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# January 15, 2023 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## **RECTORY/OFFICE HOURS:**

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm Sundays | 8:00am and 11:00am

#### WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday | 8:30am

#### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30am and 7:00pm

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are celebrated Saturdays from 3:00pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10:00a-10:30a, 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 or use our website.

#### **BAPTISMS**

Parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to contact the Rectory 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 interested about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.

If you or a family member are ill or homebound please let us know so that our priest or deacon can visit and provide spiritual care.



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# SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

To be sure your charitable donations are being used the way you intend them to be, please consider donating to your St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization throughout the year. We are a volunteer organization that provides assistance to the needy in our

area, whether it is due to job layoffs, illness or other misfortunes. No questions are asked about religious affiliations, and everything is kept confidential.

The organization prides itself on the fact that ALL donations go directly back to the people we serve. There is NO overhead, NO administrative costs and ALL services are volunteered, so contributors can be assured their donations are being put to best use.

Remember that people need help throughout the year. Of course there is always a sharp increase for our services at this time of the year as the weather is colder.

Our Poor Boxes are located at the entrance of the Church or you can put your donation in an envelope and mark it "SVDP" and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the rectory office. We thank you for your continued support.



### ROSARY

Please join us for the recitation of the rosary in church on:

Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Make the rosary a part of your New Year's resolution.

Please enter through the doors closest to the rectory.



There will be a Respect Life Holy Hour in the Church on:

Sunday, January 22 at 6:30p.m.

Please join us for an hour of prayer for the respect and dignity of all human life.



# **ORNAMENTS**

If you placed an ornament with the name of a loved one on one of the Christmas trees, the ornaments were removed and placed in containers in the main vestibule of the church. If a loved one passed away during the year, an ornament was made and placed on the tree closest to the tabernacle. Please pick up the ornaments before January 31st.



Are you a former student of St. Leo School? Is your child a former student of St. Leo School? Please let us know by completing a form on the parish website. Visit leothegreat.org Find Alumni Association under the *Organizations* tab. We hope to hear from you!

Please mark your calendars to join us for Mass and the events and activities throughout the year!

#### **Memories**

Because we were of the Baby Boomer generation, there were often more than one class for each grade in the school. I think we were 30+ in a class. Sometimes there were split classes, where half the students were in one grade and the other half in another. When I was in sixth grade, we were in a split class with some of the seventh graders. When that school year ended, our sixth graders were skipped over seventh and we went right into eighth grade. That year (sixth) I vividly remember Sr. Michael. Eighth grade was Sr. Emmerencia. Those nuns were tough! —Chris Rath

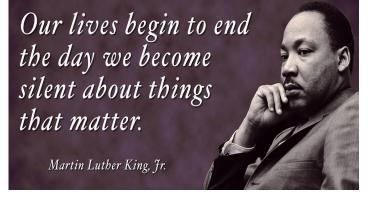
Do you have a favorite memory from the past 75 years? If so, please submit it to nzola@leothegreat.org.

We welcome photos throughout the year of the people and events taking place. Please forward your photos to photos@leothegreat.org.



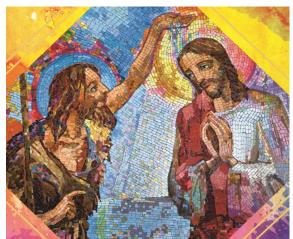
Each of the statues displayed in the manger at Christmas was donated by a parishioner in memory of a loved one.

**REMINDER:** The **Rectory Office WILL BE CLOSED** on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It will reopen Tuesday, January 17th at





### ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



# MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 16th—Weekday

8:30am Maria & Angelo Calvillo (Eneida Ramos)

Tuesday, January 17th—Saint Anthony, Abbot

8:30am Arkie & Anna Caraballo (Eneida Ramos)

Wednesday, January 18th—Weekday

8:30am + Matthew Stuczynski (Colleen Stuczynski)

Friday, January 20th—St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr St. Sebastian, Martyr

8:30am +Judie Gruntkowski (Frank Gruntkowski)

Saturday, January 21st—St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr 4:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, January 22nd—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Rose Pelley (The Pasela Family)

11:00am +Joseph, +Donna Rae and +Rodney Mackey (Judy Mackey)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

# **PRAYERS**

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Gary Skelley, Virgina Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Kristen Eble, Anna Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Stan Wasacz, Joe Barr, Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey, Jim Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Kathy Svoboda, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, Megan Arena, Lena Sunyak, Chuck Pacanovsky, Theresa Truxall, Susan Fenski, Antoinette Jakosh, Rose Arlia, Liz Woisnet, MaryKay Simonek, Betty Popow, R.Rosario, Margarita Quinones, Allen Phillips, Ruth Bublavy, John O'Malley, Kenneth Lees, Tina Sunday, and Karen Horvath, Jesse Kazimer, William Woolard, Carol Rucinski and Teresa Bozek, Joe Deranek and Ben Wheelock.



### JOHN HARWOOD DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN SENIOR, BORROMEO

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life. Pray that they may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God's call.



