



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

May 1, 2022

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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 Saturdays from 3pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10am-10:30am, or anytime by request or appointment.

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing addresses 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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Instagram [@leothegreatorg](https://www.instagram.com/leothegreatorg)



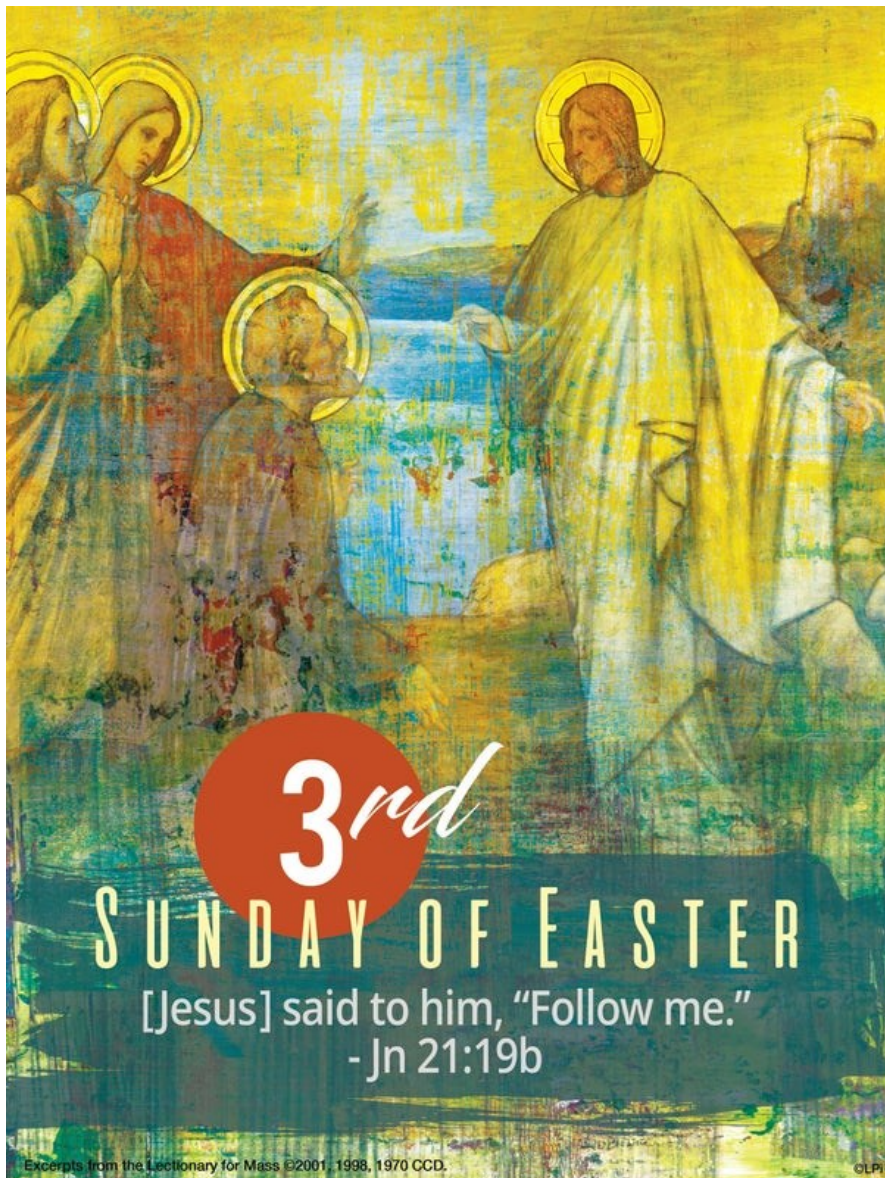
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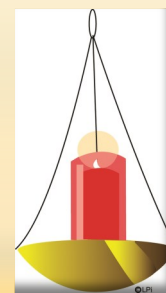


MAY 1, 2022 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MAY 7TH

The second grade boys and girls of our parish will be celebrating their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 7th, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Please keep these boys and girls in your prayers as they receive Jesus in the celebration of the Eucharist.



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

April 24 to May 8

IN LOVING MEMORY
William E. LaGodney
Loving you always,
Mary, Bill & Family

St. Leo the Great School
Now Enrolling
For the 2022-2023 School Year

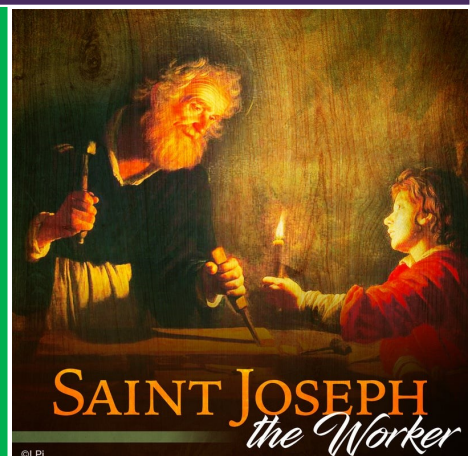


Cleveland Scholarships Available!
Call 216-661-2120, visit www.leotheadgreat.org
or please contact Mrs. Burns, Principal at
dburns@leotheadgreat.org for more information.

