



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

PALM SUNDAY

March 28, 2021

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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.



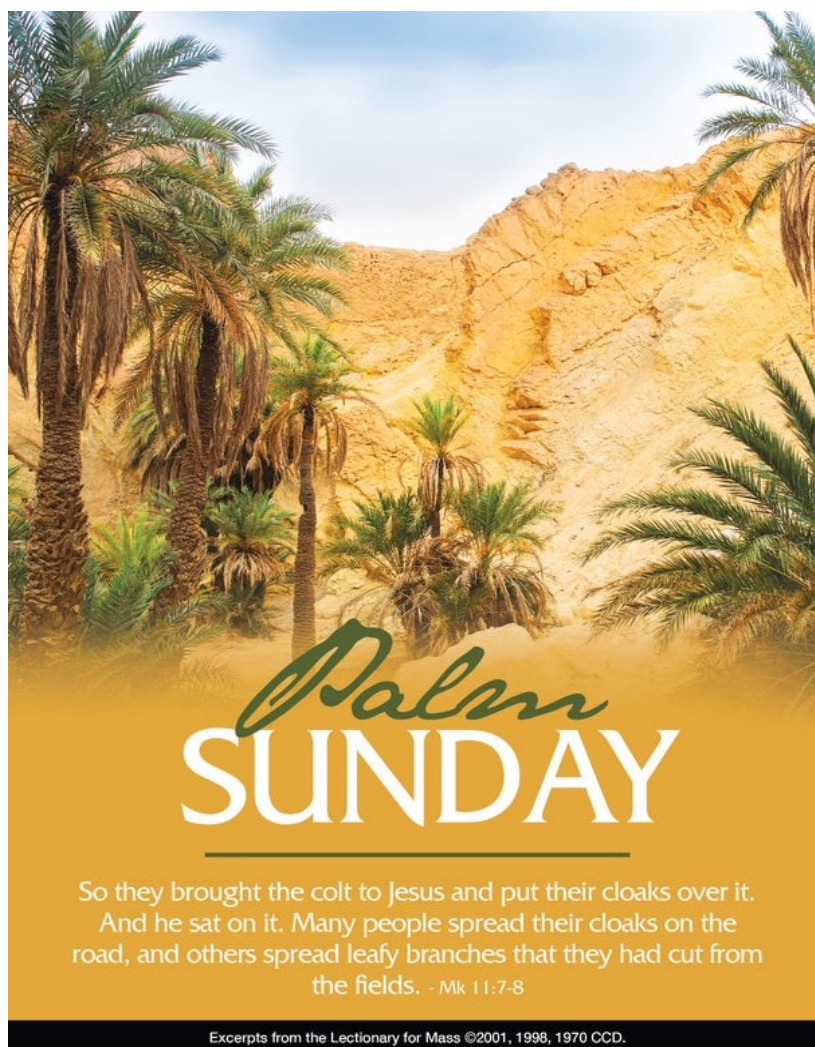
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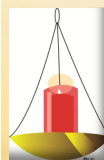
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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What an ironic twist of events! Jesus is hailed with palm branches as he comes down a street one minute and faces agonizing suffering and death on a cross the next. Does any of this make any sense? They shouted, “hosanna to our King,” out of one side of their mouths and, “crucify him,” out of the other. At first glance it seems like such hypocrisy. Yet, when we step back there may be more truth to the story than we care to admit. We struggle with Jesus. We hail him in our churches but struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. We are fine when we hear pious renderings of his messages and preaching but wince when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct business and becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor and marginalized. We invoke God’s name when we want victory and keep silence when it comes to global solidarity. We talk out of both sides of our mouths too, looking only to what works or suits us at the time and leaving the rest. There exists in each one of us a person who hails our King with hosannas and a person who is all too willing to choose Jesus over Barabbas for the cross. Something to think about this Holy Week!

