overhead, NO administrative costs and ALL services are volunteered so contributors can be assured their donations are being put to the best use.

Remember that people need help throughout the year. Of course there is always a sharp increase for our services at this time of year as the weather is colder. Our Poor Boxes are located at the entrances of the Church or you can put your donation in an envelope and mark it "SVDP" and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the rectory office. We thank you for your continued support.

2024 GUIDE BOOKS

You'll be receiving your 2024 Guide Books in the mail sometime this month. Please note, we are working to update our records as best we can to ensure the most accurate information is provided to our parishioners. That being said, you will notice a significantly less amount of parishioners are included. We decided to submit the information for only those of you who completed your request to be included in this year's edition. Books in the recent past have included many individuals that have not been an active part of the parish for quite some time, are deceased or have not reported moving from our area. Though it's a drastic change we are confident this will generate a more accurate source of information to you all. A form will be made available at a later date to submit your request for 2025. Thanks for your understanding!

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

To receive a copy of your 2023 contribution statement, please email your request to info@leothegreat.org. You can also call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006. Please indicate how you would like to receive your statement. You can also include your name on this slip and return it to the office or drop it in the offertory basket.

Name: _____

☐ Call me at (____) _____ - _____ and I will pick up during office hours

☐ I will pick up in the back of church

☐ Send it to the eMail address listed on the line below:

☐ Send it via the United States Postal Service

We thank you for your patience as we work to fulfill your request!

REMEMBRANCE TREES

The Christmas ornaments from the remembrance trees are in the main vestibule and may be picked up until January 21st.



ROSARY

Please join us in praying the rosary on:

Thursday, January 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in the church

Please enter through the doors closest to the rectory.

If you are unfamiliar with praying the rosary, we will provide you with everything you need.



JANUARY PRO-LIFE MEETING

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 2:00 pm in the Parish Center.

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE.

The topic for discussion is *Capital Punishment regarding the Church's teaching on life*. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

If you have any questions about the group, the meeting or its content, please contact either Dennis Badar at 216-398-2830 or Chris Rath at 216-394-5803.

Because our country remains under constant attack from evil, we ask all to continue praying to St. Michael the Archangel, as often as you can. He can help us defeat the enemy.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke them, we humbly pray, and cast into Hell Satan and all the evil

LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Ladies, all ages, no matter where you are in your faith journey, please, join us next month on **Tuesday, January 16, 2023 at 6:30p.m. in the Parish Center**. We are meeting to connect and *LIFT* each other up as we grow our relationship with God and learn to live more intentionally and prayerfully in our Journeys as women of the faith. For more information contact Pat (216-403-1523) or Barb (216-302-5454) or email Nina at the rectory office at ncapone@leothegreat.org.

Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, etc. of students at St. Leo School, please consider joining us one evening and witness the powerful, prayerful support of friends in faith.

THE DAVIS FOUNDATION is again offering scholarship opportunities for graduates of St. Leo the Great School.

If you are interested, please contact Ms. Dodson at:

mdodson@leothegreat.org for specific information.

Thanks, and God bless!

Do you like to begin your day with prayer? Do you need some prayer time during your lunch hour? Do you like to end your day with prayer? The Diocese of Cleveland is pleased to offer daily audio prayers delivered to you via email every morning. The prayers are led by a variety of clergy from the diocese and provide a simple way to create and sustain a prayerful relationship with God.

Sign up at dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers.



Welcome Have you moved into the area recently or joined us for Mass and would like to register with our Parish family?

Please stop by the rectory office or give us a call at 216-661-1006. You can also visit our website leothegreat.org for more information. We look so forward to meeting you!

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

Civil Rights Day

A Prayer for a Just Society

Heavenly Father, You create every human person in Your image and likeness. You call us together in one human family united in dignity, value, and love. Give us the strength and wisdom to protect this dignity and life at all stages. Jesus, our Savior, you proclaim the blessedness of those who work for peace and who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Forgive us for the times we have not responded to the call of Your Beatitudes. Holy Spirit, the Advocate, empower us to stand in defense of the poor and vulnerable. Good and Gracious God make our hearts to love like Yours. Amen.

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, Virginia Soflkanacs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublav, 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 Bublav, 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, Sharon Rock, Anthony Bozek, Joe Brodzinski Suzanne Brown, Joyce Stevens, Victoria Fischer, John Gierlach, Dylan Greve, Ken Perry, Dayna Hansen, Leo Hansen, Betty Hinton, Eileen Johnson, Judy Towalski, Susan Mante, Vicki Przybylski, Kristi Burkhardt, Maria Giangrande, Amanda Pacanavsky, Leslie Hahn, Karen Horvath, Chris Geiger, Scott, Jesse Wilson, Kathy Patterson, Richard Baach, Jack Gibas, Christine Slaghter, Gloria Ashworth.

