



ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH & SCHOOL

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RECTORY/OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday ~ 9:00AM—3:00PM

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SCHOOL SUMMER HOURS:

Main Office Open in July by Appointment

www.leothegreat.org

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.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP!

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

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The Holy Land Pilgrimage Itinerary

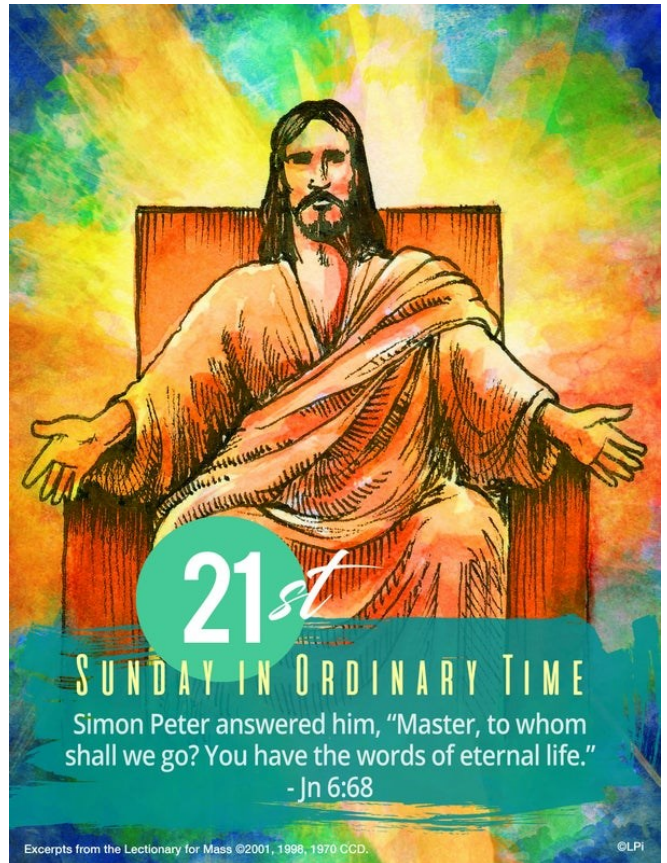
\$3,400 Includes:

Airfare, 5 Star Hotels, Catholic Tour Guide, 2 Meals a Day, Entry Fees to all Sites, and Air Conditioned Motor Coaches.

May 16 -May 25 2022

An informational meeting about the trip will be on **August 29th at 6:30pm** in the Parish Center!

We hope to see you there!



WE APPRECIATE YOU!

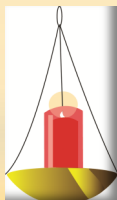
These three words seem so inadequate. They do however, express the gratitude of those you have helped to feed. For them, your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization says, **“THANK YOU VERY MUCH!”**

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

August 15th to August 29th

IN LOVING MEMORY
of the 80th Wedding Anniversary
of Ed and Helen Wolff

From Tom & Mary Thornton



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.



ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

Prayer REQUESTS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Mary Nic, Agnes
Alfin, Alivia Kobal, Taylor
Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary
LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, William & Amelia Rebello,
Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski,
Anthony Arlia, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don
Donelon, Larry Kuznik, Antoinette Jakosh, Joseph
Mackey, John Sofcheck, Roger Horvath, Irene (Ernie)
Santiago, Rob Blum, Ron Horvath, Sally Herman,
Lorice Yurek, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe
Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Herb Mayview, & Phyllis
Zbasnik



October Bus Trip

Monday October 11, 2021

Seneca Allegany Casino

\$48.00 per person

BONUS \$25.00 in free play!

More Information Coming Soon!

GREAT SWEEPSTAKES WINNER



August 9, 2021

Marillex Luna

\$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.

