



# November 20, 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

#### 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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## November 20, 2022 - CHRIST THE KING

## **CHRIST THE KING**



This Sunday, November 20th, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, which is also the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Also known as the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, this feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to honor Jesus Christ as lord over all creation. Next week, we will begin a new liturgical year

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

There will be a special Thanksgiving Liturgy on Thursday, November 24th @ 9:00am. All are encouraged to attend and to give thanks for all the blessings we have received this past year. A special collection



will be taken this Thanksgiving of non-perishable food, canned or boxed goods and money which will be given



to St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization to serve those in need. Your donations of food and money will be greatly appreciated! Thank You!

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

# Senior Meeting

Just a note that our next meeting will be Next Wednesday, November 30, 2022



Please arrive around 11:00a Lunch will be served at 12:00p It's GAME DAY !



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 <u>redcrossblood.org</u>. 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.



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

Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 24th, at 9:00 a.m.

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



# YOUR PHOTO HERE



Before Lux Hall (the gym) was added at the north end of the school, the northern boundary of the school was where the cafeteria is now located. The driveway from Broadview Road serving the

school, convent, and old church (connected to the southern end of the school) ran along the north edge of the school building. The garage which is situated in the middle of the parking lot was at the end of the driveway before it turned to the parking area between the school and the convent. The garage's location provided convenient access for the nuns and priests to store their cars as well as for maintenance equipment. The new church and rectory were built in 1969 and Lux Hall was relocated to its present location, but the garage remained in its current location.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

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, Virgina 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, Jim Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Kathy Svoboda, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, Cecilla (CiCi) Choromanski, Megan Arena, Judy Kucia, Lena Sunyak, Chuck Pacanovsky, Theresa Truxall, Susan Fenski, Robert Coleman, Glen Balog, Antoinette Jakosh, Rose Arlia, Liz Woisnet, MaryKay Simonek, Betty Popow, R.Rosario, Margarita Quinones, and Allen Phillips

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, November 21st—Presentation of the Blessed 8:30am +Dennis Dina (Louise Tupper) Virgin Mary

Tuesday, November 22nd—St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr 8:30am +Devin Neumann (Parents)

Wednesday, November 23rd—Weekday

8:30am +Loretta Zola (Tony, Chris & Alyssa Lizzini)

Thursday, November 24th—Thanksgiving Day 9:00am +Fr. Tony Muzic (Fr. Jim Schmitz)

Friday, November 25th—Weekday 8:30am (Celebrant's Choice)

Saturday, November 26th —Weekday

4:00pm Jean Michael Hirko (Liz Hirko) Sunday, November 27th —First Sunday of Advent

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am + Marilyn Summers (Husband)

\*Per Bishop Malesic, Com be s

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

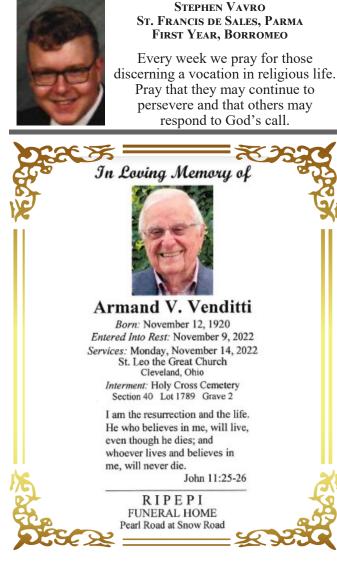
#### FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 5:1-3

The two books of Samuel describe a time early in Jewish history when the 12 tribes were forming one nation under a single king. After the death of Saul, their first king, the tribes decided upon a successor, as we will hear in this reading. SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:12-20

In our age of space travel, there is sometimes speculation about Christ's place in a wider universe, particularly if life were found on other planets. Today's passage quotes an early Christian hymn which describes the kingship of Christ in cosmic terms.

SUNDAY	2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35- 43
Monday	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
TUESDAY	Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
WEDNESDAY	Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
THURSDAY	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
Friday	Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
SATURDAY	Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36





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## **ENCOURAGE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

NOVEMBER 20, 2022 | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured

lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together.

## SEEING GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### "Is Christ King in Our Hearts?"

When you think of a king, who is the first person to pops into your head? It may depend on how much history you know, or which historical period intrigues you the most. As Americans, the first person we might think of is King George III, whose reign has become synonymous in our national lore with the concept of tyranny.

We don't have much familiarity with kingship in modern American society. Kings tend to make us uneasy. Presidents, on the other hand — we can handle those, because we know we are a president's boss. No matter how much power he has, we are the electorate. We are the source of that power. We're comfortable with this arrangement.

But with kings it is profoundly different. Traditionally, the king derives his power from God. His rule bridges humanity with the divine.

We should reflect carefully on whether or not we have made Jesus Christ king in our hearts, or whether we regard him as a president. The difference isn't just one of titles, it's one of roles. Subjects do not demand anything of a king. They beseech. They entreat. They submit, and they accept.

Do we demand of Christ, or do we beseech? Do we tolerate God's edicts with grumbling, or do we embrace His word as the means of our reconciliation with Him?

The "good thief" treated Christ as a king. His counterpart treated him as a president. And it's worth remembering that Jesus Christ is not the President of the Universe.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## **PUBLIC LIFE QUESTION**

If we have a separation of church and state, how should faith influence the way we act in society, especially for those who have a role in the government?

