



ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH & SCHOOL

DIVINE MERCY
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM
Sundays ~ 8:00AM, and 11:00AM

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Thursday ~ 7:30AM
Friday ~ 8:30AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30AM and 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are heard on Saturday, from 2:45PM—3:30PM or anytime 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

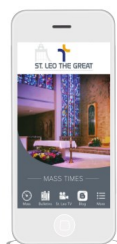
Parents desiring Baptism for their children are asked to contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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.



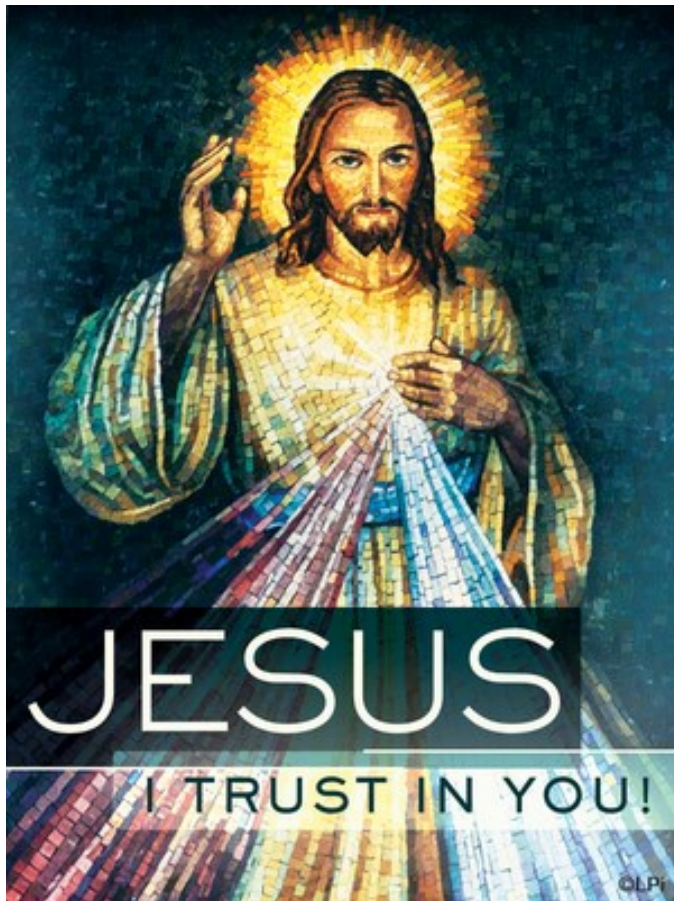
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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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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Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them.

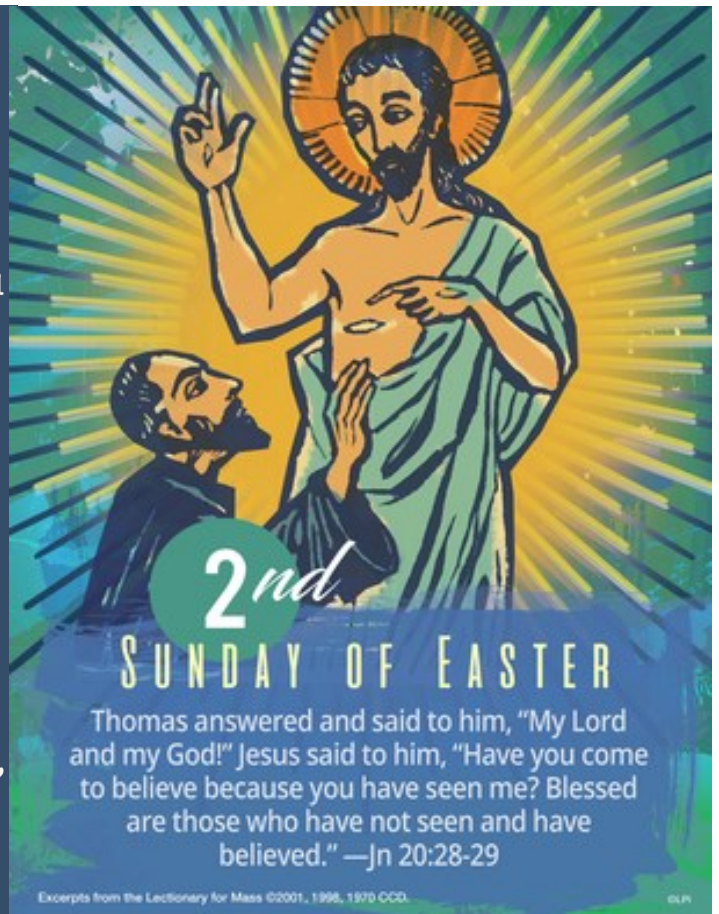
Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said,

“Peace be with you.”

