



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL



April 11, 2021

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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.



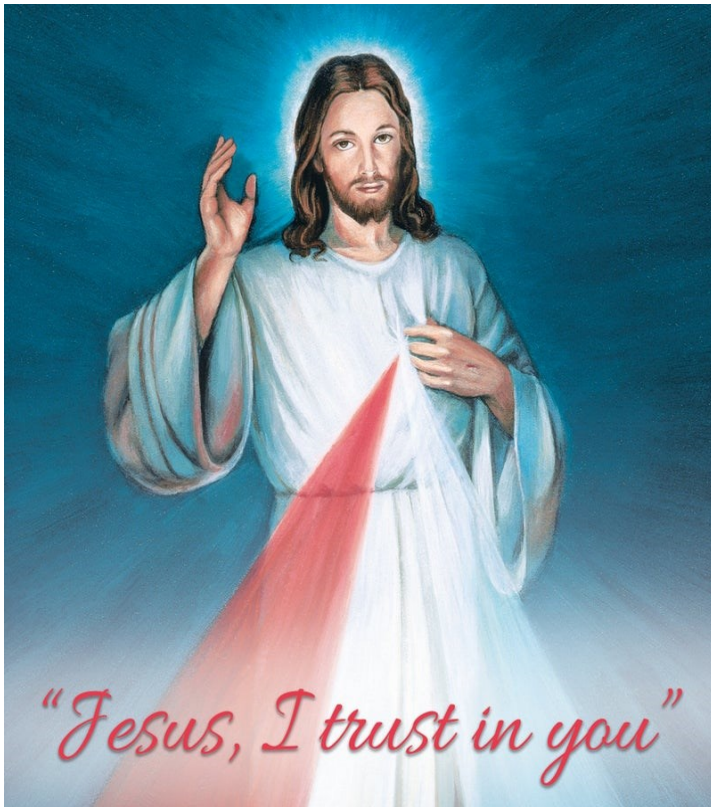
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Question:

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

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**In Memory Of
Victor Barcelona**

May 6, 1937
March 29, 2021

Funeral Service

11:00 am Fri. Apr 2, 2021
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

Father James Schmitz

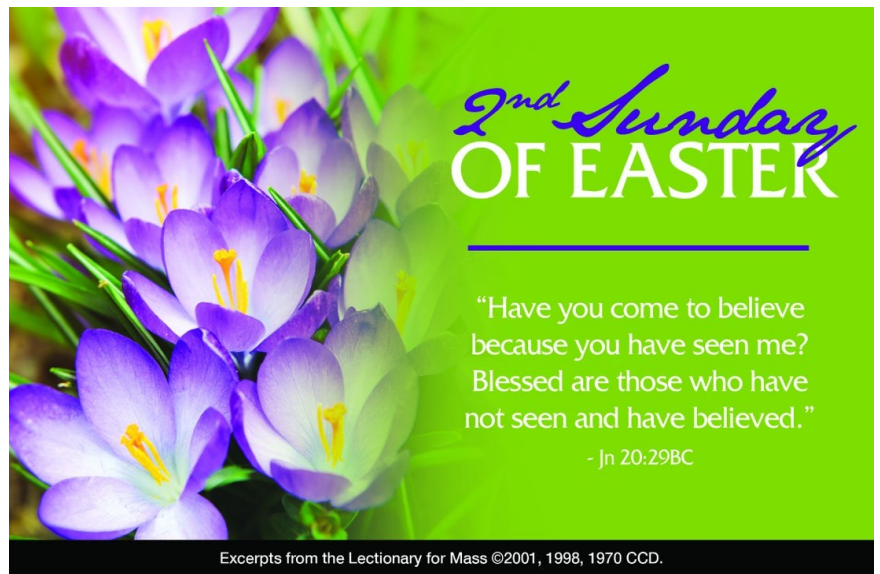
Interment

Holy Cross Cemetery
Sec 4 Lot 39 Grave 2

*With all your heart you
must trust the Lord and not
your own judgement.
Always let Him lead you,
and He will clear the road
for you to follow.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

Yurch Funeral Home



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Alleluia! Forgiveness has risen from the grave! What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. When experienced, we are moved to do all in our power to avoid sin and embrace the loving presence of our risen God. God stands ever ready to receive us and wants nothing more than for us to come home. How reluctant we are to believe this truth! We want proof, tangible evidence and absolute assurance that what we have been told is true. Jesus has risen from the dead and brings us peace. It is the gift of wholeness and holiness that is breathed upon us by God's life-giving and healing mercy. May the rays of love that flow from the heart of Christ pierce ours!

