



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

July 3, 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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Read the latest bulletin, Pastor's blog and find other useful information on your mobile device.

Instagram @leothegreatorg

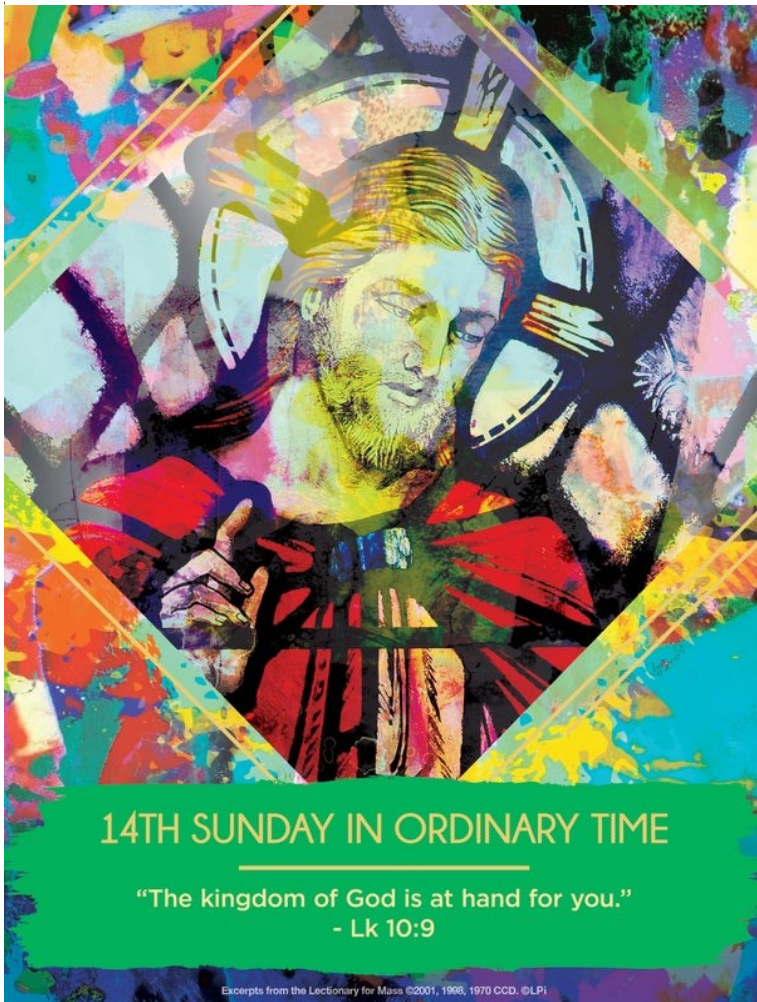


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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of God is at hand for you."
- Lk 10:9

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Abortion Healing

Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing?

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"



Pro-Life



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Pro-Life Peaceful, Prayerful Witness by the Planned Parenthood Office, will meet on the corner of Brookpark & Broadview roads, Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 am. Join us on the public sidewalk. Pray to end abortion. Questions, call Mike & Doris Peters, 216-659-



St. Vincent De Paul

As you sit on the porch enjoying a summer evening or taking a stroll around the neighborhood, please take a moment to offer a prayer for the individuals and families that we serve in our parish. Pray that they might have the strength that they need as they struggle to make ends meet and to provide nourishment for their families. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

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In Loving † Memory of



Pamela Ann Harmon

September 29, 1958 ~ June 18, 2022

May you always walk in sunshine and God's love around you flow, for the happiness you gave us, no one will ever know. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone, a part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

A million times we've needed you. A million times we've cried. If love could only have saved you, you never would have died. The Lord be with you, and May You Rest in Peace. Amen.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR
PRAYERS...

