



**ST. LEO THE GREAT**  
PARISH & SCHOOL

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

March 14, 2021

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Pastor

**Father James J. Vesely**  
Retired

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### RECTORY/OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday ~ 9:00AM—3:00PM  
Saturday ~ Noon—5:30PM  
Sunday ~ 9:00AM—12:30PM

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### SCHOOL HOURS:

Monday through Friday/School Day ~ 8:00AM—2:45PM  
Main Office ~ 7:30AM—3:30PM

### 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  
after Mass by request or any time by appointment.

### NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

New parishioners and those moving from the parish  
or changing address 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.



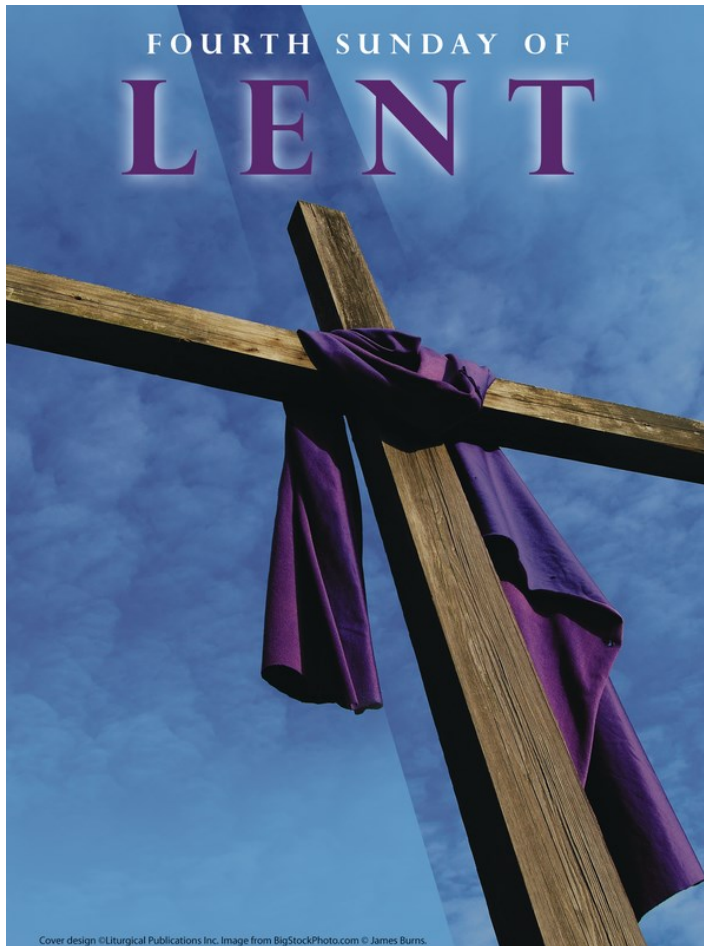
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Read the latest bulletin, Pastor's blog and find other  
useful information on your mobile device.

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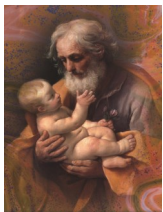
### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



God's messengers always seem to get mocked. They speak a truth that some folks do not want to hear. While on the one hand we admire them, we also are quite happy keeping them at a distance. After all,

they are not referring to me but someone else, aren't they? We often wrongly conclude that because we may be more avant-garde, contemporary, politically sensitive, and untraditional, we are somehow more in the light than others. People tend to prefer darkness more than light, even the most spiritually sensitive among us. The light always carries with it the richness of God's mercy and compassion which see beyond ideologies and concepts to relationships that cultivate life, earthly and eternal. Every hand of compassion and mercy extended to a human being must always point back to God. The call always involves ordering our lives in accord with our truth and essence of being. As God never forgets us, we must never forget God. Now is the time to take stock of our infidelity and return to the light, even though it is difficult to look at.

### SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH



THE SOLEMNITY  
of  
**ST. JOSEPH**  
MARCH 19

This year, the solemnity of Saint Joseph (March 19th) falls on a Friday. As a solemnity, the requirement to abstain from meat on the Friday's within the season of Lent is dispensed for that day (see canon 1251). If they chose to make use of this special dispensation, the faithful are encouraged to choose another day during the week March 15th -20th to abstain from meat as part of their Lenten observances.

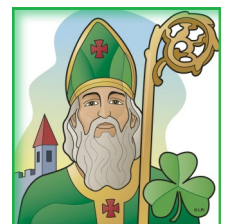
On the solemnity of Saint Joseph it is the custom in some places to bless bread, pastries, and other food and give a large portion of it to the poor. A Family Ritual for this St. Joseph's Table blessing may be found on the Office for Worship website. We encourage all the faithful to use this solemnity as an opportunity to practice charitable almsgiving, living out the Lord's command to love our neighbor.

