

# Saint Leo the Great Catholic Church

Very Reverend Justin L. Ward, S.T.L, Administrator

January 24, 2021 **The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

## Mass Intentions

### St. Leo Church

Sunday January 24 8AM †Helen Lane  
10AM *Pro Populo*

### St. Francis Church

1PM

Please call the Church Office to submit your Mass intentions.

## Lector Schedule

	8:00AM	10:00AM
January 24	Casey Trusler	Denise Duke
January 31	Kay Courtney	Joyce Weiss
February 7	Marti Waters	Brian Sellers
February 14	Diane Brooker	Joe Veres

A lector schedule has been published and sent to the lectors.

## Catholics and the Bible

If you ask people what the Bible is, most of them will be able to tell you that the Bible is the Sacred Scripture for the Christian faith. This is true. But if you ask people what Catholics believe about the Bible, you will probably hear a lot of different answers. Many people may not even have an answer. So what do Catholics believe about the Bible? Who wrote the Bible? Was it God? Or was it human beings? The answer for Catholics is a resounding "Yes!" The Bible is the word of God in the words of human beings. God is the primary author of the Bible, so we know that whatever Scripture asserts to be true is in fact true. When we understand it correctly, the Bible will never lead us astray. God inspired human beings to write the Bible. These people used their own abilities and perspectives to write the books that became part of the Bible. Catholics believe that whatever the Bible asserts to be true is actually true. Does this mean that God must have created the world in seven 24-hour days, or that Jesus wants us to cut off body parts if they lead us to sin? No! When interpreting the Bible, it is important to understand the authors' intentions in writing the books. A book like 1 Kings is historical; a book like the Song of Solomon is poetic; a book like Revelation relies heavily on symbolism. Therefore, when interpreting 1 Kings, the Song of Solomon, and Revelation, Catholics use different standards in figuring out what the books are trying to tell us. Because God inspired the Bible, Catholics need to interpret the Bible in the light of the Holy Spirit. At heart, the Bible has one author, so when Catholics interpret the Bible they understand that the Bible will never contradict itself. The Holy Spirit guides the Church in a special way. He guided the Church in its process of discerning which books belonged in the Bible, and he continues to guide the Church in its interpretation of the Bible. Therefore, Catholics do not interpret the Bible for themselves but rely on the wisdom of the Church in understanding what God is saying through the Scriptures. Even though the Church is the primary interpreter of the Bible, every Catholic should make the Bible a part of his or her life. Even for those who cannot read, whether because they are too young or are in a country where literacy is uncommon, the Church proclaims the Bible at every Mass. The Church says that Catholics should read the Bible frequently. Catholics (and others) can see in the Bible God's love letter to human beings, and his love letter to each person. Catholics should always be grateful for the Bible. This is a wonderful way not only to know about God, but also to form a deeper relationship with God. May we use this Sunday of the Word of God as a time to renew our commitment to learning Sacred Scripture.

## Last Week's Offertory 1/17/2021

**St. Leo \$2,102.00**

**St. Francis \$555.00**

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## Liturgical Schedule

Sunday Mass will be celebrated at our regular times (8am and 10am) in the Parish Hall. You may also choose to attend Mass at Saint Francis Church in Livingston at 1pm. During the renovation process, Confessions will be heard and in Fr. Ward's office 30 minutes prior to each Mass. Please note that during the renovation period there will be no daily masses or adoration as the Blessed Sacrament will be housed in the rectory chapel.

## Home Blessing

Chalk and pamphlets are available for pick up in the Parish Hall for those interested in blessing their home for this new year.

## Contribution Statements

End of year contribution letters are being prepared and can be expected by the end of January.

## Are You Receiving the Bulletin?

If there are members of our parish who are not receiving the bulletin that you know of, please contact them and encourage them to contact the church office to be added to the distribution list.

## St Francis Campus Ministry Hall

Please come and support the new Campus Ministry! All help is needed on Saturday, February 23rd, to set up the St Francis Hall in Livingston for Campus Ministry! We will begin at 10:00 am,

## Envelopes

2021 envelopes are available for pickup in the Parish Hall.

## Extension of Dispensation

Bishop Raica has extended the dispensation from the obligation to assist at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation through Laetare Sunday (March 14). For more information, please check the St. Leo website and read the attached decree (in English or Spanish).

## Rededication of the Church

The rededication of the Church has been rescheduled for Friday, March 12 at 6 PM.

## Ash Wednesday Masses

Ash Wednesday Masses will be on Wednesday, February 17 at 6:30 AM and 8 AM.

## Meetings

Parish Council will meet on Wednesday, January 27 at 5 PM.

Parish Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, January 27 at 7 PM.

## Lenten Pilgrimage

The parish will be offering a Lenten pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Ave Maria Grotto. The group will depart the morning of March 6 and arrive back in Demopolis that evening. The cost for expenses will be \$20, which will include lunch. Sign up before February 5th by contacting the church office or email [DRE@stleo.info](mailto:DRE@stleo.info).

Contact office@stleo.info to request to receive this bulletin via email each week.