THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MARK 1:17

# **CHURCH OF ST. LEO THE GREAT**

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

# WE SHOULD SPEND AS MUCH TIME IN THANKING GOD FOR HIS BENEFITS AS WE DO IN ASKING FOR THEM. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

### 2024 Guide Books

By now you've probably received your 2024 Guide Book in the mail. 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 have probably noticed the change in how many 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.							
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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!

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization thanks you very much for your generosity to our monthly food collection. Your donations of food and staples help us to fill the bags for those that we serve. Your generosity is also very much appreciated by those that we serve. ALL that you do for us is very much appreciated. Thank you!

### REMEMBRANCE TREES

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

### FISH DINNERS

Fish dinners will be served every Friday during Lent (not Good Friday) from 4:30 until 7:00 p.m. Dine in or take out. See you there!

**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!



### 2024 Bus Trips

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

The Sanctuary Museum | Lakewood, Ohio (formerly the Museum of the Divine Statues)
Wednesday, March 6, 2024
Lunch at My Friends Deli
\$65.00/person
(Admission Fee and Lunch included)

**River's Casino** | Pittsburgh, PA Wednesday, April 17, 2024 Casino Bonus: \$20 slot play, \$5 Food Credit \$46/person

### Hartville

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



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

Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless. Let us pray... Good and gracious God, you blew into our nostrils the breath of life. You are the One to whom we owe our very existence. Give us the courage to take that unpopular position of protecting those who have no voice, the unborn child in the womb to the person taking his or her last breath. The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure. Embolden us to speak the truth about protecting the child, the elderly, and the one without a voice in the public square. With thankful hearts, we ask all this of the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

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, Miano. Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy 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, Dayna Hansen, Leo Hansen, Betty Hinton, Eileen Johnson, Judy Towalski, Susan Mante, Vicki Przybylski, Kristi Burkhart, Maria Giangrande, Amanda Pacanavsky, Leslie Hahn, Karen Horvath, Chris Geiger, Scott, Jesse Wilson, Kathy Patterson, Jack Gibas, Christine Slaghter, Gloria Ashworth.



### Sr. Nicole Marie Varnerin, SND Sisters of Notre Dame Temp.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.

Sanctuary Candle Intention January 14th—January 28th +Joe Mackey With Love, Judy Mackey & Children

### MASS INTENTIONS AND LITURGICAL EVENTS

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)
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MON: Jan 22nd Day of Prayer Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:30a.m. For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

TUES: Jan 23rd Weekday

8:30a.m. +Adam & +Helena Kolpa (Family)

WED: Jan 24th St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Religious Founder & Doctor

8:30a.m. Deceased Members of the Ceccarelli Family

(Bob & Barb Ceccarelli)

FRI: Jan 26th St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops

8:30a.m. +Jason Shores (Jim & Georgia Shores)

SAT: Jan 27th Weekday

4:00p.m. +Veronica Nagle (Jeannie Zola)

Jan 28th The 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time SUN:

8:00a.m. +Nancy Montali (Dan & Arlene Sevic)

11:00a.m People of the Parish

Notes: The + before a person's name indicates that they are deceased. There is no Mass here at St. Leo's on <u>Thursdays</u>. You can visit another nearby parish for weekday Mass including St. Charles Borromeo (7:00a & 7:00p), Mary Queen of Peace

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 | The Book of Jonah is only two pages long and tells a parable about a man called by God to preach repentance to the pagan city of Nineveh. Jonah's first response was to sail as fast as he could in the other direction. After his adventures with a large fish, God called him a second time. Today's passage picks it up from there.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31** | In this section of the first letter to the Corinthians, Paul responds to written questions they had sent to him. Some questions had to do with how we, who believe in the next life, should relate to the things of this life. Paul expected that Jesus would return in glory soon, so he gives some advice which we hear in this reading.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Mk 1:14-20

**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30 **Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20 **Thursday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/

Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/

Mk 4:35-41

**Next Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/

Mk 1:21-28

### REFLECTIONS FOR EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

A Good Time for Fulfillment

There are some things that always come at the worst time. I've never gotten a telemarketing call and thought, "This is a really convenient moment for me to listen to a sales pitch." I've never seen the compulsory software update notice flash on my computer screen when I didn't have a deadline I was struggling to meet. My kids never come down with the flu unless it's the weekend and the line at Urgent Care is stretching out the door.

