



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021

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Monday through Friday/School Day ~ 8:00AM—2:45PM

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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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useful information on your mobile device.

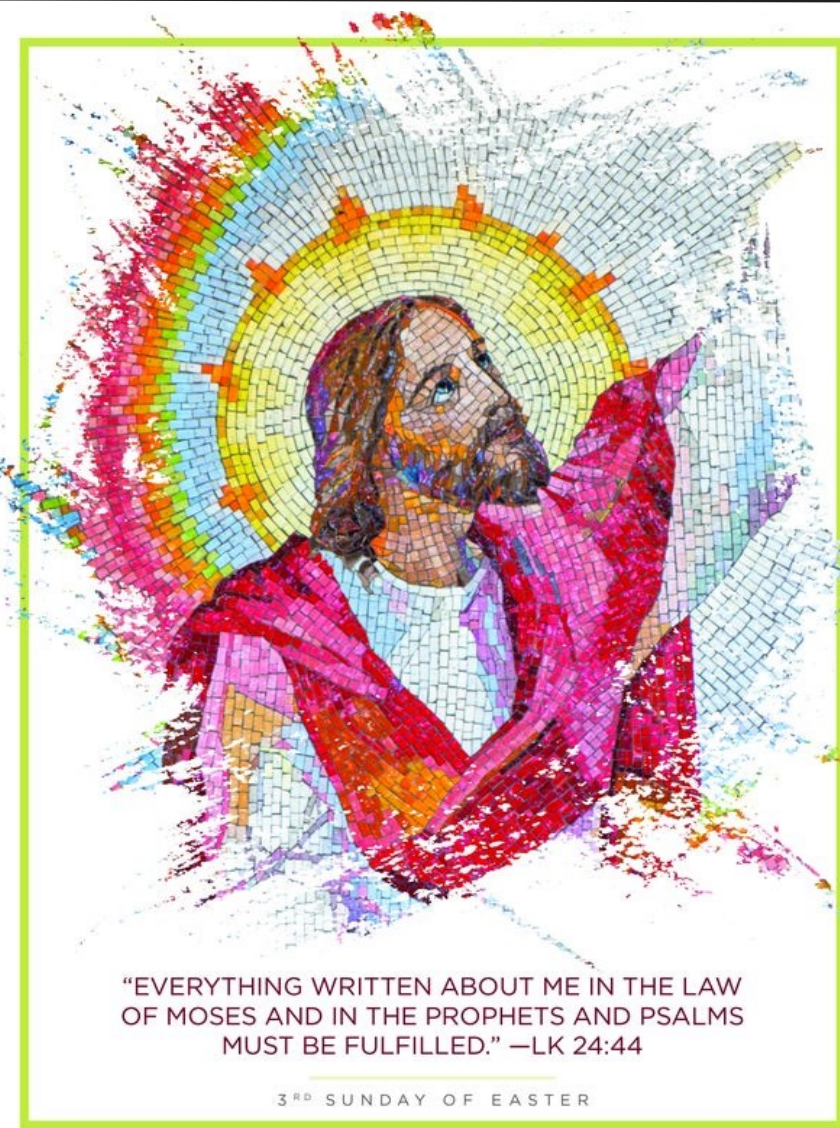
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LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

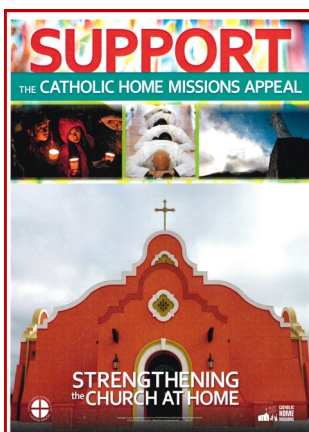
When the greeting “Peace be with you” is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God’s compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God’s offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God’s gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.

Pax Christi



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.



CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

ALL SAINTS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION—79TH ANNUAL MEETING



All Saints Federal Credit Union is hosting its 79th Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election! This meeting will be on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 5:45 pm at the St. Francis De Sales Social Hall. Doors will open at 5:30 pm. Attendance tickets are required but are **FREE** to members! Due to COVID-19, we will not be serving food or drinks. The hall capacity will be limited to 60; this number includes board, staff, and guests. Contact the

St. Columbille Branch at 216-524-0414, the St. Therese Branch at 216-587-0631, or the St. Francis De Sales Branch at 440-888-3663 for more information.

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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



Monday, April 19th - Easter Weekday
8:30am +Brenda Cole (Ron Ruff)
Tuesday, April 20th - Easter Weekday
8:30am +Joe Morimino (Larson Family)
Wednesday, April 21st - St. Anselm
8:30am +Jim & Peg Berigan (Deacon Pat & Joan)
Thursday, April 22nd - Easter Weekday
8:30am Communion Service
Friday, April 23rd - St. George, & St. Adalbert
8:30am +Joseph Krakora (Joe & Joan Krakora)
Saturday, April 24th - Easter Weekday
4:00pm Tom & Mary Jo Blados
50th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday, April 25th - 4th Sunday of Easter
8:00am People of the Parish
11:00am +Sara Schmitz (Fr. James Schmitz)



GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

GARY & LAUREEN SKELLEY

April 12, 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.

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Chapter three of the Acts of the Apostles describes how Peter and John healed a lame man who sat begging each day at the gate of the temple. The people were astonished at this miracle. Peter used the opportunity to give a sermon encouraging the people to believe in Jesus. We hear a portion of that sermon now.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

Each Sunday during this Easter Season, we are reading from the first letter of John. It was written for the community from which the fourth Gospel emerged. At the time, this community was seriously divided. Some members believed that as long as you had faith in Jesus, it didn't matter what you did in daily life. Today's passage deals with that issue.

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

Edward Linsky
Divine Word—Kirtland
Year 1—Diaconate Formation



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

Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Parish Support

SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH

Collection	\$ 7,820.00
WeShare(online)	\$ 2,295.00
Total	\$ 10,115.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$ 1,238.00
Catholic Relief	\$601.00
Eastern Europe	\$261.00

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name." (Lk 24:46-47)

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Walter Pasela has been a parishioner at St. Leo's for some time and I saw an article about him which said that he just turned 100 years old and so his family & friends celebrated his birthday with a 100 car parade! He is a veteran from WWII & a member of the American Legion. So this is just a shout-out to Walter to wish him a belated happy birthday & to let him know we're still hearing about him & keeping him in our prayers.

Thanks to all those who made our Easter liturgies so festive with the beautiful flower arrangements in the church & with the uplifting music throughout Holy Week. We are all grateful that so many use their gifts for the good of the parish and the glory of God.

I'm having a hard time this week coming up with new material for this column so I thought I'd share some levity with you since the Easter Time of the year calls us to be joyful in the new life God offers to us. So with that, I'll include here some "Paraprosdokians" which are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is unexpected. Winston Churchill loved them. So here are some examples for you...

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
3. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
4. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
5. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
6. They begin the evening news with "Good Evening," then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
7. To steal ideas from someone is plagiarism. To steal from many is called research.
8. In filling in an application, where it says, "In case of emergency, notify:" I put "Doctor."
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. A clear conscience is a sign of a bad memory.
11. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
12. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.
13. I'm supposed to respect my elders but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.
14. I'm not arguing with you. I'm explaining why you are wrong.

And here's one from a child...

A pastor was giving a children's sermon on priest's clothing and asked: "Why do you think I wear this collar?" One kid answered: "Because it kills ticks & fleas up to 30 days?"

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.

