



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

January 23, 2022

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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 Saturdays from 3pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10am-10:30am, 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.

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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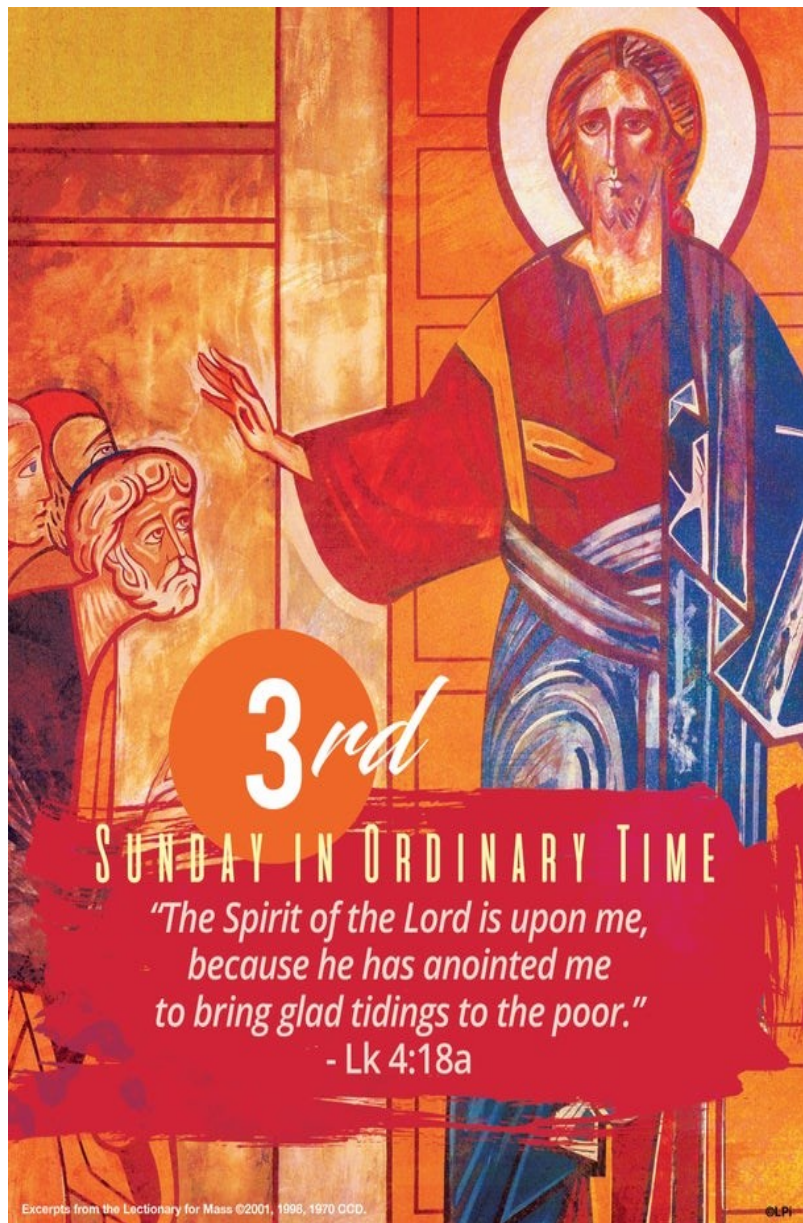
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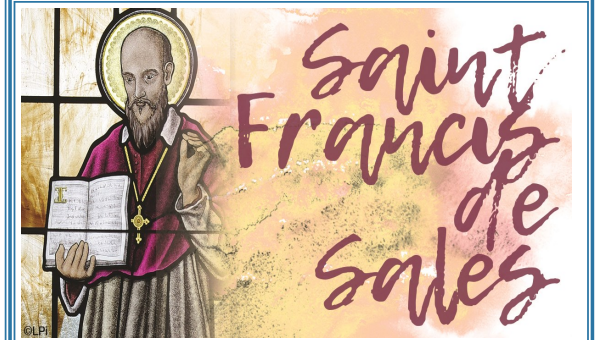
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ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website (www.leothegreat.org) to sign up. If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006.



