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**[www.leothegreat.org](http://www.leothegreat.org)**

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm

Sundays | 8:00am and 11:00am

### WEEKDAYS

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

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30am and 7:00pm

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions can be heard Saturdays from 3:00pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10:00a-10:30a and after the 11:00am Mass, 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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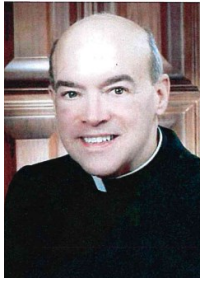


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**Fr. James Huvane** is visiting this weekend for the annual missionary cooperative appeal and collection for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Fr. Jim Huvane was ordained in 1970 and has spent many years in Hong Kong doing mission work and regularly returns there. He will speak at all the Masses this weekend. Maryknoll is the popular name

for the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, which was founded in 1911 to follow Christ's command to preach the Gospel to all the nations. They serve principally among the poor in places where the church is unknown or in great need. The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers minister in 21 countries in Asia, Central and South America, and Africa.

While at the parish, Father Huvane, will be happy to talk with any parishioners who are interested in doing overseas mission work as a Maryknoll Priest, Sister, Brother or lay Missioner.



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thanksgiving is a time for loving and for sharing what we have with others, however meager it may seem. Each Thanksgiving your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

Organization works to help those in need. Please be as generous as you are able with your donations.

Place your donation in an envelope marked "SVDP Thanksgiving" and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. The need is great. We thank you very much for your thoughtfulness.



### THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

**Thursday, November 24th at 9:00 a.m.**

All are encouraged to attend a special Thanksgiving Day Mass to give thanks for all the blessings we have received this past year. A special collection will be taken by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of gifts of non-perishable food (canned or boxed goods) and money which will be donated to the hungry. Anyone wishing to provide a Thanksgiving meal for a needy family may put their cash or check donation in an envelope marked "SVDP Thanksgiving" and place it in the collection at Mass or drop it off at the Rectory.



Bloodmobile will be at St. Leos Lux Hall on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30a-12:00p. Please consider donating due to the critical need for blood. Schedule your appointment at [redcrossblood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org). Walk-ins **will be accepted**; however, those who have a scheduled appointment will be taken first. Therefore, there may be some wait depending on when you walk in. Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay healthy.



### Upcoming Events

During the month of November we will remember the parishioners who passed away during the past year at a special All Souls Memorial Holy Hour on

**Sunday, November 20th, at 6:00 p.m. in the church.**

The Feast of St. Leo the Great, patron saint of our parish, was November 10th. Prayer cards will be available at the doors of the church this weekend. St. Leo the Great was elected pope in 440. During his tenure as pope, he fought heresies, convened significant councils of bishops, and saved the citizens of Rome by confronting Attila the Hun. St. Leo accomplished so much during his term as pope that he became one of the few popes with the distinction of "the Great". Though he died on April 11, 461, his legacy lives on in his profound writings. He was made a doctor of the church in 1754.

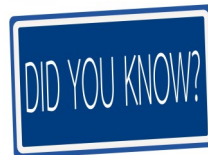


*St. Leo the Great, pray for us.*

Please mark your calendars to join us for Mass and the events and activities throughout the year!

We welcome photos throughout the year of the people and events taking place. Please forward your photos to [photos@leothegreat.org](mailto:photos@leothegreat.org).

### YOUR PHOTO HERE



The church at the southern end of the school building was torn down when that portion of the parish property was purchased by the State of Ohio to build I-480. Then-pastor Fr. Lux salvaged the structural portions of the church and had it rebuilt at the north end of the school building, creating a gym. The choir loft has been transformed into a classroom, the vestibule into storage for tables, chairs, and sports equipment, and the stone image of St. Leo was placed in the eastern wall. The gym was later renamed "Lux Hall".

## ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

# PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Kristen Eble, Ana Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Greg Wasacz, Stan Wasacz, Joe Barr, Mary Ann & Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Kathy Svoboda, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, Cecilla (CiCi) Choromanski, Megan Arena, Judy Kucia, Lena Sunyak, Theresa Truxall, Susan Fenski, Robert Coleman, Glen Balog, Antoinette Jakosh, Rose Arlia, Liz Woisnet, MaryKay Simonek, Betty Popow, R.Rosario, and Margarita Quinones

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, November 14th—Weekday**

8:30am **NO MORNING MASS**

**Tuesday, November 15th—Weekday**

8:30am **NO MORNING MASS**

**Wednesday, November 16th—Weekday**

8:30am **NO MORNING MASS**

**Friday, November 18th—Weekday**

8:30am **NO MORNING MASS**

**Saturday, November 19th —Weekday**

4:00pm +William Schreiber (Elizabeth)

**Sunday, November 20th —34th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +MaryAnn Rimke (Mina Rolando)

*\*Per Bishop Malesic, Communion Services should not be scheduled at the parish when the priest is away. The faithful should participate in the weekday Mass at the closest neighboring parish.*

St. Charles 7:00a

St. Barbara 7:30a

St. Francis de Sales 8:45a

Mary Queen of Peace 8:00a



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### FIRST READING: MALACHI 3:19-20

The book of Malachi was written after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon. Faced with problems on all sides, many in the community doubted whether God would ever again act on their behalf. In today's passage, Malachi responds to these skeptics.

### SECOND READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 3:7-12

The second letter to the Thessalonians addresses concerns early Christians had about the coming of Christ in glory. Some were excessively interested in the day and hour of Christ's coming. Others thought that his imminent coming was and invitation to idleness.

**SUNDAY** Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

**MONDAY** Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

**TUESDAY** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10

**WEDNESDAY** Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28

**THURSDAY** Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44

**FRIDAY** Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-

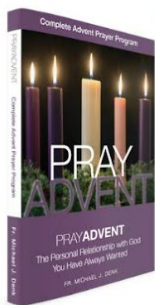
**SATURDAY** Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40



**DC. SCOTT SWINERTON**  
ST. MARY OF THE FALLS, OLMSTED FALLS  
V THEOLOGY, SAINT MARY

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.

## PRAY ADVENT MISSION



Fr. Michael Denk presents

**"PRAY ADVENT" MISSION**  
November 27, 28 and 29  
Each night at 7:00 P.M.

Holy Family Parish  
7367 York Rd.  
Parma, OH 44130

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# WORLD KINDNESS DAY

NOVEMBER 13

## Sanctuary Candle Intention

November 20th—December 4th



In Loving Memory of  
**RALPH RATH**

*Gospel  
Meditation*

Many make it their life's ambition to determine precisely when the world will end. By reading the signs of the times, consulting scripture, or looking to prophetic predictions that are sometimes centuries old, they claim a certain credibility in being able to do so. Is all that necessary to know? Even when his disciples pointedly ask him this question, Jesus does not directly answer. While the end will inevitably come, Jesus points out that there is a lot we need to do first: remain faithful, face persecution, endure suffering, face wars and insurrections, and give testimony. Human beings tend to focus their energies on the wrong kingdom. Consumed with all of the things we have built and seeking to preserve them, we forget that we belong to a different kingdom, the Kingdom of God.

All of the "stuff" we have constructed will be taken away. All that will remain is God's kingdom. Which kingdom do we prefer? We answer that question by honestly looking at where we invest most of our time and energy. What matters to us as we embrace a new moment or day in our lives? If our relationship with God, the strength and integrity of our souls, and the steadfastness of our character are of utmost importance, then it matters little when the physical end will come. We will have what we need to persevere, endure, and confront whatever comes our way. Jesus cautions that we do not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed or overly terrified by the agonies and disappointments of the world. Although we may be apprehensive and uncertain when faced with complex challenges, God is with us. We will receive the inspiration we need to forge ahead.