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION



March 28th to April 10th

JOSEPH & MARY SUCHY

From: Carole Mouton

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and

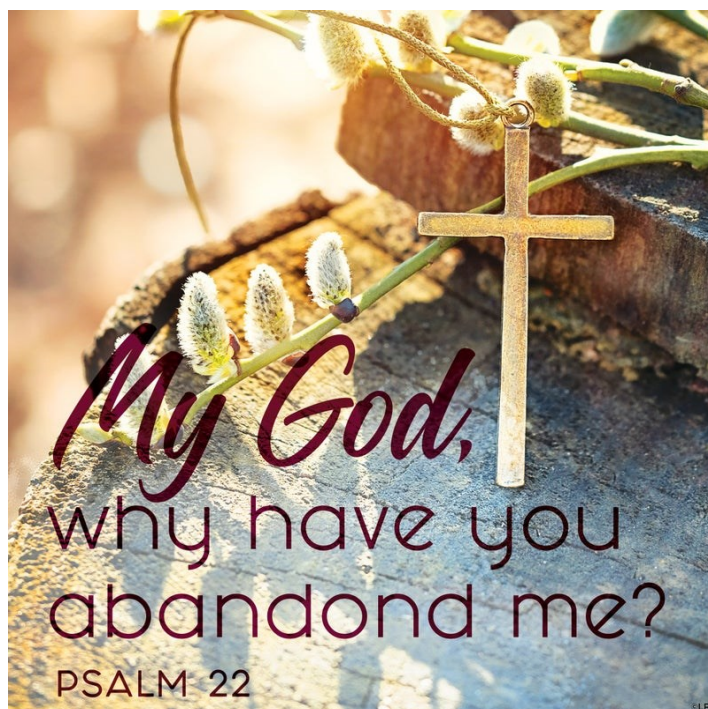
offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also help to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday.



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn,, William & Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, 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, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Chuck Pacanovsky, Ron Horvath, Sally Herman, Arlene Gerda & Lorice Yurek



Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave coming in human likeness; (Phil 2:7)

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

KEN NODGE

March 22, 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 or at the Rectory Office.

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

Br. Gregory Coyne, OSB
Benedictine, St. Andrew Abbey
Novice



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



SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH

Collection	\$ 4,186.00
WeShare(online)	\$ 1,750.00
Total	\$ 5,936.00

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



Monday, March 29th - Monday of Holy Week

8:30am +Fr. Tony Muzic (Fr. James Schmitz)

Tuesday, March 30th - Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30am +Michele Cifranic (Friend)

Wednesday, March 31st - Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30am +May Schmitz (Fr James Schmitz)

Thursday, April 1st - Holy Thursday

8:30am Morning Prayer

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 2nd - Good Friday

8:30am Morning Prayer

3:00pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Solemn Celebration of Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 3rd - Holy Saturday

8:30am Morning Prayer

11:30am Food Blessing

8:30pm Solemn Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 4th

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am People of the Parish



First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Chapters 40-55 of the Book of Isaiah contain the message of a prophet who spoke to God's people during their exile in Babylon. Several times the prophet speaks about a servant who will one day deliver God's people. Because the Servant is portrayed as suffering, Christians have traditionally identified Jesus with him.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In the years following Christ's death and resurrection, Christians began to develop the prayers and hymns that would become part of their rituals. In today's passage from the letter to the Philippians, Paul appears to be quoting an early Christian hymn celebrating the dying and rising of Christ.

Readings for the week of March 28, 2021

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 /Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35/Gn 22:1-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 /Jn 20:1-9

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioner,

I have begun to notice an increase of people attending Mass which I attribute to more & more people feeling comfortable being out in public after they have received the vaccine. So let me first say to you, welcome back! It may have been months or even over a year since some of you were last here and we are thrilled to have you join us physically again. This is a good opportunity for me to encourage anyone who has been away from church to return now, but also to let you know that the dispensation still remains in effect for those who do not feel comfortable or ready to come back yet. Let us pray that as more people receive the vaccine and the spread of the virus continues to decrease, that life may return to some sort of normalcy in the weeks & months ahead. It's been a difficult year that is now behind us, and we continue to grieve the loss of those who have died from the coronavirus and to pray for those whose health has been compromised as a result of it. But let us pray with hope and gratitude that we may live in good health and freedom as spring is in the air and the memory of the Crucified but Risen Christ is brought to the front of our minds.

With that, I invite you to take or receive palms that will be available for this "Palm" or "Passion" Sunday (so named as it is the first time this week the Passion story of Jesus's suffering & death will be proclaimed, the second time being on Good Friday).

Our full Holy Week schedule is available in the parish bulletin & on our website, but I'll invite you now to join us especially for the "Sacred Triduum" or the sacred three days which make up the holiest days of the year. On Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper will begin at 7pm. Though we will not have the washing of the feet this year which reminds us of what our Lord did to express his life of service at the Last Supper, we will still celebrate the gift of the Eucharist given on this day to the Church. The Blessed Sacrament will be moved from the main body of the church and placed on the altar in the chapel area at the end of Mass and the church will remain open for one hour after Mass for those who wish to sit and contemplate the meaning of this day.

On Good Friday, the church will be open from 9am until after our 7pm Service and you are welcome to come and pray in the church at any time. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 3pm and the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion will be at 7pm. The Veneration of the Cross will take place, however we ask that you adore the Cross either with a bow or genuflection instead of a kiss or touch. Holy Communion will be offered as usual during this Service.