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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 & Gary Skelley

LIGHTER SIDE—A Good Sermon



The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

— George Burns

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

CHARLES SLOAN

Easter Sunday—\$200.00 Winner

DEBBIE HEYINK

April 5, 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.

Sr. Jennifer Beridge, CSJ
Congregation of St. Joseph
Initial Formation

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



PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH

Collection	\$ 8,255.00
WeShare(online)	\$ 1,422.00
Total	\$ 9,677.00
Capital Improvements (March 2021)	\$1,678.00
SVDP (March 2021)	\$ 265.00

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**



Monday, April 12th - Weekday

8:30am +Vance & Klocek Families (Bernadine & Family)

Tuesday, April 13th - St. Martin I

8:30am +Jim Hocevar (Family)

Wednesday, April 14th - Weekday

8:30am +William LaGodney, Sr. (Family)

Thursday, April 15th - Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, April 16th - Weekday

8:30am +Bill Kordick (Family)

Saturday, April 17th - Weekday

4:00pm +Loretta Caruso (Anita Skryp)

Sunday, April 18th - 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Dan Stankiewicz, Blair Lambert & Marilyn August (Marie Stankiewicz)

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Luke wrote a two-volume work: Volume One was his Gospel; Volume Two was the Acts of the Apostles which describes the life of the church after the Resurrection of Jesus. Every year, during the seven weeks of the Easter Season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. In today's passage, Luke gives an idealized description of early Christian community life.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Today and for the remaining Sundays of the Easter, our second reading will be take from the first letter of John. It was written about 100 A.D., and is one of the last New Testament books to be composed. This letter was written in the tradition of the apostle John and thus bears his name. Today's passage from near the end of this brief letter treats the fundamentals of Christian life: faith, love, and the commandments.

Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

*Give thanks to the Lord, for his is good,
his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)*

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Again it was a great joy for me to see so many people join us for our Easter Masses last weekend. I saw many faces (minus their nose & mouth) which I had not seen for several months or for over a year. To those who have begun the process of returning, welcome back. To those who are still waiting for vaccinations or just for when you feel it will be the right time to return, we will wait patiently for you. But to all, know that it is always a joy for us to know you are praying with us, whether you are with us "live" or via live-streaming.

On April 2nd we celebrated a Funeral Service (as Good Friday is the only day of the year when Mass is not permitted) for Victor Barcelona. Victor was married to his wife Maxima for 55 years. They came to the United States from the Philippines with 4 children in tow because they wanted the freedom to practice their faith. They had 5 children, all of whom attended our parish school and then went on to Catholic High Schools. Their children gave them 10 grandchildren, some of whom have been baptized here at St. Leo's. Victor attended bible study and spoke often of the saints and prayed the rosary. His faith was so evident in his life. May he who was surrounded by his family at the time of his death, now be surrounded by the saints he often spoke of as his heavenly family.

At Mass Easter weekend, we prayed for a young girl by the name of Genesis Mossage who passed away on April 1st (Holy Thursday). Genesis was a student at our parish school. In December of 2017, she was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma which is a type of cancer that occurs most often in infants & young children. Genesis went through chemo and treatments and our school students supported her in many ways. GiGi, as she liked to be called, will be waked this Sunday and we continue to keep her and her family in our prayers. The parish school made a donation to her family through GoFundMe and we pray that God may provide for all of their needs.

Also on April 1st, Sister Patricia Raelene passed away and this past Friday we celebrated her Funeral Mass at St. John Vianney in Mentor where she was raised & where her parents were buried from. I was assigned to St. John Vianney during the years when Sister transitioned from being a Little Sister of the Poor to becoming a Sister of the Holy Spirit in Garfield Heights. I anointed her back in 1994 when she had a brain tumor and gratefully she lived for many years after that. I was honored to preach the homily at her funeral Mass where I was able to share my own experience of her giftedness and holiness. Sister loved Christmas & still had Christmas decorations up in the Villa where she lived at Jennings. There was even a Christmas tree set up in her bedroom where her hospice bed was placed. If you recall, it snowed quite a bit on April 1st and she is probably the cause of that as she loved the snow. There is only one remaining Sister of the Holy Spirit now and so the Order will come to an end at her passing. May God reward these Sisters for all the good they did and for the good that continues to be done through others because of them.

Fr. James Schmitz



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@leothgreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION



April 11th to April 24th

RUSSELL WALKER
"We Miss You Dad!"