Since there is no Mass here at St. Leo's on Thursdays you can attend Mass at one of our other local parishes; St. Charles (7am), St. Barbara (7:30am), St. Francis de Sales (8:45am) or Mary Queen of Peace (8am).



# READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 49:3, 5-6

The book of Isaiah in four different places speaks of a mysterious servant of God. This servant is sent to do great and marvelous things that touch the entire world. Christians have traditionally thought of Jesus as the fulfillment of these passages.

#### SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-3

For the Next several Sundays our second reading will be taken from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. Today's reading presents the opening words of that letter. It is an example of the salutation used in classical letter writing: Paul identifies himself, acknowledges the community to whom he is writing, and extends warm personal greetings.

**SUNDAY** Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-

MONDAY Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

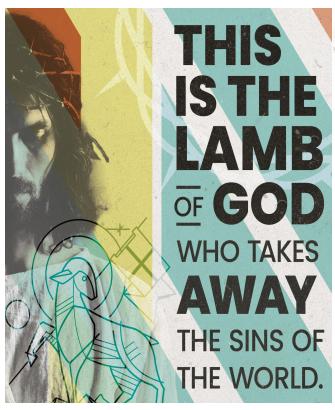
TUESDAY Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

**WEDNESDAY** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

**THURSDAY** Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

FRIDAY Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

**SATURDAY** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-2





# ENCOURAGE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, "The Lamb of God!" Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, "Behold the lamb of God." His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God's lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, "This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God's people may be free from sin and united to God."

It's crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadnesses, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That's why he is the Lamb of God.

— Father John Muir

# SEEING GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

## Showing up

I broke my foot once, when my second child was only 12 weeks old, and I was about to move houses. For six weeks I was confined to a chair, a shrieking



newborn in my arms, a toddler running circles around me, and my right foot rendered useless by a plaster cast. I couldn't do anything without assistance. I couldn't eat or get a drink or change my clothes or feed my children.

My family was in dire straits. A lot of people offered help, but there was a core group of friends and family members who really saved us.

These are the people who turned up in my driveway with empty vans and cooked meals. These are the people who blocked off their Saturdays to haul furniture, mow our lawn, and run after unruly kids. These are the people who said: "Here I am. Give me a job."

If you've ever really, really needed another person's help, you know that "showing up" means more than saying: "Let me know what you need." It means saying: "I'm already here. Tell me what to do."

So often, I pay lip service to the idea of submission. "What do you want, God?" I ask, and I secretly hope that what He wants isn't one of those things that I'm not willing to give.

What if I really strove to "show up" for God? What if I was ready to give what He asks of me, whatever it is?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

## Play That One Again

How many times have you sung the church song, "Here I Am, Lord"? If you grew up Catholic and are around my age (still 50!), the answer is more than you can count. The song that quotes various verses of Scripture is sung using guitar, piano, or organ, by cantors and choirs, in traditional and modern churches. It is truly a Catholic greatest hit of the modern Church. The question is how many times when singing the refrain have you really taken to heart what you were singing.

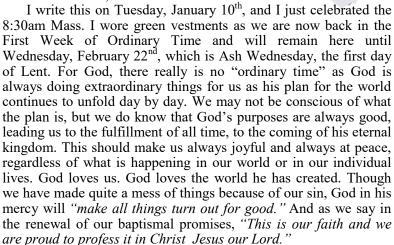
"Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night." Like the biblical figure Samuel, we are responding to the call of God by asking for clarification that we are indeed the one being called. We then follow up the question with a profound statement: "I will go if You lead me." It is profound because we are pledging to our God that we are willing to go wherever He wants. We are accepting the challenge put forth in the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," to become mature disciples who respond to the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We have sung this pledge repeatedly for many years.

We never have any idea what God will call us to do and where to go. Sometimes the request can ask us for quite a lot. Hopefully, we respond like a mature disciple. If not, maybe we should reflect more the next time this song is played. The melody will not allow for the words, "I will see if I am busy and then decide to go if you lead me." Then again, I don't want to sing that to God, the source of all life anyway. Do you?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,



A couple of quick reminders: the rectory office will be closed on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and our Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the rectory meeting room.

I sent an email to all those going on the Italy Trip in March (coming up fast!) letting them know that we will have a meeting on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at Noonish over in the Parish Center. We will have coffee & donuts & will have the opportunity to meet the others going on the trip & to share some practical information, based on those who have traveled abroad before, especially to Italy. So in case you didn't get the email, consider this your invitation.

I wanted to let you know that we had a technical difficulty (actually a lapse in my memory) which caused our 4pm Mass on Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, not to be livestreamed. Instead, many people watched the 8:30am Mass that I celebrated the day before on Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. That Mass was only 30 minutes long so in case you wondered why Mass was so much shorter than usual, that is the reason. We're glad you had something to watch anyway.

Thanks again for your continued prayers for my Dad & his wife Mildred. Mildred is back at Vitalia in Strongsville and doing fairly well though her legs keep swelling up with fluid because of her congestive heart failure. My dad is still in the skilled nursing facility as he is still very confused. He does not really know where he is or why he is there, only that he's not "at home." He usually knows who his family members are when we are visiting him but his memory comes & goes. He is not in pain or any real discomfort and that is a great blessing, but we just don't know where this is going. Some days he eats well, has good memory, & carries on conversations, and other days none of this is true. So we take it day by day & just pray for the guidance to know which direction we need to go in. But again, I thank you for your concern & prayers.