And I never, ever feel the calm, persistent shouldertap of the Holy Spirit without thinking, "Now? Now is not a good time. Can you try again when I'm..."

But then I stop and think: when I am what? When I am stronger? When I am happier? When I am smarter? When I am a different person?

When God calls us, He calls the person He sees in front of Him. "Come on," He says, and He doesn't mean "When you're finished" or "When it's convenient" or "Think about it." He means now. This moment.

This is what Paul is saying when he writes that "the world in its present form is passing away." He is saying that your plans mean nothing, the kingdom of God is at hand. Abandon your nets, let your catch escape into the sea. You're not who you thought you were, and you don't need what you thought you needed.

Your sins do not define you. Your fears are not fate. Your inclinations do not govern you. Your life can be changed. We live in the time of fulfillment, and fulfillment is coming for you — ready or not.

"Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment.'"

— Mark 1:14

# In Loving Memory Of Kathleen Ann Schmidt October 10, 1942 January 10, 2024

A beautiful life
that came to an end,
she died as she lived,
everyone's friend.
In our hearts a memory
will always be kept,
of one we loved,
and will never forget.

Busch



### REFLECTIONS | SACRED HEART COUNSELING

In this weekend's Gospel, we hear the story of Peter and Andrew being called by Jesus. Something that I think we overlook in this Gospel passage is what Peter and Andrew left behind when they followed Christ. When they left their boats behind, it is easy to look at what they left behind as being insignificant. Having a boat in modern times is, generally speaking, a hobby. In the context of this Gospel passage, boats were more than just a hobby. Peter and Andrew were leaving behind their entire livelihood and investment in their career. Boats were very hard to make and very expensive. When we realize the sacrifice that Peter and Andrew made, we see the gravity of what we are called to do when we choose to follow Christ. Following Christ is no small matter and does not come without significant sacrifice. However, we know from our faith that significant sacrifice is very much worth it for the promise of Heaven and the closeness with God. There is nothing in this life that is worth more than our relationship with God and the promise of Heaven. Just as Peter and Andrew sacrificed their livelihood and investment to pursue God, we need to sacrifice anything that comes between us and God. This is no easy journey and we all have things that are difficult to sacrifice. If you find that there are things in your life coming between you and God, consider reflecting on the lives of Peter and Andrew and what it takes to become a follower of Christ. —Luke Brown

Holistic Catholic Counseling www.sacredheartcleveland.com 440-305-6192



Sunday, January 28, 2024

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

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

Scholarships available:

- Cleveland
- Ed Choice
- Ed Choice Expansion
- Jon Peterson



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### From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

I am able to send this to Nina, our Office Manager, who in turn will send it off to the bulletin company, due to the WiFi that is available on the ship so it's good to be able to remain connected though I am far away. We're actually on a cruise ship in the Caribbean, not in the Bahamas as I previously and mistakenly wrote last week. I'm waiting to take a little excursion on St. Thomas island, and from there to St. John's. I was all signed up for an excursion with my sisters to go horseback riding yesterday but they called to get my weight as there is a limit (the horses can only take so much, after all). I won't tell you what the limit was, but I missed it by 5 pounds. One of my sisters said she understood why as she said, "I would laugh if I just pictured you on a horse" to which another said, "I would laugh by picturing the horse!" But in response I'll just say that I was called to give last rites to those horses after my sisters rode them. I sure hope my sisters don't mistakenly fall overboard. That's all I can say for now.

I used to take cruises for free as I would be invited by the cruise lines to be the ship's chaplain. I would celebrate Mass on Sunday, along with having a Protestant service (where I had to remember not to make the sign of the cross) and even a service for the Jewish people (where I only used scriptures from the Old Testament.) Those were great ecumenical experiences. But they don't have a Catholic chaplain on board this ship and so only have a Shabbat service, no Mass. So I celebrated Mass in my cabin last Sunday. It was the most expensive Mass I've every celebrated as I had to order a glass of wine which cost me \$14.16 (gratuity included). But I was happy to be able to pray with you even though we were many miles apart.

