

# Saint Leo the Great Catholic Church

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

## June 6, 2021 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year B

Mass Intentions	Lector Schedule
St. Leo Church	9:00AM
Sunday June 6 9AM	June 6 Collins Hess
	June 13 Brian Sellers
	June 20 Joe Veres

### From Father Ward

Beginning today, June 6, Saint Leo will celebrate **one weekend Mass at 9am** on Sunday mornings.

As Saint Francis Mission exists with a primary emphasis for ministry to the university students, no Mass will be offered there during this summer schedule.

The Very Reverend Justin Ward, S.T.L., has been named Episcopal Master of Ceremonies effective immediately, while remaining Vicar for Sacred Liturgy, with residence at the Cathedral of St. Paul. He is further named Sacramental Minister for St. Stephen Chapel in Birmingham, effective July 6, 2021. Fr. George Maniangattu is named Administrator of St. Leo the Great Parish in Demopolis and its missions, effective July 6, 2021. Fr. Ward's last Sunday will be **June 27**.

### VBS

Vacation Bible school will be the week of **June 14-18, 5:00 - 7:15 PM**. This year's theme is "Wilderness Adventure." As we journey through the wilderness, we will be exploring God's gifts to us, as we travel through the adventures of the Bible. Dinner is provided! You can pick up registration sheets at the back of the Church, or register online at [dre9814.wixsite.com/my-site](http://dre9814.wixsite.com/my-site). Contact Mary Hays with any questions at [DRE@stleo.info](mailto:DRE@stleo.info).

### Diocesan Conference August 13/14

Please "Save the Date" for a Year of the Parish and the Eucharist diocesan conference on August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville. The theme of the conference will be: "From the rising of the sun to its setting, a perfect offering is made." There will be Eucharist adoration and a Eucharistic procession on Friday night, the 13<sup>th</sup>, and speakers (including Dr. Scott Hahn and Dr. John Bergsma) on Saturday – with both an English and a Spanish track. More information in the coming weeks.

### Last Week's Offertory

**5/30/21 St. Leo \$3,156.90**

### Pentecost Reflection and Class

Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit was palpably present in ways expected and unexpected. In accomplishing God's singular will that day, the Holy Spirit did it in such a way to sanctify and heal each one of us according to our own particular needs: one he guided, one he consoled, one he humbled, and one he exalted. The Word of God—which we hear in scripture, the church's tradition and liturgy, and through one another as the Body of Christ—is likened to a "two-edged sword" (Hebrews 4:12), meaning that one edge may strike a person upon the head while the other edge may strike a person upon the chest. But, it is still the same sword (or Word) that strikes! Thus, from on high, the Holy Spirit accomplishes God's single and unified will through many and various ways as he descends into human affairs. As a comical example of this, during Pentecost Sunday Mass I had made a liturgical mistake of setting the lectionary to the wrong option for the reading, and I realized this mistake had the potential to undermine Bishop Baker's homily. In the moment, I experienced great worry and self-inflicted humiliation for possibly having impaired Bishop's preaching. This experience humbled me interiorly, and after realizing my failure, I entrusted my mistake to the Lord Jesus and asked that He bring some good out of it somehow—and He did, for "we know that all things work for good for those who love God" (Romans 8:28). Later that day, after Mass had finished, I found out that my mistake had actually *benefitted* Bishop's homily, rather than wreck it. In bringing about the Divine will, the Holy Spirit permitted my mistake to humble me interiorly and to increase my trust and love of our Lord Jesus, and to aid Bishop's preaching. If we give all our gifts, talents, successes, failures and mistakes—the 'water' of our lives—the Holy Spirit will change them into wine!

- Seminarian Collins Hess

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*Don't Worry Be Happy* is a 4-week mini-series being offered this summer by Sem. Collins Hess on the subject of happiness and God. Namely, if all men and women [restlessly] seek happiness, and if God is the only thing that can completely satisfy our searching hearts, then how do we come to know and 'attain' God? We will examine, for example, Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics* (340 BC), St. Thomas Aquinas's *Treatise on Happiness* (1270 AD), St. Thomas's arguments for God's existence, Church teaching, and the Holy Scriptures. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30PM in the parish hall. Come join us for food, drink, and discussion!

### Congratulations to Our Confirmands

Congratulations to the eight young adults who received the sacrament of Confirmation: Alberto Galvan, Grissel Galvan, Esperanza and Noel Galvan, Sarah Helms, Maria Miranda, Conner Reynolds, and Caroline Sparkman. On Pentecost Sunday, Bishop Baker graciously came to administer the holy sacrament to the candidates, who have been preparing since January. Please pray for them as they continue to mature in the Faith and grow as sons and daughters of God.