Mitchell Carson
St. Peter, North Ridgeville
III Basselin, Theological College



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



SUNDAY, AUGUST 8TH

Collection.....	\$ 5,260.00
WeShare (Online).....	\$ 3,155.00
Total.....	\$ 8,415.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

MASST INTENTIONS

Monday, August 23rd—Weekday

8:30am Jennie Brikowski (Son, Rick)

Tuesday, August 24th—Saint Bartholomew

8:30am +Richard Brikowski (Son, Rick)

Wednesday, August 25th—Weekday

8:30am +Deceased Calvillo Family Members (Family)

Thurs., August 26th—Weekday

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, August 27th—Saint Monica

8:30am +Eugene Lyons (Children)

Saturday, August 28th—Saint Augustine

4:00pm +Dudor, Lou, & Elaine (Family)

Sunday, August 29th—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People Of The Parish

11:00am +Stephen Simonik (Family)

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

After Moses died, God selected Joshua to lead the Israelites across the Jordan River into the Promised Land. Years later, as his own death approached, Joshua wished to ensure that the people would not forget all that God had done for their ancestors. In today's reading, we will hear Joshua, then the people, renew the covenant made at Mount Sinai.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

In the letter to the Ephesians, the last part deals with family relationships, and is conditioned by the household structure of the time-wives, children, slaves-with the husband as "patriarch" over all. Today's excerpt talks about husbands and wives. After, this letter will talk about the relationship between children and parents, and between slaves and masters. What we learn is not that we should recreate ancient social structures. Rather, we learn the timeless truth that Christ's love for us should affect the way we love one another.

Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Dear Parishioners,

We welcome Rylie Jenkins into our Church and parish family as she was baptized last Sunday, and also Michael & Elizabeth Shue who are being baptized this Sunday.

May they know the joy of being loved children of God forever.

With nothing else to report at this time as we draw near to the end of the summer months, I thought I'd share with you my impressions of a TV series on the life of Jesus and his chosen disciples that has recently been brought to my attention. It is called "The Chosen" as it reveals the story not only about Jesus but also his chosen disciples, including of course the 12 apostles but also the women whom the gospels tell us accompanied him during his public ministry, such as Mary Magdalene. I started watching it just a couple of weeks ago and am still surprised I had been unaware of it until then. It is different from the made-for-TV or movie theatre shows we have seen before about Jesus, both in its length and in its intention. I believe there is a plan for 7 seasons, and I am currently viewing the 2nd season and understand that filming is underway for the 3rd season. Each season has about 10 episodes and is financed not by a traditional film-making company or studio but by "crowdfunding" which depends on the contributions of those who wish to see it produced. It's not difficult to appreciate how much money has already been raised for its production as it has millions of viewers who are understandably deeply appreciative of the way the story of Jesus and his chosen ones is being told.

Of course I have watched many such films & movies on the life of Jesus (and even was part of a play called "Godspell" when I was in the high school seminary during the 70's). My favorite production is probably the one called "Jesus of Nazareth" which came out several years ago. But The Chosen is quite different from all of these which I have seen. Somehow it manages to highlight the humanity of Jesus and his disciples, without taking anything away from the Lord's divinity. In fact the divine nature of Jesus seems to be even more obvious as his humanity is fully seen. But it is by far the very best production that I have seen and I will refer to it from time to time in my homilies as it makes me think about things that I may have never considered before, despite my studies in scripture and the reading that I have done on the life of Jesus.

The director makes it clear that this series takes a lot of liberty in "filling in the blanks" with regard to what we don't know from the gospels. It uses scripture and of course the gospels as its basis, but it also relies on what we now know about Jewish culture, the Jewish faith, and first century knowledge about the holy land that is available to us. So it appears to be based on not only imagination of how things were or might have been, but also on historical facts. And I appreciate the fact that a Catholic priest, a Jewish Rabbi and Christians from other traditions are consulted during the process (the director himself is an evangelical Christian). It certainly heightens my desire to visit the holy land next year.

You can download the app called "The Chosen" to your Apple or Android device and also view it and many videos about it (including conversations between the director/writer & actors) via YouTube. I hope you will find it as helpful to your faith as I have if you choose to watch it.

Fr. James Schmitz

BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one?

If you have, you're welcome to participate in the monthly bereavement sharing group here at St. Leo the Great. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 1 at 2:00 PM. We meet the first Wednesday of every month, please join us. We'd love to have you share with us!

For further information, contact Joan Berigan at jberigan@leothegreat.org or by phone at 216-661-1006.



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.

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.



St. Vincent de Paul

“BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE”

It is hard to believe but school will be starting very soon and this year we are again asking for CASH ONLY CONTRIBUTIONS to our “Back to School Drive.”

If you are able and would like to make a cash donation, just put your cash, or check in an envelope and mark the envelope “BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE” and drop it in the collection basket or box or take it to the Rectory.