*"I do not remember even now that I have ever asked anything of [St. Joseph] which he has failed to grant...To other saints the Lord seems to have given grace to succour us in some of our necessities, but of this glorious saint my experience is that he succours us in them all..."* (Autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila)



### IRISH BLESSING

"May your troubles be less.  
And your blessings be more.  
And nothing but happiness  
come through your door."



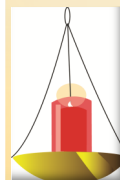
### SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

March 14th to March 27th

**MICHAEL CIERESZEWSKI**

"We Miss You."

Mom, April & Dawn



## ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Annamae Sironen, Glenn  
"Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda,  
Jeanette Klaehn, Carol  
Rucinski, William & Amelia  
Rebello, Louise Horvath,  
Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli,  
Dianne Toronski, Linda Debaltzo, Anthony Arlia,  
Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry  
Kuznik, Antoinette Jakosh, Joseph Mackey, John  
Sofcheck, Roger Horvath, Cherie Seitz, Irene  
(Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Chuck Pacanovsky,  
Ron Horvath, Sally Herman, & Arlene Gerda.



### GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

FRED & LINDA FISHER

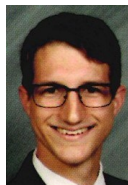
March 8, 2021—\$100.00 Winner



Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available at online at [leothegreat.org](http://leothegreat.org) or at the Rectory Office.

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

**Alexander Krukemeyer**  
**Our Lady of Victory, Tallmadge**  
**Second Year, Borromeo**



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

## Parish Support

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

Collection .....	\$ 6,281.00
WeShare(online) .....	\$ 1,705.00
Total .....	\$ 7,986.00

Capital Improvements (February, 2021)...	\$ 1,667.00
SVSP (February, 2021).....	\$ 435.00

## FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

### Monday, March 15th - Lenten Weekday

8:30am +Michelino Zappitelli (John Zappitelli)

### Tuesday, March 16th - Lenten Weekday

8:30am Sladewski Anniversary (Lou Sladewski)

### Wednesday, March 17th - St. Patrick

8:30am +Angela Zappitelli (John Zappitelli)

### Thursday, March 18th - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:30am Communion Service

### Friday, March 19th - St. Joseph

8:30am +Edward Stupic (Sara Stupic)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 20th - Lenten Weekday

4:00pm Seniors

### Sunday, March 21st - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Maria Jeremias Fernandez (Sister)

### First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The second book of Chronicles is part of a series which traces Jewish history from its beginning down to the end of the exile in Babylon, five centuries before Christ. Today's reading is the conclusion of the book. It summarizes the reasons for the exile and tells how it ended after 70 years. Second Chronicles was placed last in the Jewish bible. When we hear the final words of this reading, we hear how the Jewish Scriptures conclude on a positive note.

### Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Ephesus located on the western coast of what is today Turkey. The author of this letter to the Christians in Ephesus writes about the saving power of God that is available to both Jews and non-Jews. Today's passage reminds us that salvation is God's gift alone. "Gift" is the root meaning of the word "grace."

### Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

**Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

**Next Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)*

Dear Parishioners,

This past Tuesday, I felt very weak while celebrating the 8:30am Mass. I did not get much sleep the night before, something that just happens to me from time to time, despite my efforts to go to bed & wake up at the same time every day in order to be in sync with my circadian rhythm (that sounds pretty medical when I see it in print). Anyway, I then went out to breakfast with the Berigan's, something I rarely do anymore due to my intermittent fasting (now I'm really sounding like a health nut), but I couldn't eat even half the meal. I grew more & more exhausted during the day & then had a temperature of 100°. Out of an abundance of caution, I cancelled the remaining weekday Masses and went to get a COVID test first thing Wednesday morning. Since my first vaccine shot 3 weeks, I had a small cough for just a couple of days & had the chills a few times though these were mild & didn't last long at all. While I'm still waiting for the results of the COVID test, I'm confident I do not have the coronavirus but again, don't want to take any chances with making anyone else ill. I'll know by the time you read this what the results of my test are but again I want you to know that I would not do anything to put any of you at risk. I want to give you what information I have & ask that you continue to join me in prayer for all those who have fallen victim to this pandemic.

This Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, is the feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Actually, it is considered a "Solemnity" which means it ranks high above all other feasts in the Church. And so the requirement to abstain from meat on the Fridays within the season of Lent is dispensed for that day. If you chose to make use of this special dispensation, you are encouraged to choose another day during this week to abstain from meat as part of your Lenten observance. On this solemnity, it is the custom in some places to bless bread, pastries & other food & to give a large portion of it to the poor. A family ritual for this St. Joseph's Table blessing may be found on the Office for Worship website which is part of [dioceseofcleveland.org](https://dioceseofcleveland.org).