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.”

— Jn 20:26-27

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Ed Gorcyka, Bob McLaughlin, Annamae Sironen, John Risko, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Ron Vokac, Carol Rucinski, Pat Chopka, William & Amelia Rebello, Louise Horvath, Diane Kalus, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Bill Hinton, Linda Debaltzo, Anna Mendoza, Anthony Arlia, Kathleen & Richard Svoboda, George Aloschen, Mary Suder, Charles Hakaim, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Dorothy Forister, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, & Trudy Miller.



Monday, April 20th - Easter Weekday
+Brenda Cole (Family)

Tuesday, April 21st - St. Anselm
+Jim & Peg Berigan (Deacon Pat & Joan)

Wednesday, April 22nd - Easter Weekday
+Stanley J. Gierlach (Family)

Thursday, April 23rd - St. George and St. Adalbert
No Intentions

Friday, April 24th - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
+Joseph Krakora (Joe & Joan Krakora)

Saturday, April 25th - St. Mark
+Sara Schmitz (Fr. James Schmitz)

Sunday, April 26th - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
+Kathryn Roa (Grace Pauloski & Family)
+Larry Clancy (Smith & Leary Families)

(Fr. Jim will offer these intentions during his private Masses during the shut down of public Masses.)

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS!

KEVIN POZEK
Easter, April 12, 2020
\$200.00 Winner

VIRGINIA BASHISTA
April 13, 2020
\$100.00 Winner



Don't forget to sign up for our **Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing**. Forms to sign up are available at the Information Desk in the vestibule of the Church, or at the Rectory Office.

First Reading: Acts: 2:42-47

Luke wrote a two-volume work: Volume One was his Gospel, and 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: 1Peter 1:3-9

Our second reading during most of this Easter season is taken from the first letter of Peter, which was addressed to Christians living in the northern part of what is today Turkey. These Christians found themselves out of step with the society in which they lived, and they felt abused and discriminated against. The resurrection of Jesus was held out to them as a basis of hope during their trials, which is why the Church chooses to read from this book during the Easter Season.

Readings for the week of April 19, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20: 19-31

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: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (Jn 20:19-31)

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

William Elwer
St. Jude
Elyria
Year 1—Diaconate Program



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



Sunday, April 5th

Basket Collection	\$8,553.00
WeShare(online).....	\$2,780.00
Total	\$11,333.00
Eastern Europe	\$405.00
Black & Indian	\$338.00
Catholic Relief.....	\$444.00
Flowers.....	\$1,079.00

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT,
ESPECIALL DURING THESE
VERY DIFFICULT DAYS!**

Dear Parishioners,

On this second Sunday after Easter, we are on the last day of what the Church calls the “Octave” of Easter, meaning the eight days when we celebrate Easter each day as if it were Easter Day itself. This is because we cannot limit our rejoicing to just one day...it must be spread out, as it were, over a period of eight days in order for us to fully reflect on what it means that Christ has been raised from the dead. Easter is not just about what happened to Jesus but about what happens to all of us now that he has shown us in a way no one else could, the love and mercy of our heavenly Father. It means that we have hope. We have a future to look forward to. We have the promise that we will not die in our sins. For “if we believe that Jesus was raised from the dead, so too will God raise us from death by the same Spirit that raised up Jesus.” This is why we sing Alleluia during this time.

While I’m glad that we were able to post a YouTube video of the Mass on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday & Easter Sunday, and of the Service on Good Friday, I apologize that we weren’t able to see you on the days of Holy Week following Palm Sunday as planned. While the passing out of palms went well, and so many of you showed up for that, things didn’t work out as well on Good Friday. I put the cross with red draping on it outside a little before noon, but it was so windy that the cross kept falling over even though I leaned it up against the stained glass window of the church. It was also very cold so I thought instead of handing out the cross pins as we hoped, I put them in a basket & placed that on a table, only to have the wind knock it down & cause all the pins to go flying out on the parking lot! I thought it might cause someone to get a flat tire so I went scurrying about trying to pick them all up before they flew too far away. You would have probably laughed at the sight, but I can assure you I wasn’t laughing when it happened! The weather didn’t look good for the following two days either so I thought I better cancel the food blessing & book give-away on Easter before it was too late. So I’m sorry if anyone came driving by before you read about the cancellation on our website, but know that you still get God’s blessings for your effort. I will continue to post videos on our website of the Mass during this time of lockdown as many of you seem to find that worthwhile. I just hope I can get better used to preaching to a camera instead of to human beings. It takes a lot of imagination to believe that I’m not just talking to an inanimate object. If you can think of any other ways that we can reach out to you during this time, please let me know. I’m glad that we at least have the technology of the internet to communicate with you through our website.