From: Your Children

HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT
US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We are grateful that so many of you have continued to contribute during this time. 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.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization food and staple collection to assist those in need is next weekend, **APRIL 17th and 18th**. Items that we are most in need of are:

BAKED BEANS, CREAMED SYTLE CORN, CANNED PASTA, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, STUFFING MIX, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, RICE & NOODLE SIDES, TUNA FISH, CANNED FRUIT, CERERAL, PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY, PANCAKE SYRUP, SOUPS AND DISHWASHING DETERGENT. Because of YOU we are able to ensure others do not go without. Thank you very much for helping.

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.

Welcome
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US



**THEOLOGY • ON • THE • ROCKS
WEST**
FOR ADULTS 40 & OVER

Monday, April 12 – 7:00pm
VIA Zoom
Bishop Roger Gries,
Bishop Emeritus of Cleveland
Topic: Understanding
Religious Orders



Benedictine, Carmelites, Dominicans, Jesuits, Franciscans... and this barely skims the surface of the religious orders. We've heard the names, but if someone asked you to explain who they are or what the difference is, could you answer? Well, we've asked Bishop Gries to help us unravel what the religious orders are and why there are so many different orders. Join us for this enlightening evening with Bishop Gries. We can't wait to see you there!

Limited to 90 Computer Audience
Register in advance

www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west

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!

GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE FOR ALL YOUR SPRING 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 spring yard work, everyday purchases, gifts, or a simple thank you. **PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE AND SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

BRING IT TO THE BIN—BONUS WEEK APRIL 18TH - 24TH



What a great way to receive an additional \$2/ton for all the paper you bring to your bin during Bonus Week.



You can help our school earn \$\$? Just bring it to the bin. Bring Mail, Newspapers, Wrapping Paper, Hard and Soft Bound Books, Phone Books, Brown Paper Bags, and Flattened Cardboard. Tell your family, friends and neighbors to save their paper too!

Please Share this Flyer with Family, Friends & Neighbors!

**2021 Preschool
Kindergarten & Grades 1 thru 8**

Enrollment Open

**Call the School at 216.661.2120
Or the
Preschool at 216.661-5330**

Visit us at leothegreatschool.org

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Office at
216.661.2120**

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Teachers & Staff

- 3 Preschool Teachers
- 10 Homeroom Teachers, grades K-8
- 2 Classroom Aides
- Music, Art, Technology, Phys. Ed, and Spanish Teachers
- Learning Disability Tutor
- Title1 Remedial Math and Reading Teacher
- School Psychologist
- Speech and Language Pathologist
- School Nurse
- School Librarian

All teachers are certified by the State of Ohio. All teachers hold various levels of certification in Religious Education.

Curriculum

- Religion - First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Confirmation for grade 8.
- Reading & Phonics - Ohio Reading Guarantee Testing
- Math
- English
- Social Studies
- Science and Health - Annual Science Fair for grades 6 & 8
- Spanish Program - grades 5 thru 8
- Physical Education
- Art Program - Annual Student Art Show
- Music Program - Christmas & Spring Concerts. St. Leo Band (Grades 3-8)
- 1:1 Student Chromebook or iPad
- ACTIVboard and Smartboard Instruction

St. Leo Preschool was established in 1985. They operate under the Ohio State Charter of Diocesan Catholic Schools. They are licensed by the Ohio Dept. of Education.

- Offer Full Day & Part-Time 3 & 4 year old programs
- iPads & Apple TV's
- Outdoor Playground
- Arts/Crafts & Music
- Accepts County Vouchers

Their program incorporates the Early Learning Content Standards of the Ohio Dept. of Education and includes readiness activities for language arts, reading, math, social studies and science.



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PARISH & SCHOOL

4900 Broadview Road Cleveland
1 block north of Brookpark Road

**Accept Cleveland,
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Expansion &
Jon Peterson Vouchers!
Preschool Accepts County
Vouchers**

Applications Available for all

**EXCELLENCE IN
CATHOLIC
EDUCATION**

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
Eye Has Not Seen

BELIEVE

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*
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JEFFREY SCHIGEL SCHOLARSHIP



All Saints Federal Credit Union is offering the \$500 Jeffrey Schigel Scholarship for St. Leo the Great Eighth Graders. To be eligible, the eighth-grade student must be attending a Catholic High School. To enter, fill out the form on our website, www.allsaintsfcu.com, or stop in to our office and pick one up! We are located at 6740 Broadview Road, Parma, OH 44134. Completed forms may be emailed to cu@allsaintsfcu.com or mailed or dropped off at any of our three branch locations.

The deadline for completed forms is Friday, May 14, 2021. Please call 216-524-0414 if you have any questions. Visit our website for branch locations and hours. Good luck!