Charles Bulger

Society of Jesus, Novice



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.

Sanctuary Candle Intention

January 14th—January 28th

+JOE MACKEY

With Love, Judy Mackey & Children

MASS INTENTIONS AND LITURGICAL EVENTS

SAT: Jan 13th St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

4:00p.m. People of the Parish

SUN: Jan 14th The 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00a.m. +Douglas W. Kiesel (LaGodney Family)

11:00a.m. +Rudy T. Dejelo (Cora Dejelo)

MON: Jan 15th Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

8:30a.m. NO MASS

TUES: Jan 16th Weekday

8:30a.m. NO MASS

WED: Jan 17th St. Anthony, Abbot

8:30a.m. NO MASS

FRI: Jan 19th Weekday

8:30a.m. NO MASS

**SAT: Jan 20th St. Fabian | Pope & Martyr
St. Sebastian | Martyr**

4:00p.m. +Mildred Ancin & +Fr. James Vesely
(The Vesely Family)

SUN: Jan 21st The 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00a.m. People of the Parish

11:00a.m. +Joe Mackey & the Deceased Members of the
Mackey Family (Judy Mackey)

Notes: The + before a person's name indicates that they are deceased.

There is no Mass here at St. Leo's on Thursdays. You can visit another nearby parish for weekday Mass including St. Charles Borromeo (7:00a & 7:00p), Mary Queen of Peace (8:00a), St. Columbkille (8:15a) or St. Francis de Sales (8:45a).

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 | Today's reading takes place 11 centuries before Christ at an Israelite shrine, which is referred to as a "temple" in the text. At the shrine was the "Ark of God," a wooden chest overlaid by gold in which the 10 Commandments were kept. Eli was the high priest at the shrine. Samuel was a young man in Eli's service. We will hear how God called Samuel to be a prophetic leader for Israel.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 | Today and for the next few Sundays, our second reading will be from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. Corinth, a port city in ancient Greece, was noted for its widespread immorality. Anything and everything was thought permissible. Paul doesn't counter this attitude by putting down the human body as evil or of little worth. Rather, he does just the opposite.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/
Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

MASS CHANGES

Question: Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

Answer: The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone. The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.

REFLECTIONS | SACRED HEART COUNSELING

John the Baptist has always been an interesting figure in the Gospels. He lived outside of others' expectations and he certainly had some behaviors that would have been considered peculiar. While his behaviors may seem strange, Jesus said there was no one greater than John the Baptist. When we have rigid expectations, we can often miss what is right in front of our eyes. It reminds of when C.S. Lewis wrote, "Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses." It is easy to miss what is in front of us when we have preconceived notions and expectations for how things or people are "supposed to be." We do this with others as well as when we look inward at ourselves. We often apply "shoulds" to our thoughts, feelings, and desires. However, we need to remember that God meets us where we are and that we are not only acceptable but desired and loved where we are. It is a delicate balance of knowing that we are loved how and where we are in the present moment, but still in need of growing in holiness and virtue. A young man once shared a quote from Leighton Ford with me that goes, "God loves us just as we are, but He loves us too much to let us stay there." When we forget this and are hard on ourselves or others because we had expectations for where we should be now and what we should have accomplished, we sow discouragement and despair. If you find yourself being hard on others or yourself because of rigid expectations, consider reflecting on John the Baptist and his presence in the Gospels.

—Luke Brown



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440-305-6192

REFLECTIONS FOR EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Sunday, January 28, 2024

10:30a.m.—12:30p.m. All are welcome!!!

Pre-K (3&4) Grades K-8

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

I know that many of you will remember Eileen Gabel as she had been involved in the parish for many years. Sadly she passed away at the age of 86 on Friday, January 5th. Since I had just left for vacation, Fr. Dan Schlegel celebrated her funeral Mass, and would have anyway as they had been good friends for many, many years, since he had been at St. Leo's himself. I still remember Eileen's husband Jim who passed away several years ago. They had 5 children and several grandchildren and even great-grandchildren. Eileen had worked in the sacristy for many years, ordering candles and helping in many ways to keep the church stocked and in good order. She had a wonderful smile and a pleasant disposition whenever I saw her. May she rest in peace.

I also remember Mary Ann Zupancic, wife of the late Norman. Mary Ann had struggled with Alzheimer's for several years and so I have not seen her for quite some time as she was being cared for elsewhere. But we thank God for the time she spent at St. Leo's. She and Norman had 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Mary Ann was 84. I also remember her wonderful smile and her devotion to Norman. I'm grateful to Fr. JohnPaul Cafiero who will be celebrating a Mass of Christian Burial for her at St. Leo's while I am away. May she and Norman now be reunited in the kingdom of the Lord whom they served.