I wanted to acknowledge Kathleen Schmidt whose funeral Mass was celebrated while I was away. Here is some information about her from her obituary: KATHLEEN A. SCHMIDT (nee Faulhaber), age 81. Beloved wife of the late Leonard Schmidt. Devoted mother of Laurie Mathis, Sheila Zemek (Rocky); loving grandmother of Devin Zemek and Amber Bilinovich (Garrett); dear sister of Don Faulhaber (deceased), Mary Gamble (Ben, deceased) and Frank Faulhaber (Michele); cherished aunt and friend of many. Passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. Funeral Mass at St. Leo The Great, 4940 Broadview Rd, Cleveland, on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Please keep her and all our beloved deceased in your prayers.

During this month of January, the Diocese of Cleveland celebrates Catholic Schools Week. We are very fortunate to still have a school as part of our parish here at St. Leo's. I ask that you keep our school's staff and students in your prayers. I am grateful to Mrs. Denise Burns, our Principal, and to all of our teachers for their commitment to the education of our children in the atmosphere of faith. They work hard and long hours. It has been a joy for me to get to know many of the students better this year as I try to spend time with them during their lunch period in the school cafeteria. The little ones especially come up to give me a big hug & you just sense that they need the affection and attention of adults. I am grateful that their parents have chosen to entrust their children to us and to support their education at a Catholic school, irrespective of their own faith background. The 8th graders come to Mass every Friday morning and we have a Mass with the whole school community about once a month. The children say the Pledge of Allegiance every morning and pray together before and after lunch. There are so many staff members who tend to these students throughout the day and we are very grateful to all of them. Jesus told his disciples that "their angels always behold the face of God in heaven."

Jr. James Ochmitz

### 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.



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 School

STUDENTS MAY WEAR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK T-SHIRT ALL WEEK



SUNDAY 1/28/24



OPEN HOUSE 10:30-12:30 NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

WEDNESDAY

1/31/24

TIMENK

PARENT/FAMILY

APPRECIATION

DINNER 4:30-6:30 IN THE GYM

LL ARE WELCOME!

A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind, nd touches a heart CRAZY HAT

> THURSDAY 2/1/24 ARTS REACHING KIDS



MONDAY 1/29/24

Teacher

Appreciation

DAY

TUESDAY 1/30/24 REALM OF THE REPTILES SHOW



FRIDAY 2/2/24



STUDENT APPRECIATION 8TH GRADE VS. STAFF GAME 1:30 PARENTS WELCOME DRESS DOWN FOR STUDENTS



### THE 2024 GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

January 15th \$100 Drawing Mary LaGodney







THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES 2024 2024

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

JANUARY 1, 2024 — NOVEMBER 10, 2024



### 2024 THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

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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

PARISHAL SUPPORT						
		Dec. 24th	Dec. 31st			
Sun. Envelope	\$	7,623.15	5,307.00			
WeShare	\$	3,970.00	1,460.00			
Total	\$	11,593.15	6,767.00			
Cap. Improv	\$	344.00	336.00			
WeShare	\$	60.00	40.00			
Total	\$	404.00	376.00			
SVDP	\$	0.00	10.00			
WeShare	\$	110.00	0.00			
Total	\$	110.00	10.00			

### **DECEMBER TOTALS**

Immaculate Conception— \$1,597.00 Retirement— \$2,147.00 1st Offering— \$1,100.00 Flowers— \$1,058.00 Christmas— \$23,186.00

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

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### **RECTORY/OFFICE HOURS:**

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

### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

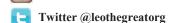
First Friday of the month 9a-5p

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.

### www.leothegreat.org









THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland

From February 14 – March 24 you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside **Preterm** - 12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland, 44120 or **Planned Parenthood** - 25350 Rockside Rd, Bedford Hts, 44146, or **Family Planning** – 54 South State St, Painesville, 44077.

Join us at the Kickoff Rally at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Sunday, February 11, at 2pm, 29850 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, 44092. The speakers are Molly Smith of Cleveland Right to Life and Morgan Reece of Students for Life. Please contact John Noall at <a href="mailto:clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com">clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com</a> or 216-245-9744 for more information.