Pope Francis recalls the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. So the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St. Joseph" from this past December 8, 2020 until December 8, 2021. It was Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church which Pope Francis is recalling here. Pope Francis wrote an Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde* (translated "With a Father's Heart") in which he described St. Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows." The Pope wrote this letter against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic which he says has helped us see more clearly the importance of ordinary people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. St. Joseph is "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

Fr. James Schmitz

## THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY



### THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY IS OPEN!

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.

Go to: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/surveydtxc51t675>

There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass. You can obtain a paper copy of the survey in the **Rector's office** during regular business hours.

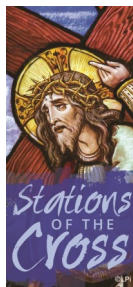
The survey will only be **available from now through March 21**. It will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Jim and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

**THANK YOU for helping with this important project!**



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Please join us for Stations of the Cross every **Friday during Lent at 7:00pm either in Church or at home. They will be live-streamed every week.** Please go to our website: [leothegreat.org](https://leothegreat.org) and click on the link. Fr. Jim or Deacon Pat will be leading them this year. They will include some music as we want more people to take advantage of this wonderful prayer opportunity which helps us to unite our sufferings to those of Christ. Please consider experiencing this unique prayer that has such a long tradition in our church.

## ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



Listed below are the needs of organizations that will be recipients of your generosity. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we cannot place baskets of hearts by the church doors as we have done in the past. Please purchase the items you wish and bring them to the church or rectory by Wednesday March 24th.

Remember to label the bag or container with the organization's

name. Rectory Office hours: Monday thru Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm; Saturday, Noon to 5:30pm and Sunday, 9:00am to 12:30pm.

**If you have any questions please call Jeanne Sabol at 216-351-6247.**

The following organizations will be recipients of your generosity:

### ♥ Birthright

Gift Cards for Target, Walmart, Marc's, Kohls

### ♥ Broadview Multicare

Adult Coloring Books, Word-Search Books, Colored Pencils, Crayons, Markers, Large-Piece Jigsaw Puzzles, Stuffed Animals, Playing Cards, Nail Polish, Body Wash

### ♥ Catholic Charities Refugee Families

Toilet Paper, Light Bulbs, Batteries, Alarm Clocks, Sponges, Toilet Brushes and Cleaner, Twin/Full Size Sheets, Tall Kitchen Wastebaskets, 13-Gal. Garbage Bags

### ♥ Holy Family Hospice

Paper Towels, Napkins, Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Bleach, Lestoil, Disinfectant Wipes, Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes

### ♥ Joseph House of Cleveland

Bath Towels, Washcloths, New Men's Underwear and Socks, Children's Socks (age 4-12), Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper

### ♥ Malachi House

Gift Cards: Walmart, Target, Giant Eagle, Save-a-Lot, Home Depot, GFS, Dave's Market, Amazon

### ♥ Malachi BackDoor Ministry

Canned Tuna/Chicken, Ground Coffee, Green Beans, Corn, Sweet Peas, Chicken Noodle Soup, Beef/Chicken Gravy, Grits

### ♥ Parma Care Center

Diet or Regular Cans of Pop, Large-Print Word Search Books, Markers, Colored Pencils, White Card Stock, Men's Aftershave, Men's/Women's Body Wash, Shampoo, Large-Piece Jigsaw Puzzles, Women's Hair Accessories, Medium-Size Handheld Mirrors

### ♥ Providence House

Applesauce, Canned fruits: Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail Cookies, Graham Crackers, Diapers, Sizes 5, 6, Unscented Baby Wipes, Paper Towels, Liquid Hand Soap  
Gift Cards: Target, Walmart

### ♥ St. Colman's

Shampoo, Dedorant, Bar Soap, Razors, Toilet Paper, Laundry/Dish Detergent, Sturdy Reuseable Shopping Bags

### ♥ St. Leo/St. Vincent dePaul Outreach

Bar Soap, Boxed Scalloped Potatoes/Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Canned Tuna, Dish Detergent, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Peanut Butter and/or Jelly, Cereal, Baked Beans, Spaghetti Sauce, Rice and Noodle Side Dishes

### ♥ West Side Catholic Center

Deodorant, Bar Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes, Cereal, Ground Coffee, Pots/Pans, New Children's Shoes, New Socks and Underwear—Men, Women, Children

## CONGRATULATIONS

to **Shawn Komora** who made the Honor Roll from ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL!



*Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson



## GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Buying our gift cards is an excellent way to help support our Parish. A complete list of gift cards is available at [leothegreat.org](http://leothegreat.org). Gift Cards can be used for your grocery needs, drugstore items, gasoline, or for Have a Heart Donations!

**PLEASE SUPPORT US.**



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



The American Red Cross Blood-mobile will be at St. Leos Lux Hall on **THIS Tuesday, March 16th** from 4pm-8pm. **Please note the day and time change for this drive only.** Red Cross staff are required to take temperatures at the door, remain masked and gloved during the blood drive (changing them often) and increased cleaning of the beds and equipment after every donation. Please consider donating due to the critical need for blood. All donors will have to be masked as well. If you don't have a face covering, one will be provided to you. Please register online at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org). Walk ins will not be accepted. Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay healthy.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**GO IN PEACE...**After the recessionary hymn reach into your pocket or purse for a contribution to assist those in need and place it in the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization Poor Boxes. You can also place your contribution in an envelope and mark it "SVDP" and drop it in the collection box or take it to the rectory. We thank you very much.



**EASTER DISTRIBUTION...**This year the St. Vincent de



Paul Outreach Organization will be giving our clients a gift card to purchase their Easter ham and additional items to help make their Easter dinner more complete. Please consider a donation to help us with these expenses. Place your cash or check in an envelope marked "SVDP EASTER" and drop it in the collection box or take it to the Rectory Office. We thank you very much for helping us make their Easter dinner more complete. Thank you!

## ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

Students and Faculty members lined the sidewalks to Welcome 2nd Grader Genesis, her sister Ahleia (7th grade), and their Mom & Dad. Everyone was thrilled that they were able to come to St. Leo's for a visit and enjoy a special lunch and spend time with classmates!

May God Bless Genesis and her Family.



**Enrollment  
Open NOW  
For 2021-2022**

### Importance of Preschool

During the first five years of a child's life, they will develop their language, thinking, emotional, social and physical skills that they will rely on for the rest of their lives. The St. Leo Preschool program is designed to provide a happy, secure place where each child will have a variety of experiences to develop such life skills.

**Full Day Class: 3 & 4 Year Old**

**Mon.— Fri. 8:00 am - 2:30 pm**

**Part-Time: 3 & 4 Year Old**

**St. Leo Preschool Accepts County Vouchers**

**Contact:**

**Jennifer Robinson**

**Preschool Director**

**(216) 661-5330**

**jrobinson@leothegreat.org**

**iPads & Apple TV's**

**Outdoor Playground**

**Monthly Newsletter**

**Special visitors  
during school year**

*Please join us to...*

**Tour the school \* Meet the principal**

**Apply for Cleveland vouchers**

**Apply for Fall enrollment**

**Grades K - 8**

- Safe and nurturing environment
- Before and after school care
- Tutoring and remediation programs
- Federal hot breakfast & lunch
- Cleveland voucher, EdChoice, EdChoice Expansion & Jon Peterson Scholarships.

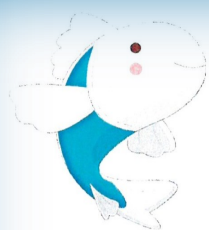
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# St. Leo Fish Dinners

## TAKE OUT ONLY

Fridays - February 19th to March 26th

Serving 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Dinners - \$8.00 choice of:

Baked Tilapia Almondine

Baked Seasoned Cod

Battered Fried Fish

Breaded Shrimp

Pierogies

Includes:

Choice of baked potato or fries,

coleslaw or applesauce,

roll and butter

\$10.00 Combo Meal-add 3 pierogies

Weekly Specials - Fish Tacos, Seafood Empanadas, Salmon Patty Dinner

Fish Sandwich - \$6.00

fried fish with cheese on

a hoagie roll served with

fries and coleslaw

Kids Meal - \$4.00

choice of: fried fish/pizza/

mac & cheese/pierogi

with fries and drink

(age 10 & under please)

### A la carte menu

Baked potato \$2.00

Cheese pizza \$2.00

Mac & cheese \$2.50

Side of fish \$5.00

(2 fried or 1 baked)

French fries \$2.00

Pierogies (3) \$3.50

Cabbage & noodles \$3.00

Soup of the day \$2.00

Dessert Available

St. Leo the Great Church - Lux Hall

4900 Broadview Road - Cleveland



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### 2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

To receive a copy of your 2020 contribution statement, please email your request to [mlhauck@leothegreat.org](mailto:mlhauck@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, e-mail or mail.

### 2021 MASS INTENTIONS

Our 2021 Mass INTENTIONS now closed. We no longer have any intentions left for this year. The 2022 book will not be open until September.

### 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](http://leothegreat.org) or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.