God is a God of salvation and new beginnings. Whether we consider the daily unfolding of our earthly lives or our eternal ones to come, God never leaves us with dead ends. There is always hope, and there is always something new to come. As Julian of Norwich reminds us, "God made us, God loves us and God keeps us." This wisdom holds true whether life is stable and profitable or challenging and uncertain. If we remember this simple truth, we will be ready regardless of the day or the hour.

## SEEING GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

*"Eyes On Your Own Paper"*

"Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place."

Looking at these words, I have to wonder. Am I reading the Bible or today's newspaper headline?

It's never easier to despair than when you glance up and take a good look at what's going on in the world: disasters, natural and contrived, wars, resentments, rivalries, and divisions. It is almost too much sometimes, isn't it? The twenty-four-hour news cycle doesn't help. Add social media and it's enough to push anyone into a nervous breakdown.

When you find yourself in this place of despair, remember Paul's admonishment in his letter to the Thessalonians. Work quietly and eat your own food.

It's not so different from the old "keep-your-eyes-on-your-own-paper" rule of the classroom. Poking our noses into other people's business, we may think we are getting a shortcut to the right answer, but we're really just getting distracted. When we become too preoccupied with events that we cannot control — whether they are happening in our neighborhood or half-a-world away — we are tempted to leave off the very specific work God has given us in our own lives. We are easily lured into anger, bitterness, and anxiety.

What is the work that God has called you to? Is it your career? Your family? Your community? What is your food — what nourishes you, sustains you, connects you to something real, powerful, and life-giving? This is what you should be concerned with. This is where your thoughts and your efforts should be. Work quietly and eat your own food.

## QUESTION

How does a person become a canonized saint?

## ANSWER

It is important to remember that all the saints are people, real people who lived just as we do! The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints. After a holy person's death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonization process with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title "Servant of God." The first phase involves collecting information about the person's life and scrutinizing it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts — this is the origin of the phrase "devil's advocate!" When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared "Venerable." If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared "Blessed." If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonization, and we can call them "Saint."

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

I forgot to mention in last weekend's bulletin column that I will be away on vacation for a couple of weekends. I will return next weekend, November 19 & 20 and appreciate your hospitality toward our visiting priests.

While I was away, Father Gary Chmura celebrated the funeral Mass for Anne Wade, a parishioner I was able to visit and anoint shortly before she died. Anne was devout in her Catholic faith, and I enjoyed talking to her about our mutual friend, Sister Patricia Raelene, when she worked in the gift shop at Jennings. Anne's husband Frank, to whom she was married for 64 years, died last year and I celebrated his funeral Mass in May of 2021. They have 7 children and several grandchildren, and I ask that you pray for them during this time of loss. Frank had been under hospice care through the staff at Jennings Center for Older Adults, the place where Anne had worked. May Anne and her husband Frank now rest together in the peace of Christ.

*Fr. James Schmitz*

### PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY 11 DAYS: MARCH 20 - 30, 2023

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**DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY!**

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



**"You will even be handed over by  
parents, brothers, relatives, and friends,  
and they will put some of you to death.  
You will be hated by all because of my  
name, but not a hair on your head will  
be destroyed. By your perseverance  
you will secure your lives."**

**- Lk 21:16-19**

## 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 December 7, 2022, and January 4, 2023 and February 1, 2023.**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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](http://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.



## SHARING YOUR CHRISTMAS LOVE

St. Leo's Adopt -A-Child Program is an ideal way to share your Christmas joy and love with others who are less fortunate. This year more than ever we need to help each other.

### WHO ARE WE HELPING?

Recipients of your Christmas gifts include families from our own parish community, children from St. Aloysius School, Zelig's Home (formerly Maggie's Place) and Catholic Charities Refugee Families.

### HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

To participate, you would purchase and wrap a \$15-\$20 gift for a needy child.

To obtain the names of these children, please call Jeanne Sabol at 216-351-6247 or Judi Westerborg at 216-642-0134. You can also complete and submit the form on our parish website, or sign up after Masses in church during the weekend of November 19-20.

