

St. Leo the Great Parish & St. Francis of Assisi Mission

Rev. Fr. George Maniangattu

February 27, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions St. Leo Sunday, 2/27 8AM <i>Pro Populo</i> 10AM† Christy Marsh St. Francis 12PM <i>Pro Populo</i>	Last Week's Offertory 2/20/2022 St. Leo \$1,151.00 St. Francis \$580.00	Lector Schedule 8:00AM 10:00AM Feb. 27 Marti Waters Brian Sellers Mar. 06 Diane Brooker Jan McDonald	
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Ash Wednesday Mass is this Wednesday, March 2:
 4pm at St. Francis
 6pm at St. Leo

Stations of the Cross and

Fish Fry

Come join us every Friday during Lent for our weekly fish fry beginning March 4.

Father will celebrate Mass and Stations of the Cross at 5pm. The fish fry will immediately follow.

Please bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert.



Volunteers are needed to cook. Please sign up in the vestibule or on SignUp Genius by searching dre@stleo.info in the "search for a signup" box, not in the "search site resources box". It is also linked on our Facebook page!

St. Leo's Ladies' Auxiliary will meet on March 2nd after mass and on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Sunday Social

Join us next week for our March Sunday Social! After each mass, come socialize, and enjoy coffee and refreshments!



"(Lent) is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism." -Pope Benedict XVI

Prayer During Coronavirus Pandemic

O Clement, O loving, O Sweet Mother Mary,
 We, Your children of every nation,
 Turn to you in this pandemic.
 Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.
 Grant that we might deposit them at your feet.
 Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,
 And obtain peace, healing, rescue.
 And timely help in all our needs.
 You are our Mother.
 Pray for us to your Son.
 AMEN

Mardi Gras is strongly associated with wild bacchanalia and debauchery, but the original intent of the holiday and how it's kept by the faithful is much different. Fat Tuesday, as it is known in English, is a long-standing tradition of the Catholic Church and it marks the last day of ordinary time before the start of Lent, a time of fasting and repentance. Fat Tuesday is this Tuesday, March 1.



"Lent is a favorable time in which to rediscover faith in God as the foundation of our lives and of the Church's life." *Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*

Ascension St Vincent's is in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to serve the hospitalized Catholic community. If you are interested in serving as an Extraordinary Minister at Ascension St. Vincent's, please contact Deacon Philip Boettcher, Chaplain, at (205) 939-7689 or philip.boettcher@ascension.org for more information.

Morning of Reflection with Bishop Baker

St. Paul's Cathedral
 Saturday March 26, 2022
 8:30am-1pm

It is a privilege to pray for our priests! Seven Sisters Apostolate has a mission to pray for individual priests in small groups of only seven. Each woman chooses a different day of the week and offers one Holy Hour. Thus, the priest receives a Holy Hour every day. It is a blessing for the priest and the intercessor.

We are inviting all Seven Sisters and any women who are interested to come and be refreshed and learn more about the value of these hours.

Learn more by contacting Coby Soeherman at 205-835-1792 (call or text) or email: sevensistersbirmingham@gmail.com

"The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make a complete gift of self to God." – Pope Benedict XVI

MARRIED COUPLES:

Does gardening and spring planting give you or your spouse a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you lovingly planted the seeds of a lifelong relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you the "gardening tools" you need to help your marriage grow and blossom.



The next weekend in the diocese of Birmingham is scheduled on **March 25-27, 2022, at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman.**

You can get more information or register online at www.wwme.org or by calling Frank and Kathryn Wessling at **205-530-3607**.

You Are Invited to Dialogue!

Bishop Raica has convened a series of regional dialogue sessions for people from every corner of our local Church to be able to participate. A local session is being held **March 9 at Holy Spirit in Tuscaloosa, from 6-8pm**. For more information, you may go to <http://bhmdiocese.org/synod>.

Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
 With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
 Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
 We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
 Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.
 Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
 All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.
 Amen.