As I continue to celebrate a private Mass every day, please know you are foremost in my prayers during that time. I look forward to the day when we can celebrate our faith together again. Until then, let us pray for one another.



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

GOD LOVES EACH OF US AS IF THERE WERE ONLY ONE OF US.



St. Augustine

Have you ever Experienced awe? Awe is commonly defined as a feeling of reverential respect mixed with fear or wonder. A moment of awe has the ability to lift us up out of ourselves and immerse us into something that causes us to wonder about ourselves, the meaning of life, and truth. Awe is an experience of connection that links us to something that is beyond the normal happenings of life. For us who believe that the resurrected Christ is present in all of life and the totality of the universe, being touched by awe can lead us to exclaim, “My Lord and my God!” Pondering the vastness of God’s presence also brings us to a profound sense of God’s mercy, which is the showering of His unconditional love on each of His daughters and sons. When we internalize this mystery, we may find ourselves standing in awe once again and feeling an intense sense of peace.

LIGHTER SIDE

What Next?

God was talking to one of his angels and said, “Do you know what I have just done? I’ve just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn’t that great?”

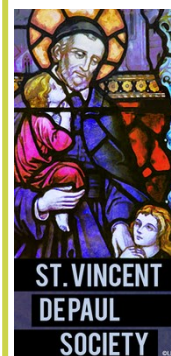
The angel said, “Yes, but what will you do now?”

God said, “I think I’ll call it a day.”

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Because of the Coronavirus, The St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization will not be packing and distributing food to the clients this month. Instead we will be giving them Gift Cards to a local grocery store. If you are able you can make a cash or check donation to assist us in meeting this need. Your donation can be put in an envelope marked SVDP Outreach and taken or mailed to the rectory office. You can also create an account or log into your account at <https://leothegreat.weshareonline.org> There is an option to choose St. Vincent de Paul in addition to your weekly donation. Whatever you donate will be very much appreciated. Because of you, we are able to ensure others do not go without. THANK YOU!!

Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



*Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.
We ask this in Your Name.
Amen*

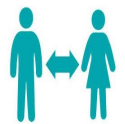
3 EASY STEPS
TO KEEPING YOURSELF
& OTHERS HEALTHY!



WASH YOUR
HANDS



DON'T TOUCH
YOUR FACE

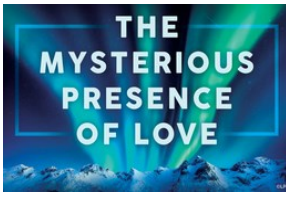


KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE

LET
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ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



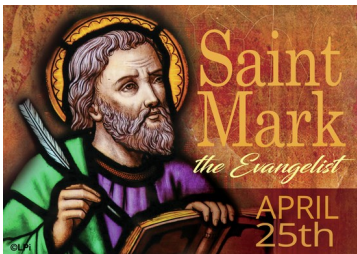
A person was going through a very dark time, questioning the meaning of life, not feeling very purposeful or worthwhile, and feeling disconnected and unappreciated. Suddenly, they gazed up at the night sky, found themselves in awe of all the stars and constellations, and exclaimed, “I am here on purpose and I am loved!” Having been brought by God to this moment of intense connection and awareness, his life changed from that moment on.

If we are always preoccupied with the challenges, obligations, and stuff of daily life, we can easily miss the wonderful opportunities when the resurrected Christ is knocking at our door. If we open ourselves to the fullness of experience, we will find ourselves listening and embracing all that is around us, being caught up in the magnificence of creation’s grandeur and knowing in our heart and soul that God is and I am.

While that sounds like a simple, tell-me-something-I don’t-know kind of revelation, it is life changing when it takes root in the depth of a person’s soul. Stumbling upon this awesome truth and internalizing it doesn’t require an assent of the mind. It beckons for a claim on our soul. We find ourselves knowing something profound that cannot be explained or reasoned, but purely is. When we are caught up in an experience and encounter the truth, it doesn’t matter how all of the pieces got put together. Truth is simply truth. The “my Lord and my God” responses we utter are not evoked because all of the pieces of faith and life make reasonable sense. The “my Lord and my God” affirmations come when we are lifted up out of our preoccupations and silliness and are in the presence of mystery and mercy.