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLES



Once again our parish will be participating in the Womankind Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Beginning the weekend of April 30th and May 1st there will be baby bottles at the entrances of the church. Please take the baby bottles home, fill them with your loose change, and return them to the church the weekend of May 14th and 15th. (If you prefer, checks should be made payable to *Womankind*.) The funds generated will help Womankind provide free prenatal care and a full range of support services to pregnant women in need. For more information about Womankind, check out their website at www.womankindcleveland.com. Thank you.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Prayer REQUESTS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, William & Amelia Rebello, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Irene (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublav, Ana Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Greg Wasacz, Stan Wasacz & Joe Barr.

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

Joseph Troung Viet Ho
St. Boniface, Cleveland
I Theology, Saint Mary



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

MASS+ INTENTIONS

Monday, May 2nd—Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30am +Lucille Mills (Frank & Arlene Gerda)

Tuesday, May 3rd—Saint Philip and James, Apostles

8:30am +Charles Hutter (Barb Cercarelli)

Wednesday, May 4th—Easter Weekday

8:30am +Betty Kollar (Family)

Thursday May 5th— Easter Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday May 6th—Easter Weekday

8:30am +Arlene Richlovsky (Cleveland Diocese)

Saturday May 7th – Easter Weekday

4:00pm +First Holy Communion

Sunday, May 8th—Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00am +Linda DeBaltzo (Family)

11:00am Mothers of the Parish

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of the early Church during the first 30 years after the resurrection of Jesus. It describes God's Spirit at work, directing, encouraging and supporting the members of the church.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

The book of Revelation was written around 95 A.D. for Christians living in what is today Turkey. The Roman emperor ordered his subjects to worship him as a god. When the Christians resisted, they were persecuted. The book of Revelation was written to encourage them. Today's passage describes a vision of God's people enjoying heavenly life and singing God's praises for their victory.

Readings for the week May 1, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/ Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

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



PARISH SUPPORT

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

Sunday Collection.....\$6,000.00
WeShare.....\$2,775.00
Total.....\$8,775.00

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022

Sunday Collection.....\$7,041.37
WeShare.....\$2,010.00
Total.....\$9,051.37

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022

Sunday Collection.....\$8,489.07
WeShare.....\$2,445.00
Total.....\$10,934.07

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 1, 2022 | 3rd Sunday of Easter



Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?



St. Vincent De Paul

Almsgiving is a private thing. You share what you have with a neighbor you do not know and who does not know you, but it is an act of service to those in need. Let us share with others especially during these trying times. Any donation you are able to make to the SVDP Outreach Organization will be very much appreciated. You can put your donation in the Poor Boxes, or put it in an envelope marked "SVDP" and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. Your help is very much appreciated. Thank you!

**ST. PHILLIP & JAMES
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BUS TRIPS

LUNCH CRUISE ABOARD THE NAUTICA QUEEN

Wednesday, June 29

\$70.00 per person

Shop/browse - West Side Market

Deadline for reservations: Tuesday, May 17

Deadline for payment: Tuesday, May 31

SENECA NIAGARA/SENECA ALLEGANY CASINOS

Monday, July 11 & Tuesday, July 12

Seneca Niagara Casino and Hotel—overnight stay

Monday July 11, walking distance to the falls.

Casino Bonus \$35 slot play & \$15 food credit

Seneca Allegany Casino—Tuesday, July 12

Casino bonus: \$25 slot play

\$287 per person—Single occupancy

\$196 per person—Double occupancy

\$188 per person - Triple occupancy

Deadline for reservations—Friday, May 20

Deadline for payment—Wednesday, May 25

RIVERS CASINO—Wednesday, August 17

\$48 per person, Casino Bonus: \$20 in slot play, \$5 food credit



Contact Sandy Diaddario -
216-926-3123

ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Parishioners,

This year we had unconsciously moved the time of our Good Friday Service (officially called the “Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion”) from 3pm to 7pm. I say we did so “unconsciously” because most of our Holy Day liturgies, etc. begin at that time so I figured we always had our Good Friday service at 7pm with Stations of the Cross at 3pm. However in the past it was reversed & we had the Service at 3pm with Stations at 7pm. We heard some comments from people who came at 3pm that they were disappointed that they did not experience the Adoration or Veneration of the Cross which only takes place at the Good Friday Service. So I just want to let you know that we’ll change that for next year, and also that your comments to us are helpful, heard and taken seriously. So thank you for your input which is always appreciated.