The Blessing of Food will take place on Holy Saturday at 11:30am. The Easter Vigil will be at 8:30pm on Saturday but no candles will be used by those in the congregation. Mass on Easter Sunday will be at 8am and 11am. There will be no 9:30am Mass this year as we continue to anticipate a smaller crowd than usual this year. We look forward to your presence as we marvel at the Presence of the Lord who died and rose so that we will never be alone.

Fr. James Schmitz



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Morning Prayer - 8:30am

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 2nd

Morning Prayer - 8:30am

Stations of the Cross - 3:00pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

Morning Prayer - 8:30am

Food Blessing - 11:30am

Solemn Easter Vigil - 8:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 4th

Masses at 8:00am and 11:00am

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER
OFFICE HOURS**

The Rectory Office hours are as follows:



Good Friday: CLOSED

Holy Saturday: 9:00am to 3:00pm

Easter Sunday: CLOSED

Easter Monday: CLOSED

FISH DINNERS -- THANK YOU!



Thank you to all of the people who attended the fish dinners this year despite the pandemic. We were surprised by the number of people who came week after week to support the parish. A huge THANK YOU to the volunteers who cooked, served, took and filled orders, and cleaned up afterwards. We couldn't have done it without their dedication year after year. We hope next year things will be back to normal with both dine-in and take-out options. Thanks for a great Lenten season -- see you next year!

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

MEMORIES.....When today's adult parishioners were schoolchildren, you often made a small sacrifice during Lent to help the poor. If you would like to relive the spirit of those happy, carefree days, the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization will gladly accept your

donations. We would accept cash or checks made payable to St. Leo's. You can either place your donation in the Poor Boxes or put it in an envelope marked "SUDP" and place it in the collection box or take it to the rectory. Act now during Lent a special time for almsgiving. We thank you very much.



PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST TAKE OUT ONLY!

**THIS Sunday, March 28th
9:00am to 12:30pm**

Our 47th Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held at St. Leo the Great from 9:00am to 12:30pm on Palm Sunday, March 28th. **Our Feature Item is Banana Bread French Toast.**

Pancake breakfast meal: Pancakes, eggs and your choice: sausage or bacon for \$6.

Banana bread french toast meal: Banana bread french toast, eggs, and your choice: bacon or sausage for \$8.

Cash or credit will be accepted.

GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE FOR ALL YOUR EASTER 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 Easter shopping, everyday purchases, gifts, or as a simple thank you. **PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE AND SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED.



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 **Rectory office** during regular business hours.

The survey will be **AVAILABLE NOW THROUGH MONDAY APRIL 19TH**. 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!

BIRTHRIGHT TRAINING



Birthright will be hosting a training program for new volunteers for our Lakewood office in April. Volunteers duties include answering the phones, sorting baby clothes, making up layettes and helping pregnant women find community resources. If you feel God is calling you to help women, please call Toni for more information at 216-228-5998.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION—Grief Support Group Leader Opportunities:



We are seeking compassionate individuals to serve as substitute Grief Support Group Leaders in our monthly grief support program (in-office and virtual). **"Substitute leaders"** will be available to lead any of our six in-office grief support groups or our virtual grief support group when a regularly scheduled Leader is unavailable. Qualified candidates will be Certified Ministers of Consolation through the Diocese of Cleveland, have a calling to serve the bereaved in our communities, and a compassionate and listening heart. Candidates will have the ability to work with diverse groups of people with varying grief needs and will be beyond any significant personal grief/loss. Grief support leaders will facilitate and guide discussions, not counsel. Support group leaders will receive a small stipend for each session led. Minister of Consolation Training and basic Zoom skills may be provided if all other qualifications are met. All interested candidates please contact Rhonda at rabrums@clecem.org or 216-930-4866. **Please respond by 4/6/2021.**





The school got their “Green” on to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day! Our very own 2nd Grade teacher, Ms. Troutman taught the students about the art of Irish Dancing and demonstrated it by performing a dance for the kids! Such a beautiful talent!



Ms. LaHoud’s kindergarten students had fun making leprechaun traps and shared how they made them!



www.leothegreatschool.org

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.

**Enrollment
NOW Open
for
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**Preschool
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Full or Part Time
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**St. Leo Preschool Accepts
County Vouchers**

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Walk Every Step with Christ



Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

FREE COMMUNITY EASTER DINNER AT MARY QUEEN OF PEACE Take-Out Only

Sunday, April 4th 12pm-2pm

Delivery is limited to the Old Brooklyn area. Call by March 30th to be added to the list 216-749-2323. Please drive to the back doors of the Parish Center and your meals will be brought out to you!



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 and we will gladly assist you.



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.