ROSARY



Please join us in church on **THIS TUESDAY, April 20th**, as we say the rosary at 7:00pm. What is a rosary? The rosary is the recitation of the Hail Mary, Our Father and other traditional prayers in a particular order. Don't own a rosary? Don't know how to say the rosary? Please join us anyway, and we will provide you with what you need,

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



Not every parishioner can be in the right place at the right time to help a needy family as Jesus asks. Your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization has been set up to do just that. Your help through the Poor Boxes assists your SVDP Organization in providing food and helping with other expenses to those in need.

When you pass by the Poor Boxes, help members reach out and help a needy family. Your donation can also be put in an envelope marked "SVDP" and placed in the collection boxes, or taken to the rectory. We thank you for your help!

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!

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION TO FEED HUNGRY FAMILIES: SVDP RACE FOR HUNGER RELIEF MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

**Race for Hunger Relief:
The Final Stretch**



**Matching Gift Campaign
for SVDP Hunger Centers**

This past year during the pandemic, St. Vincent de Paul Society hunger centers served 9,260 NEW people who found themselves in need of emergency food for the very first time (this is in addition to the other 120,000 people that SVDP normally serves). Please help by donating to this matching gift campaign today. Not only will your contribution be doubled, but every dollar of your gift will feed up to four people. Donate at svdpcle.org or send a check to: SVDP Race for Hunger Relief, 1404 E. 9th Street-3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114.

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 THIS 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!

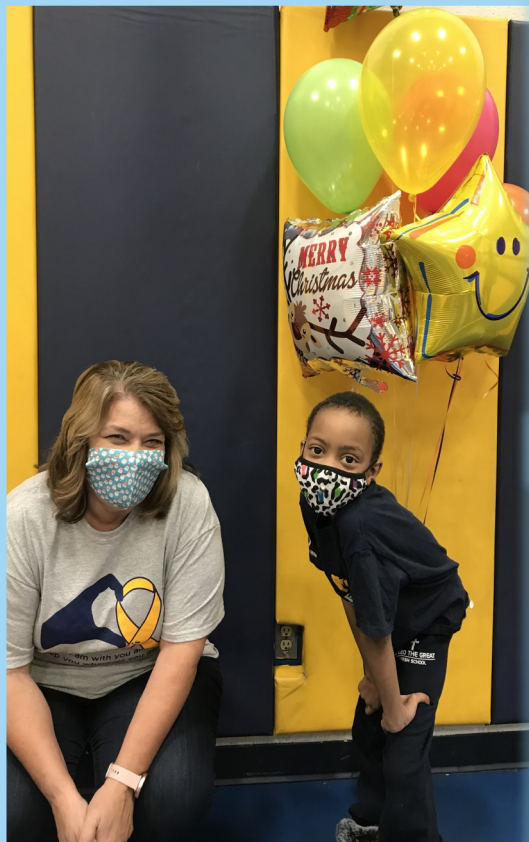
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St. Leo the Great School and Parish Community was saddened by the passing of Genesis (Gigi) Mossage.

Our memories of her love, strength and courage will continue to be a light that shines brightly in our school.

Her family is extremely grateful to the St. Leo the Great Community for all the prayers and support they have received.

Please continue to pray for her family to have the strength they need to continue during this difficult time.





SAINT GEORGE'S STORY (April 23th)

Saint George is the object of a vast amount of imagination. There is every reason to believe that he was a real martyr who suffered at Lydda in Palestine, probably before the time of Constantine. The Church adheres to his memory, but not to the legends surrounding his life. That he was willing to pay the supreme price to follow Christ is what the Church believes. And it is enough.

The story of George's slaying the dragon, rescuing the king's daughter, and converting Libya is a 12th-century Italian fable. George was a favorite patron saint of crusaders, as well as of Eastern soldiers in earlier times. He is a patron saint of England, Portugal, Germany, Aragon, Catalonia, Genoa, Milan and Bologna.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



FIRST COMMUNION

QUESTION:

Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

ANSWER:

For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.