#### ANSWER

No matter who we are, our inner lives affect the way we interact with the world. In the United States, we have freedom of religion. That means there is no official state-sanctioned religion. This does not mean that our faith is a private affair with no impact on public life! We have the ability to freely exercise our religious beliefs in accord with our conscience. Not only do we have the option to do so, but we also have the responsibility. We're called to imitate Christ in every area of our life, not compartmentalize our faith. This means acting with respect and honoring the common humanity all we encounter. It means recognizing the person behind the politics. It also means standing up for the truth of human life and dignity, and advocating for just policies that serve the common good. The Vatican has produced a "Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church." It contains more detailed exposition of how our Catholic faith relates to various aspects of public life.

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

Two people from the parish died while I was away. The first was Audrey Andrzejewski, who was 87 years old & beloved wife of the late Joseph. They had 4 children, 3 grandchildren & 2 great-grandchildren. Her funeral was celebrated at St. Charles Borromeo. May she rest in God's peace with her husband.

A funeral was celebrated at St. Leo's for Armand Venditti, who died just 3 days shy of his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday. I celebrated the funeral Mass for his wife Mary Lou several years ago, and have publicly announced Armand's birthday when he turned 100 and then 101. He and Mary Lou had six children & several grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. Armand was a World War II U.S. Army Air Corps Veteran. I'd like to add this information from his obituary since he and his wife were such active members of our parish for many years: "He had a smile for everyone, and when asked how he was doing, his response was "Never Better!". He lived a life of deep and unshakable faith, which allowed him to lead his family through the best and worst of times. Armand was devoted in marriage to Mary Lou for almost 75 years. Together they built a life of enduring love and faith. They were long-time active parishioners of St. Leo the Great Church and made many cherished life-long friends there. He spent many years making the Easter Paschal candle and was chairman of many events and committees. Armand enjoyed gardening, golfing, building 3-D puzzles, spending time on his computer, and cooking for his family. His chicken livers were nearly world famous. He spent the past 18 months in independent living at Vitalia Rockside in Seven Hills and made many friendships with the staff and residents. Armand was a sales engineer and retired from SKRL Tool & Die at the age of 70." May Armand and Mary Lou live forever in the joy of the resurrection.

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, which is always on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. That means that next weekend, we begin a new liturgical year with the first Sunday of Advent, which of course prepares us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ at the end of our lives/world as well as for the celebration of Christ's first coming when he was born among us. Let us wait for him actively, not passively, but doing all we can to work with his grace in accepting the gift of salvation God has offered to us.

There will be a holy hour this Sunday evening (November 20<sup>th</sup>) in memory of all the deceased from our parish, especially those who died since this time last year. Please join us in the church as we pray for these souls as they are purified by God to made worthy of a share in his heavenly kingdom. The prayer will begin at 6pm.

Please join us as well for our 9am Mass on Thanksgiving morning in preparation for our time spent with family and friends over a Thanksgiving meal. The rectory office will be closed not only on Thursday but Friday as well, though there will be an 8:30am Mass celebrated on Friday morning.

Unfortunately I was away during our celebration of our patronal feast of St. Leo the Great, which is held on November 10<sup>th</sup> each year. But I join with you in asking for him for his prayerful intercession on our parish community, especially as we celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Be sure to keep an eye on the display case in the vestibule of the church where we will keep rotating pictures taken on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, when the Bishop was here for the 11am Mass & for the reception in Lux Hall afterward.

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 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.



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@leothgreat.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 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. School, Aloysius Zelie's Home (formerly Maggie's Place) and Catholic Charities Refugee Families.

#### **HOW CAN | 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 Westerburg 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 | 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!

With the Holidays upon us, be sure to stop by the rectory to purchase gift cards—a great way to check off your holidays shopping list while supporting the parish.



# **CLERGY VISITS**

If you or a family member are ill or homebound please let us know so that our priest or deacon can visit with the sacraments and provide spiritual care. Please call the rectory office and give the contact information (name, address, phone number). We do our very best and are always willing to come to you.



# "The 25th Annual PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE"

The Edwardian Players will present, "The 25 th Annual Putnam County SpellingBee" featuring an eclectic group of six mid-pubescents who vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, the tweens spell their way though a series of (potentially made-up) words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. It's a delightful den of comedic genius.

Show dates are:

November 17th, 18th and 19th at 7:30pm and November 20th at 3:00pm

St. Edward High School 13500 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit https://sehs.net/fallplay/tickets.

# **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

**SARA STUPIC** 



## November 20, 2022— CHRIST THE KING







## NINE NIGHTS OF NIGHT PRAYER

The faithful are being invited to participate in nine opportunities to pray the night prayer of the Church at nine different parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland.

"Nine Nights of Night Prayer" will take place on nine consecutive evenings from :

November 30 until December 8.

Nine churches will be open for night prayer 8:15pm-9 pm each night. Parishes taking part in this opportunity for prayer are:

**Communion of Saints**, *Cleveland Heights* 2175 Coventry Rd. Cleveland Hts., OH 44118

Our Lady of Grace, *Hinkley* 1088 Ridge Rd. Hinckley, OH 44233

**Our Lady of the Lake**, *Euclid* 19951 Lake Shore Blvd. Euclid, OH 44123

**Our Lady of Victory**, *Tallmadge* 73 North Ave. Tallmadge, OH 44278

Ss. Cosmas & Damian, *Twinsburg* 10419 Ravenna Rd. Twinsburg, OH 44087

**St. Cyprian**, *Perry* 4223 Middle Ridge Rd. Perry, OH 44081

**St. Mary of the Falls**, *Olmsted Falls* 25615 Bagley Rd. Olmsted Falls, OH 44138

**St. Peter**, *Lorain* 3655 Oberlin Ave. Lorain, OH 44053

**St. Patrick**, Cleveland – *Bridge Ave*. 3602 Bridge Ave. Cleveland, OH 44113

Visit dioceseofcleveland.org/events for more information.