I want to be sure to thank all of you who sent me or the parish staff a Christmas card or some other holiday gift. We are very grateful for your thoughtfulness. Thanks as well to all those who helped take the Christmas decorations down as we enter once again briefly into the "Ordinary Time" of the church year. The next liturgical season, Ash Wednesday, will be February 14th (as I'm sure you'll remember from the Announcement of the moveable feast days in 2024 that Deacon Pat made after the gospel last weekend). The feast of the Baptism of the Lord, after which we begin this Ordinary Time again until Lent begins, was not celebrated on a Sunday this year but on the Monday right after the feast of the Epiphany which of course was last weekend.

You may now visit the website where we have information about the trip to Southern Italy which I'll be taking with parishioners in March of 2025, which is a Jubilee Year of the Church. This will be a 12 day journey (March 17-28, 2025) and so will be a little more expensive than our trip last year. The price is not yet on the website but should be there soon. It is expected to be about \$4500 per person, which includes hotel taxes and gratuities (which were not included in our trip price last year). Please visit our parish website (leothegreat.org) for the URL (too long to put here) where you can get more information. You should be able to reserve your spot there soon with a deposit. As always, please reach out to me with any questions you may have. Space is limited but you have plenty of time to sign up and I'll let you know when we are getting close to being filled.

I will not be with you this weekend or next as I am beginning the new year with a vacation to celebrate my sister Janet's 60th Birthday. She and my other two sisters and their husbands and I are taking a cruise to the Bahamas out of Miami. I really hate going away from Cleveland during its beautiful snowy days of winter but fraternal charity forces me to be present for my family obligations so I surrender to this burden. But of course I will continue to think of you and keep you in my prayers, and I am grateful to the visiting priests who will be covering for me during my regrettable absence. I will do my best to submit a bulletin column for next weekend as long as I have access to the internet and I have not become lost at sea.

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 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 in 2024:
February 5th, March 4th, and May 6th

If you have any questions,
contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by
email: jberigan@leothegreat.org.

PRE-PLANNED FUNERAL

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.



ST. LEO THE GREAT



2024 THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES 2024

\$30 GETS YOU A CHANCE TO WIN MULTIPLE TIMES!

JANUARY 1, 2024 — NOVEMBER 10, 2024

WEEKLY DRAWING **\$100.00**

JANUARY 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND & 29TH

FEBRUARY 5TH, 12TH, 19TH & 26TH

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MAY 6TH, 13TH, 20TH & 27TH

JUNE 3RD, 10TH, 17TH & 24TH

JULY 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND & 29TH

AUGUST 5TH, 12TH, 19TH & 26TH

SEPTEMBER 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD & 30TH

OCTOBER 7TH, 14TH, 21ST & 28TH

NOVEMBER 4TH

SPECIAL DRAWINGS **\$200.00**

NEW YEAR'S DAY JANUARY 1ST

EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31ST

MOTHER'S DAY MAY 12TH

FATHER'S DAY JUNE 16TH

INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4TH

SUPER DRAWING

\$1,000.00

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

FEAST DAY OF ST. LEO THE GREAT



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Please return this stub with your payment of \$30.00. Checks are to be made out to St. Leo the Great.

Questions? Please call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006 or visit our website at www.leothegreat.org

ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO



Dear Parishioners of St. Leo the Great,

Thank you for your generosity again this year in donating to our Toy Sale.

65 families and 214 children benefitted from the toy sale this year. It was a record number for us.

Your kindness in donating such beautiful toys and gifts is truly what made it possible.

We are so grateful for your continued help in each year. We honestly could not do it without you!

With a promise of my prayers for you and your families,

Sr. Mary Jean - Parish Life Coordinator, St. Aloysius Parish



THE 2024 GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

January 8th \$100 Drawing

Sharon Lees

A SNEAK PEEK AT THE 2024 BUS TRIPS

The Sanctuary Museum | Lakewood, Ohio
(formerly the Museum of the Divine Statues)
Wednesday, March 6, 2024

River's Casino | Pittsburgh, PA
Wednesday, April 17, 2024

More details will be posted at a later date.



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



Due to the Rectory Office being closed for the holidays, we appreciate your patience as we work to prepare contribution totals that you are normally able to view here in the bulletin.

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

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Mon-Fri | 9:00am— 4:00pm

Saturday | 12:00pm—5:00pm

Sunday | 9:00am—12:00pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday 8:00am & 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon, Tues, Weds & Fri @ 8:30am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00pm-3:30pm

Sunday 10:00am-10:30am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the month 9a-5p

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing addresses are asked to contact the Rectory Office or utilize our website to update your records.

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