Prayer
REQUESTS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Virginia Sofkancs, 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, Mary Ann & Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey, Jim & Gerry Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Fr. Vesely, Kathy Svoboda, Thomas C. Gilles, Matt Pauloski & Cecilla (CiCi) Choromanski

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



James Livingston
St. Julie Billiart, North Ridgeville
II Theology, St. Mary

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

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INTENTIONS

Monday, July 4th—Weekday

8:30am +Dennis Dina (Betty Olenik)

Tuesday, July 5th —Weekday

8:30am +Daniel Stankiewicz and Family (Marie Stankiewicz)

Wednesday, July 6th—Weekday

8:30am +Nick and Betty Chiappetta (Marie Stankiewicz)

Thursday July 7th— Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday July 8th—Weekday

8:30am +Reinaldo Ramos (Mrs. Ramos, Wife)

Saturday July 9th – Weekday

4:00am +Shirley Ferraro (Dave and Rita Neumann)

Sunday, July 10th— 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Louise Horvath (Judi Krahn)

11:00am People of the Parish

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon. In today's reading (which is a poem), the prophet sees a bright future for Jerusalem, and uses the image of God as a mother.

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

In Galatia, a group of Christians attacked Paul's credentials as an apostle and accused him of false teaching because he said people can be saved without abiding by the Jewish law. In this passage from the end of his letter to the Galatians, Paul defends his right to teach, and stresses that faith in the law has been replaced by faith in Jesus.

Readings for the week July 3, 2022

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

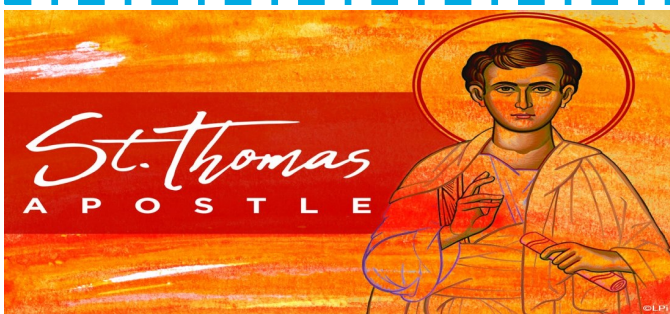
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33



SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022

Sunday Collection.....\$5,189.00

WeShare.....\$2,810.00

Total.....\$7,999.00

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

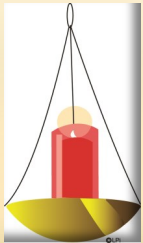
July 3, 2022 | 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, “the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited.” That same dictionary defines liberty as, “the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to.” Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

St. John Chrysostom directs that “the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ.” There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one’s soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one’s character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. “I am sending you like lambs among wolves,” Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That’s what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others.

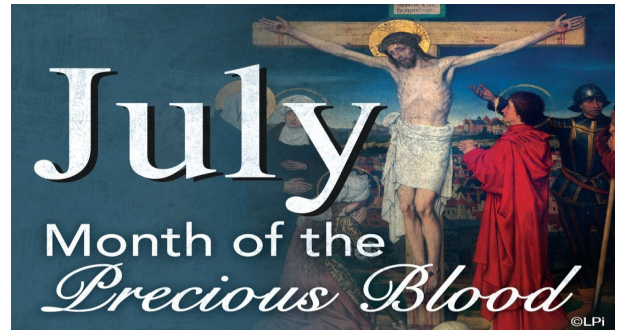


SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

July 3 to July 17

IN LOVING MEMORY

+Caitlin Soucek Kacher
From Family



Attention Retired Catholics! Share your lifetime of experience - Get the experience of a lifetime *The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is recruiting!*



The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is an organization of retired men and women who want to use their time and talents to help others. IVC volunteers commit 1 or 2 days per week to work directly with organizations that address the issues that affect the poor. IVC volunteers gather monthly to prayerfully reflect on their apostolic work and discover the deeper meaning of the service they do. For additional information, please call IVC Cleveland Director, Kim Strauss at 440-823-6093 or e-mail kstrauss@ivcusa.org. IVC – the benefits are priceless! WWW.IVCUSA.ORG



Pro-Life Group

The Pro-life group is planning its next meeting on Wednesday, July 20 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. Please note the date is now the THIRD Wednesday of the month, beginning in July. We will start at 1:00 pm.

All are welcome! We are discussing various life issues, including end-of-life issues such as euthanasia. In addition to discussion, we also pray, and last month we were praying to an end of all the gun violence which has been happening recently.