St. Vincent de Paul

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

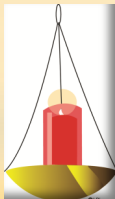


SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

January 16th to January 23rd

IN LOVING MEMORY

To my husband
Leo Thomas Klaehm
With love, from his wife Jeanette



REGISTER WITH US

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 leothegreat.org or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.



GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE FOR ALL YOUR SHOPPING

Our Gift Card Program is an excellent way to help support your Parish. A complete list of gift cards is available at the rectory office or on our website at leothegreat.org. Gift Cards can be used for everyday purchases, gifts, or a simple thank you.

PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE AND SUPPORT US.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR
PRAYERS...



Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, William & Amelia Rebello, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Joseph Mackey, John Sofcheck, Irene (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Lorice Yurek, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Phyllis Zbasnik, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Ken Proctor, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublav, Harriet Franko & Ana Mendoza.

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

Benjamin Baratian
St. Mary, Hudson
Second Year, Borromeo



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

Record of 2021 Contributions

To receive a copy of your 2021 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—pick up in the office or back of church, email or mail.

You can also include your name on this slip, put it in an envelope and return it to the parish. We will mail your statement back to you.

NAME: _____



SUNDAY, JANUARY 16th

THE NUMBERS WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MASS
INTENTIONS

Monday, January 24th—St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30am +Michael Elias Delacerna (Ruth Delacerna)

Tuesday, January 25th—Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

8:30am +Joseph & Rosalie Zupancic (Zupancic Children)

Wednesday, January 26th—Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

8:30am +Jean & Ray Kotecki (Rose Zarko)

Thursday January 27th—Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, January 28th—Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious and Doctor of the Church

8:30am +Carmen Crea (Family)

Saturday, January 29th—Weekday

4:00 +Dan Sunyak (Auntie Mary Ann)

Sunday, January 30th Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Harriet Watson (Family)

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

The book of Nehemiah recounts events which happened about 100 years after the Jewish people had returned from the Babylonian exile. After their initial religious fervor, the people's moral life and commitment to God's law had lapsed. So, Ezra the priest challenged the people to renew their commitment to the law, and conducted what would be called today a "religious revival".

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Today we continue our reading from the first letter of Paul to the Christians in Corinth, an important seaport. He was answering a letter they had written to him, containing questions about Christian life in their community. Among the questions was how to deal with the diversity of gifts within the community, and the rivalries and jealousies that inevitably arise. He responds by using an image that the Catholic Church has particularly emphasized.

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

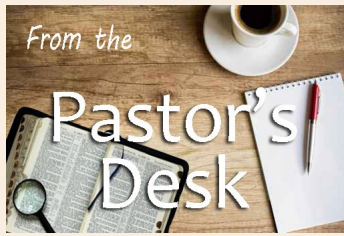
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41



Dear Parishioners,

On January 12th, we celebrated the funeral Mass for Thomas Simonski. Tom worked as a laborer for General Motors for 30 years. He was remembered for his generosity, helping strangers to buy food and offering his help to others who needed him. He also served his country in the army. His wife feels blessed to have shared her life with him. We remember him in prayer as we ask for God's mercy on all our beloved dead.

On January 15th, we celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Patrick Crean who was the oldest of 10 children. He had 4 children himself and 6 grandchildren. Pat was remembered as a joyful, grateful person who was dedicated to his Catholic faith, serving as a Lector, Usher and Eucharistic Minister at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Macedonia, as well as at his parish in Florida. He had a devotion to St. Jude and was generous to the Church. May the Lord welcome him home.