God is mystery, one who is beyond our grasp but at the same time within our reach, knowable yet unknowable. And when in the presence of mystery, there comes an intense experience of mercy. We know deep within the essence of ourselves — and in the very life of creation — this beating, unconditionally accepting, life-sustaining, profound, mysterious yet familiar presence of love. We have found our peace. “Peace be with you.” Breathe in and breathe out. Peace.

ST. MARK - Saint of the Day for April 25th



Most of what we know about Mark comes directly from the New Testament. He is usually identified with the Mark of Acts 12:12. When Saint Peter escaped from prison, he went to the home of Mark’s mother.

Paul and Barnabas took him along on the first missionary journey, but for some reason Mark returned alone to Jerusalem. It is evident, from Paul’s refusal to let Mark accompany him on the second journey despite Barnabas’s insistence, that Mark had displeased Paul. Because Paul later asks Mark to visit him in prison, we may assume the trouble did not last long.

The oldest and the shortest of the four Gospels, the Gospel of Mark emphasizes Jesus’s rejection by humanity while being God’s triumphant envoy. Probably written for gentile converts in Rome—after the death of Peter and Paul sometime between A.D. 60 and 70—Mark’s Gospel is the gradual manifestation of a “scandal”: a crucified Messiah.

Evidently a friend of Mark—calling him “my son”—Peter is only one of this Gospel’s sources, others being the Church in Jerusalem (Jewish roots), and the Church at Antioch (largely gentile).

Like another Gospel writer Luke, Mark was not one of the 12 apostles. We cannot be certain whether he knew Jesus personally. Some scholars feel that the evangelist is speaking of himself when describing the arrest of Jesus in Gethsemane: “Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked” (Mark 14:51-52).

Others hold Mark to be the first bishop of Alexandria, Egypt. Venice, famous for the Piazza San Marco, claims Mark as its patron saint; the large basilica there is believed to contain his remains.

A winged lion is Mark’s symbol. The lion derives from Mark’s description of John the Baptist as a “voice of one crying out in the desert” (Mark 1:3), which artists compared to a roaring lion. The wings come from the application of Ezekiel’s vision of four winged creatures to the evangelists.

Saint Mark is the Patron Saint of Notaries.

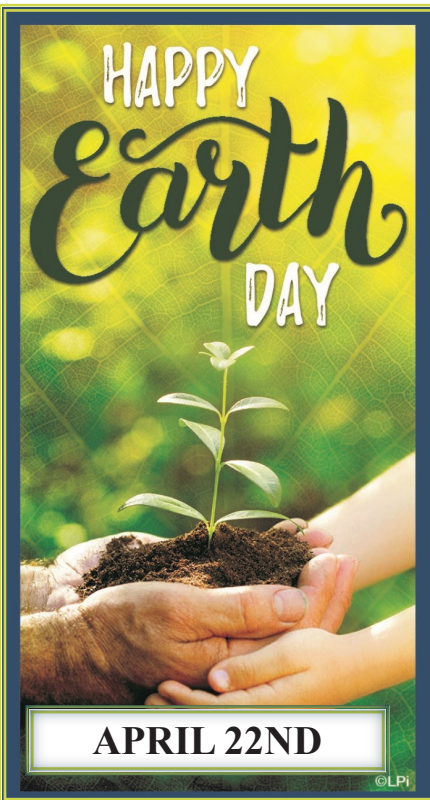
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HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS



We are grateful that so many have asked how they can continue with their contribute during this time. Here are some options:

- 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) Use our online giving option called WeShare by clicking the WeShare logo on this page. 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.
- 4) Call the rectory office (216-661-1006), leave a message, and someone will be very happy to help you.



A PRAYER FOR OUR COMMON HOME

God of all creation,
you have given us the responsibility of a steward,
one who cares for something.
Our stewardship is to care for our common home, the earth.

We look to your goodness
Shown to us by all the good gifts the earth bestows upon us:
The rain to water the ground.
The crops that spring from the ground.
The animals that roam the fields.
The medicines that come from the plants.

We also look to you for the wisdom
to care for this creation of yours:
Give us wisdom to know how and when
this good earth needs our special attention.
Helps us not to be shortsighted
and assume that the earth can heal itself without our help.
You created us from the earth
and we depend upon it for our health.
We ask all from you, and give all back to you.
This we do in Jesus' name who is our brother and savior.
Amen.