We thank you very much for your continued generosity to help us with supporting our families as their children return to school.



PSR Classes for 2021-2022

Classes will begin on Monday, September 13th. Emails have gone out to all returning families. If they have access issues to printing you can stop by at the parish office to pick up a registration form.

Fees have not changed \$40 for one child; \$70 for two; \$90 for three and up. Please pay by check made out to St. Leo the Great Church.

Fees are due at the time of registration.

HELPERS NEEDED: We are in need of helpers this year. If you feel the call to assist please email Joann at the jderanek@leothegreat.org.

**ALL REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE BY
SEPTEMBER 11TH**

SUPPORT LOCAL
BUSINESSES



Sponsorships!

Do you own a business? Would your company like to be a sponsor for the Festival? Sponsors help defray the cost of the Festival. If you are interested in a sponsorship, please contact Nancy at nzola@leothegreat.org

GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE FOR ALL YOUR SHOPPING

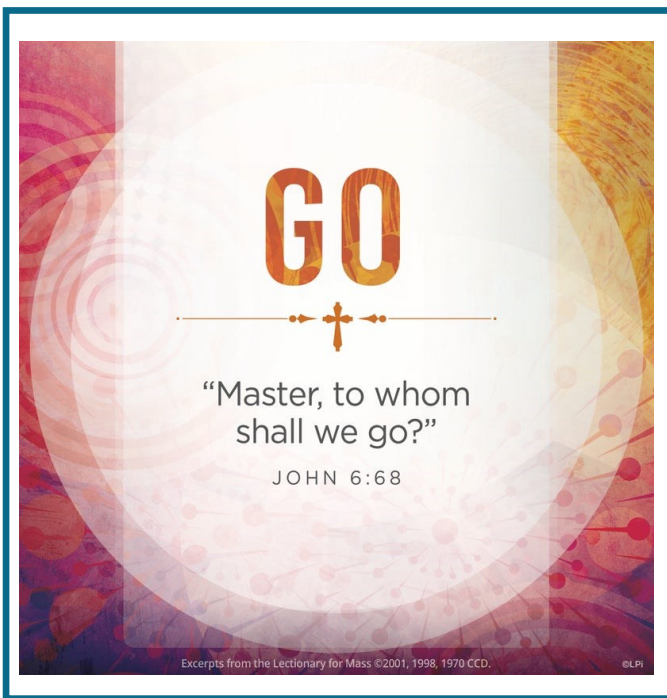


Our Gift Card Program is an excellent way to help support your Parish. A complete list of gift cards is available at the rectory office or on our website at leothegreat.org. Gift Cards can be used for, everyday purchases, gifts, or a simple thank you. **PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE & SUPPORT US.**



Early Bird Drawing!

Don't forget to get your raffle ticket stubs in. The next Early Bird Drawing will be September 5th. (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 16th). If you haven't picked up your tickets from the main vestibule of the church, now is the time to do so. Get your ticket stubs in and don't miss out on the next Early Bird Drawing.



Parish Festival

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Help Needed!

We are in need of people willing to deliver raffle tickets. Despite the pandemic last year, the parish was able to profit from the Festival because of the great crew who helped deliver tickets.

If you are interested, please contact Nancy at nzola@leothegreat.org



September 1st 2021-End of December—Every Wednesday at 6:30pm.



Role of Catholics in Society

Question:

We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?

Answer:

The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, “In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God” (On the Lay Members of Christ’s Faithful, 15).

God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we’re there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God!

Guide Book Publishing



PARISH GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events (plus a complete directory of all members). This book is being provided and mailed directly to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Rectory Office (216-661-1006).

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FOR PARISH GUIDE BOOK WHICH IS GOING TO PRINT IN JUNE PLEASE RETURN YOUR INFORMATION ASAP

Now is the time to update your membership information for our parish database and the 2021 Guide Book & Directory. If you want to update your information **or do not want your name, address, and/or phone number printed in the 2021 Guide Book**, please fill out this form and return it to the rectory or place it in the collection basket. You may also fill out this information online at our website or mobile app. Thank you!

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

☐ Do not print my name.

☐ Do not print my phone number.

☐ Do not print my address.

☐ This is my **updated** information.