I plan on visiting Nativity Parish in Lorain on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, along with Deacon Pat & Joan Berigan, to view the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young millennial fascinated by the Eucharist. He loved playing video games, but loved Jesus more, using his computer skills to create a website to teach others about the Eucharist. Since his First Communion, he attended Mass daily and brought his family back to the faith. He died in 2006 at age 15 of leukemia, offering up his suffering for the Pope and the Church. I spoke about him at Mass a couple of years ago. What a gift to see such deep faith in a young person today.

# 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 on 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: February 1, 2023, March 1, 2023 and May 3, 2023. THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN APRIL DUE TO HOLY WEEK.

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 jberigan@leothgreat.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 44109)
- 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.

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at (216) 334 -2999 or via email at response services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior. A good way to become more aware and recognize warning signs of abuse is to complete a Virtus Training. For more information or to sign up for a class please visit Virtusonline.org.

### CREATE YOUR CATHOLIC LEGACY

When you make plans to leave a gift to the Church, you demonstrate your gratitude to God for all the gifts with which God has blessed you. You also give witness to family and friends as to the importance of your faith, at the same time blessing the lives of those who will benefit from your generosity. Whether you make a gift to continue a ministry at your parish, to help sustain the good works of Catholic Charities, to provide a Catholic education to students, to ensure the formation of priests, or to help another ministry of the Diocese of Cleveland, you are passing along the tradition of our Catholic faith. Your gift to the Church is part of your legacy. Questions? Contact Brenda Basalla in our parish office at (216) 661-1006 x 103 or via email at bbasalla@leothegreat.org. You are also welcome to contact Jean Ann Montagna of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x8070.

Have you moved into the area recently, would love to have you as a registered Welcome member of our parish family. Please stop by at the rectory office, go online at www.leothegreat.org or call the



Rectory Office at 216-661-1006 for more information.



# THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

JANUARY 9, 2023

CHRISTOPHER & LISA VANCE

# PRO-LIFE

Please join us for our next **Pro-Life meeting** on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. If you have any questions about the group, the meeting or its content, please contact either Dennis Badar at 216-398-2830 or Chris Rath at 216-741-1536.

Because our country remains under constant attack from evil, we ask all to continue praying to St. Michael the Archangel, as often as you can. He can help us defeat the enemy.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.





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Please return this stub with your payment of \$30.00. Checks are to be made out to St. Leo the Great.

Questions? Please call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006 or visit our website at www.leothegreat.org

# **School News**



Sunday, January 29, 2023 10:30a.m.—12:30p.m. All are welcome!!! Pre-K (3&4) Grades K-8 Scholarships available:



- Cleveland
- Ed Choice
- Ed Choice Expansion
- Jon Peterson

### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Davis Foundation is again offering scholarship opportunities for graduates of St. Leo the Great School. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Dodson at mdodson@leothegreat.org for specific information.

# BOY SCOUTS St. Leo's Boy Scout —Troop 24

Who: 6th-12th Graders

When: Every Tuesday Night at 7:30pm Where: St. Leo the Great Parish Center Contact: Mike Robinson at 216-409-3733 or email him at mrobinson@leothegreat.org

Whether you are looking to make new friends, learn new skills or just want to go camping—there is something for everyone!

### Inspiration for a Nation

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education." —Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant." —Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." —Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



**St. Ignatius** is offering a brief into to the Latin, French and Mandarin languages and their respective cultures for young men in the 6th, 7th, 8th grades. The courses are held on Saturdays. The Latin course runs from 1:00p.m. until 2:00p.m., the Mandarin courses

run from 12:00p.m. until 1:00p.m., and the French course runs from 11:00a.m. until 12:00p.m. The sessions begin on Saturday, February 11th and end on Saturday, March 4th. **The courses are FREE!** Register online at www.ignatius.edu/grade\_school. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Joseph Zebrak at 216-651-0222 ext, 2453 or email jzebrak@ignatius.edu before courses begin.

## **Parent Teacher Committee**

Bringing Parents and Teachers together to create and host fun activities throughout the school year for the students of St. Leo the Great! If you are a parent of a child at St. Leo school (Preschool thru 8th grade) please consider joining our efforts and attend a meeting to listen in —volunteer the time and talents you have to offer to help make our PTC all the more successful. Fundraising, networking, chairing events such as trunk-or-treat, family movie night, breakfast with Santa, The Sweetheart Dance, to name a few, is a wonderful way to get involved in your child's school life and meet their friends and their families. The more the Merrier! We welcome you all and all the ideas you have to make it GREAT!

Email PTC@leothegreat.org for more details!

Apply now for Fall Enrollment! Call 216-661-2120, visit www.leothegreat.org or please contact our Principal, Mrs. Denise Burns at dburns@leothegreat.org for more details.