You may (or may not) have heard that Pope Francis has called for the entire Church to participate in a Synod (a gathering of laity and clergy) which will focus on the 3 pillars of a Synodal Church: communion, participation and mission. We will do this by gathering together people of one faith to engage in dialogue and respectful listening to one another in order to witness to the Good News of God’s love in the world.

This synodal journey of the whole People of God actually began in October 2021 and will culminate in October 2023 with the Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. Bishop Malesic celebrated an Opening Liturgy this past October at the Cathedral downtown which began the diocesan phase of the three-year journey of consultations and discernment. Through the end of this year, all baptized Catholics will be invited to participate in this process of listening, dreaming and discerning God’s call for the Church in the present time. So there will be a Pre-Synodal Meeting on Saturday, June 11, 2022 in our diocese. More information about this Synod can be learned at the diocesan website. But here is a Prayer for the Synod which we invite you to pray as you read this:

“We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and times in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.”

I wanted to let you know that Father Russ Lowe, former Pastor of St. Leo’s has resigned as Pastor of Our Lady of Angels Church for health reasons. He is now living at Regina Health Center in Richfield, Ohio, a straight shot down Broadview Road about 30 minutes south of our parish. Regina Health Center offers skilled nursing, rehabilitation services and assisted living and we have several priests and religious sisters of the Diocese in residence there. May I ask you to keep Father Lowe in your prayers? He served the people of St. Leo the Great faithfully for about 10 years and now is in need of our prayerful support. I pray for him daily and ask you to keep him in your prayers as well.

Fr. James Schmitz

BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you recently lost a loved one—a spouse, sibling, a parent, other relative or a close friend? Join the St. Leo the Great Bereavement Sharing Group. We are a group who have a common bond—the loss of someone close to us. All are welcome to come and share with us the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. We meet for about an hour and share our feelings and memories of our loved ones. **The next meeting dates will be May 4, June 1 and August 3, 2022.** Feel free to join us—no reservations needed.

**If you have any questions,
contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by
email: jberigan@leothegreat.org.**

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@leothegreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral Mass.

HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

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



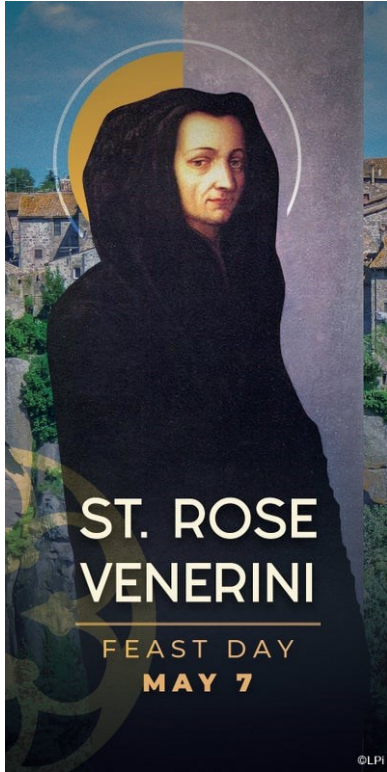
- 3) Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website www.leothegreat.org to sign up. It’s incredibly easy and you have many options: weekly, monthly or one-time contributions, the ability to use a checking/savings account direct withdrawal (you just need your account 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.



— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





St. Rose Venerini | May 7

The story of St. Rose of Venerini (February 9, 1656 – May 7, 1728) is one of having faith in God and his calling in your life. Born in Italy in 1656, she was the daughter of a doctor. Following the death of her fiancé, she entered a convent in the hopes of becoming a nun, but soon returned home to care for her mother after the death of her father. In an effort to keep up her spiritual side, St. Rose invited women of the neighborhood to recite the rosary in her home, and together they formed a sodality.

Unsure of where her life was headed, she sought the spiritual guidance of a Jesuit priest. After much contemplation, she admitted to feeling called to be a teacher in the world, rather than a nun in a convent. Eventually, she moved ahead and opened a free school for girls in 1685. Eventually, she was invited to oversee the training of teachers and the administration of schools in the Diocese of Montefiascone, which then led to being called upon to organize schools in many parts of Italy, including Rome.

St. Rose died in Rome in 1728 amid a number of miracles that many credit to her. The group of women she first prayed with in her home eventually became known as the Venerini Sisters, found in the United States and working among Italian immigrants. St. Rose was beatified in 1952 and canonized in 2006.

National Day of
PRAYER

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April 18, 2022

Sarah Pozek