### WHEN IS DROP-OFF?

Gifts are to be wrapped, tagged and dropped off at the Parish Rectory or the church at mass times. Rectory hours are: Mon-Fri, 9 am-3pm; Sat, noon-5 pm; Sun, 9 am-12:30 pm. If purchasing gift cards, please take them to the rectory. All gifts are due by Thursday, Dec. 8.

### CAN I GIVE MONEY OR GIFT CARDS?

Monetary donations or gift cards may be dropped in the boxes by the church doors or left at/sent to the Rectory. Please mark all contributions "Adopt-A-Child" and make checks payable to St. Leo the Great and write Adopt-A-Child on the memo line.


Once again, please take the time and opportunity to help others this Christmas season. Thank you and may God bless you.

FCSLALife (First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association) Jr. Branch 014 is a sponsor of Adopt-A-Child this year and will donate up to \$600 in matching funds!




### ROSARY

Please join us for the recitation of the rosary in church on:  
**Thursday, November 17th, at 7:00 p.m.**  
*(Enter through the doors closest to the rectory)*



### O COME LET US ADORE HIM



In a world of darkness,  
Bring a note of Christmas cheer  
To our parish neighbors near.

**Save the Date!** Saturday, December 17 at 5 pm for Christmas caroling in St. Leo's neighborhood. All ages welcome. There will be something for everyone. We need singers, cooks/bakers, prayer/adorers, decorators and set-up and take down crews. Sign-ups will be after all weekend masses on December 3rd & 4th.

Call or Text Pat Dolezal  
at 330.933.4992 or email her at  
[jgpadolezal@yahoo.com](mailto:jgpadolezal@yahoo.com)  
for questions or to participate.



## HELP THE HOMELESS

Malachi Center at W. 25th St. and Detroit Ave. provides many services to help homeless men and women throughout the year. This Christmas season, the Center is distributing reusable plastic and/or canvas grocery bags to help our less fortunate friends.

The bags will be filled with personal items such as heavy socks, hats, gloves, scarves, soap, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, lotion, snacks, hand and foot warmers, extra large and larger sweatshirts, and many other similar items.

If you would like to donate bags and/or other items, please bring your donation to the rectory by November 27, 2022. Items should be tagged "Help the Homeless".

Your overwhelming generosity last year to this cause was heartwarming. Let's do it again this year. Thank you so much.

Questions? Call Jeanne Sabol at 216-351-6247



AUDREY  
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November 4, 2022

## The Great Sweepstakes


November 7, 2022  
Eileen Kovacic



November 13, 2022— 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## PARISH SUPPORT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022



Sunday Envelope	\$ 5,532.38
WeShare	\$ 1,265.00
Total	\$ 6,797.38
Capital Improvements	\$ 130.00
WeShare	\$ 15.00
Total	\$ 145.00
October Totals	
Catholic Communication	\$ 137.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 483.00
All Saints	\$ 973.00
All Souls	\$ 703.00
Hurricane Relief	\$ 55.00

## PRO-LIFE

The Pro-life group is planning its next meeting on :

**Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 1:00 pm**

in the Parish Center. Please note the date is every **THIRD** Wednesday of the month. We will start at 1:00 pm. All are welcome! This month, we will be praying for all our deceased family and friends, during the month of All Souls.

Because our country is under constant attack from evil, we ask all to pray to St. Michael the Archangel, as often as you can. He can help us defeat the enemy. If you have any questions about the meeting or its content, please contact Dennis Badar at 216-398-2830 or Chris Rath at 216-741-1536.



### 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 spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

### COME CELEBRATE CHRIST THE KING

The Shrine of St. Stanislaus , 3649 E. 75th St., Cleveland 44105, will have a solemn celebration on the feast of Christ the King on Sunday, November 20th, at 4:30pm featuring Eucharistic Devotions and Procession complete with full choral and musical accompaniment. Join us in bringing the liturgical year to a proper close and launch the Advent Season in the right frame-of-mind; with Jesus as King and center of your heart!

Call 216-341-9091 for more details.