We also express our deepest sympathy to the Henry family on the unexpected death of Daniel. He attended our parish school and then discovered a love for photography and won several awards for his artwork. Daniel made lifelong friendships through the process of recovery and made a difference in the lives of others who shared his struggle. He was a skilled tradesman and welder and enjoyed many hobbies. We pray especially for his fiancé Mary, for his children and parents and for his siblings Amy & Kelly. May Daniel and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

This weekend we sadly commemorate the anniversary of Roe v. Wade as the United States Bishops declare Saturday, January 22nd, the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. This yearly anniversary should bring deep sadness to all of us of the Catholic Faith, as it does with many others throughout the world of different faiths and even those of no faith. For this is when we pray for the victims of abortion and for those who have had abortions. We pray also for national leaders, many of whom praise the "freedom" that this law gives to kill the unborn (and even those who are already born). Since the first century the Church has proclaimed the moral evil of every abortion and this teaching has not changed and cannot change because of the sacredness of life which begins at conception. As someone tweeted, "If you are a devout Catholic, then you do not support abortion, If you support abortion, then you are not a devout Catholic." This applies even to politicians who claim to be Catholic while at the same time supporting pro-abortion views.

I agree that we as members of the clergy do not preach on this important topic enough, perhaps only using this once a year anniversary to do so. For me, it seems so abundantly clear that abortion is morally and mortally sinful according to our long-standing Catholic belief that it would seem that we are preaching to the choir when we preach against it. But sadly, there are some Catholics who feel that this issue is up for debate. So allow me, in the strongest possible way, to express my own personal belief in the sacredness of all human life from the moment of conception and beg you who may not have the same belief to exam carefully your thoughts and hearts, for God will not allow the injustice of abortion to be argued for in the presence of His Divine Life, regardless of political affiliation or calls for liberty. We are never free to do what is gravely wrong in the sight of God. May we pray always for an end to this holocaust.

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 the first Wednesday 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. **The next meeting dates will be February 2, March 2, and April 6, 2022.** Feel free to join us—no reservations needed.

**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 email her at 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 have continued to contribute. Here are a few ways to help you with your contributions:

1) Mail your contribution envelope(s) to us, either for the week or the month. (St. Leo the Great, 4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44019)

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 - CLEVELAND, OHIO



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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.

St. Leo the Great Book Fair January 24-February 6, 2022

Our book Fair is online and helps our students discover new books, favorite characters, and more! Every purchase earns our school rewards for much needed resources. Plus, shipping is free on book-only purchases over \$25.00.

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Thank you for instilling a love of reading and supporting our Book Fair!



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SUNDAY JANUARY 30, 2022
FROM 10:00 TO 12:30**

4900 Broadview Road, Cleveland
For more information or to schedule a tour call
(216) 661-2120

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Respect Life Holy Hour

There will be a Respect Life Holy Hour on Sunday January 23rd at 6:30 pm in the church. Please join us either in person or on live-stream.



St Charles Borromeo
5891 Ridge Road
Parma, Ohio 44129

All Men & Women are invited to attend the...

LADIES GUILD DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Monday, February 21st, 2022



(President's Day)

Lower Parish Hall

Guest Speaker: Fr. Anthony Simone

***"Living the Little Way in the World through
Charity, Mercy & Stewardship"***

- 9:00 - 10:00am – Begins with a continental breakfast in Lower Parish Hall
- 10:00am - Fr. Anthony speaks
- 12 Noon - Bring a brown bag lunch
- 1:00pm - Fr. Anthony speaks
- 2:30-3:00pm - Adoration and Benediction in the church

Any questions, please contact Regina (330) 770-0248 or Felicia (440) 888-3488.



**Rest in
Peace**

**Patrick
Crean**



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

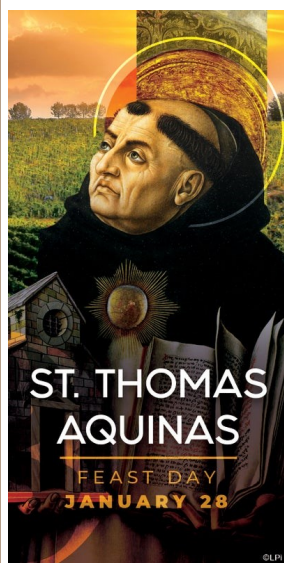
But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

**RAFFLE
WINNERS**



January 19, 2022

Nikki Johnson



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 23, 2022 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away



ROSARY

This year resolve to increase your devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please join us in church on Thursday, January 27th, as we say the rosary at 7:00 p.m. If you are not familiar with the rosary, we will provide you with what you need.