If you have any questions about the meeting or its content, please contact either Dennis Badar at 216-398-2830 or Chris Rath at 216-741-1536.



Pastor's COLUMN

Dear Parishioners,

Joe Hadacek died unexpectedly and we celebrated his funeral Mass on Wednesday, June 22nd. I was able to give Joe the last rites at Metro hospital in the presence of family and friends. He was a kind gentleman who was faithful in coming to Mass & so even though death came to him "as a thief in the night," I believe Joe was prepared to meet the Lord. We called upon several of the saints by name to pray for him before he was removed from life support, including his patron, St. Joseph. Joe donated his skin to burn patients at Metro hospital and cared for the living by giving away vegetables he grew in his garden to his neighbors. I will miss seeing him at the 4pm Mass but pray that he may be celebrating the heavenly liturgy in God's kingdom.

Pamela Harmon was married to her husband John for 22 years so we extend our sympathy especially to him. We celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Pam on Friday, June 24th which was the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. And the scripture chosen for her funeral Mass asked, "What can separate us from the love of Christ?" In the gospel, Jesus invites those who are burdened (Pam suffered from illness in her life and her husband carried the burden of grief) to come to him for rest. Jesus invites us because he is meek and humble of heart. May Pam and John know the gentle love of the Sacred Heart at this time.

Father Dave (sorry I forgot his last name) is a Franciscan priest and a member of the Pelley family so we welcomed him here to celebrate a Memorial Mass in honor of Rose Pelley who died a few months ago. Rose was a longtime member of St. Leo's & her heart was always here, even though she left us a few years ago to live with her daughter Kathy in Pennsylvania. Rose had a heart of gold and was always a pleasure to talk to. Many parishioners came to honor her and pray for her, including Father Tom Dragga, a former Parochial Vicar of St. Leo's, who remembered her well. He and I concelebrated the Mass and Deacon Pat assisted. Rose will be fondly remembered and prayed for and we ask the Lord to keep her in his eternal peace.

I also want to mention that Liz Hirko died from a heart attack on June 18th. Liz was 89 years old and a member of Holy Spirit Byzantine Church on W. 54th St. though she joined our parish when Holy Spirit church closed. Her funeral Mass was celebrated there on June 22nd. She was a delightful woman who was happy to pray with us here at St. Leo's. May she too rest in God's peace as we pray for the repose of her soul.

We congratulate Eric & Mary Piechowski on the baptism of their daughter Lily Ann, who was baptized last Saturday after the 4pm Mass. Mary is our Associate Musician & she will be returning to play the organ & piano at weekend Mass during July. We're so happy for her & Eric as they enjoy their daughter and I'm sure Mickey Stitt, our Music Director, is happy to have Mary back too! May God bless the newest member of their family.

Mass on Monday, July 4th, will be at 9am outside at the shrine, weather permitting. We have several benches there and chairs will be put out as well so you need not bring your own though you are welcome to bring your favorite lawn chair if you'd like.

The Bishops of Ohio remind us that The Catholic Church in Ohio – including its dioceses, eparchies, parishes and social service ministries – remain committed to serving women in crisis pregnancies, both before and after delivery, with both material resources and personal accompaniment so that they can flourish and contribute to the common good. They urge all people of good will to pray for and actively assist pregnant mothers in need.

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 August 3, September 7, and October 5 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:

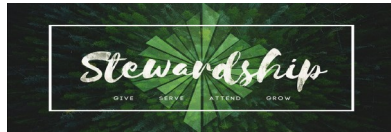
- 1) Mail your contribution envelope(s) to us, either for the week or the month. (St. Leo the Great, 4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44019)
- 2) Drop your contribution envelope(s) in the mail slot of the rectory office door.



- 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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT



When God Speaks Like a Polish Grandmother

A friend of mine had a Polish grandmother who was famous for giving her children some blunt advice every time they left the house: "Eyes straight ahead. Mind your own business."

Every mother knows her children best, and this mother knew hers liked to argue and sometimes liked to show off. She knew that could lead to trouble. She could not anticipate every scenario they would encounter each time they departed from her. All she could do was distill what she knew about life, safety, and manners into a few simple words, and hand them over to her children like a set of car keys or a hastily scribbled map. In this way, a woman who rarely said "I love you" expressed her devotion. And long after she was dead and buried, her aging sons and daughters repeated these words to themselves, like a child wrapping himself in a warm blanket.

Jesus does much the same for us, in many portions of the Gospels. "Ask the master to send out laborers for his harvest...Carry no money...Eat what is set before you...Know that the Kingdom of God is at hand...Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven."

He knows us best — knows our strengths, but even more importantly, he knows our weaknesses. He doesn't always have the space to address each of these explicitly in the pages of Scripture, but what he can do is distill the truth of effective evangelization into a few simple words, and hand them over to us as food for our journey of discipleship. In this way, a God who addresses the entire world and every soul who ever lived also speaks intimately to each one of us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS

There will be an Independence Day Mass on Monday, July 4th, at 9:00 a.m. Weather permitting, the Mass will be held at the Marian shrine. If possible, please bring a chair. Begin your holiday celebration by attending Mass and giving thanks for the many freedoms with which we have been blessed.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF Walter J. Pasela

BORN
April 2 1921
ENTERED INTO REST
June 13 2022

FINAL RESTING PLACE
Holy Cross Cemetery
Section 29 Lot 146 Gr. 1

AFTERGLOW

I'd like the memory of me
to be happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways.
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who
grieve, to dry before the sun,
Of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.

RICZO FUNERAL HOME, PARMA, OH

In loving memory of Rose B. Pelley

Born
February 19, 1922
Entered into Eternal Rest
February 23, 2022
Mass of Christian Burial
St. Leo the Great Church
Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Interment
Holy Cross Cemetery
Section: 35 Lot: 1879 Grave: 1

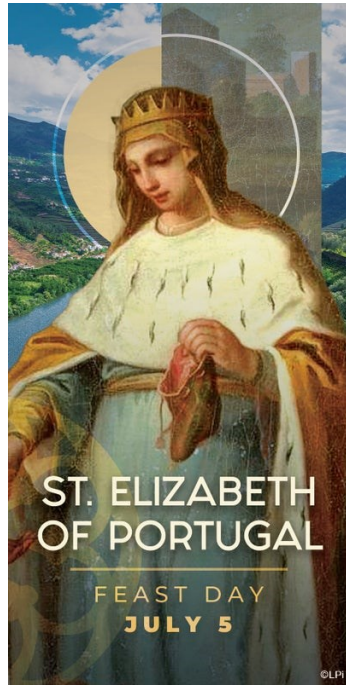
Father, we entrust our sister
To your mercy.
You loved her greatly in this life.
Now that she is freed from all its cares,
Give her happiness and peace forever.
Welcome her now into paradise
Where there will be
No more sorrow,
No more weeping or pain,
But only peace and joy
With Jesus your son,
And the Holy Spirit
Forever and ever.

**RAFFLE
WINNER**



June 27, 2022

Tim and Jaime Blados



St. Elizabeth of Portugal | July 5

St. Elizabeth was born to Peter III of Aragon and his queen Constantia in 1271. Like most royal girls of the time, she was betrothed at an early age, and was married to King Diniz (or Dinis, English: Denis) at the age of 12. Although her husband's infidelities and life of sin caused much scandal, Elizabeth was a good and pious queen. She attended Mass daily and dedicated her life to helping the poor. She established orphanages and shelters for the homeless. She also founded a convent of Poor Clares at Coimbra, Portugal.

Often called Peacemaker, Elizabeth was from her birth a reconciler of conflict. Her birth brought her father and his estranged father James to peace. Later when her own son and husband came to war out of jealousy, she rode between armies and reconciled the two men.

After King Diniz died in 1325, she went to live as a lay member at the convent of Poor Clares that she had founded. But her fight for peace was not over, she undertook a long ride to keep the army of her son Alfonso IV, from fighting that of Alfonso XI of Castile. Although she was successful, she died shortly after from a fever.

Saint Elizabeth was canonized on May 25th, 1625, by Pope Urban VIII. In the United States her memorial has been transferred to July 5th since July 4th is Independence Day, a national holiday.



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