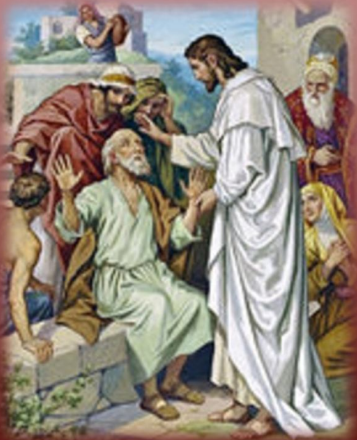


Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2024

# The Roman Catholic Community of SAINT LEO THE GREAT



*Worship with us!*

*“For this purpose  
have I come”*

MK1:38

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m.

### DAILY MASSES:

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

Novena Prayers following 9:00 a.m. Mass

Monday – Miraculous Medal

Tuesday – Saint Anthony

Wednesday – Saint Jude

Friday – Sacred Heart

**HOLY DAY MASSES:** See Bulletin

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



50 HURLEY'S LANE  
LINCROFT, NEW JERSEY  
07738-1406

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY through THURSDAY  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

Office is Closed

SATURDAY

Office is Closed

SUNDAY

Office is Closed

Follow us on **Facebook** - [facebook.com/ChurchofStLeotheGreat](https://facebook.com/ChurchofStLeotheGreat) and **Instagram** - [@churchofsaintleotheGreat](https://instagram.com/churchofsaintleotheGreat)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE - THURSDAY AM** (one week prior)

## **Parish Statement of Vision & Purpose**

*With charity, joy and missionary enthusiasm the  
Roman Catholic Family of Saint Leo the Great, Lincroft,  
commits to giving ourselves unconditionally in service to the People of God  
in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior*

### **Pastoral Center**

Parish Center 732-747-5466 - Option 1

Email [parish@stleothegreat.com](mailto:parish@stleothegreat.com)

Website [www.stleothegreat.com](http://www.stleothegreat.com)

### **Directory**

#### **Saint Leo the Great Nursery & Early Childhood Center**

732-333-7362

Email [nursery@stleothegreat.com](mailto:nursery@stleothegreat.com)

Director Ms. Junell Wells, BA

### **Pastoral Staff**

Pastor	Reverend John T. Folchetti, D.Min.
Weekend Assistant	Reverend Alfred J. Burke
Weekend Assistant	Reverend Timothy Tighe, CSP
Deacon	Mr. Edward H. Wilson
Deacon	Mr. Richard Tucker
Deacon	Mr. John Senkewicz
Parish Trustee	Mr. Lawrence Durso
Parish Trustee	Mr. Thomas Gioia
Executive Asst./Office Mgr	Ms. Julie C. Olski
Pastor's Liaison	Mrs. Gloria Harter
Receptionist	Mrs. Carol Blaney
Friday Receptionist	Mrs. Joan Gittens

### **Parish Administration**

Director	Mr. Joseph A. Manzi, MBA, MS
Bookkeeper	Mrs. Sharon Kreft
Bursar	Mrs. Colleen Esposito
Human Resources/Payroll	Mrs. Siobhan Smith

### **Pastoral Ministries**

#### **Saint Leo the Great School**

School 732-741-3133

Website [www.saintleothegreatschool.com](http://www.saintleothegreatschool.com)

Principal	Ms. Caroline Fitzgerald, MA, MA Ed
Vice Principal	Mr. Brian C. Laux, BA, M Ed
Vice Principal	Mrs. Maria Waldman, MA
PTA President	Mrs. Maureen Doehner

### **Office of Parish Faith Formation**

Office 732-747-5466 - Option 2

Email [FaithFormation@stleothegreat.com](mailto:FaithFormation@stleothegreat.com)

Coordinator, K-5	Ms. Paula DeStefano
Coordinator, 6-8	Mr. Gary Arkin
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Karen Ann Lenahan

### **Worship & Liturgical Ministries**

Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors	
Moderator	Deacon Edward Wilson
Sacred Music	Ms. Alice Solantay, Director
Sacristan	Mr. Michael Bosch

### **Catholic Youth Ministry**

Director	Mrs. Joan M. Kret
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### **Buildings & Grounds**

Director of Security	Mr. G. Thomas Coyle
Custodian	Mr. John Kersey

### **Religious Store Ministry**

908-770-1989

Email [store@stleothegreat.com](mailto:store@stleothegreat.com)

Manager Mrs. Christina Armellino

### **Evangelization & Spiritual Formation**

Coordinator of R.C.I.A.	Ms. Paula DeStefano
	Mr. Gary Arkin
CLOW	Mrs. Patricia Hicks
Reflection for Women	Mrs. Patricia Hicks

### **Christian Service Ministries**

Social Concerns	Deacon John Senkewicz, Coordinator
Lunch Break/Feed A Friend	Mrs. Eileen Scoles

### **Parish Organizations**

Carnival General Manager	Mr. Joseph A. Manzi
Holy Name Society	
President	Mr. Thomas Dogas
Knights of Columbus	Grand Knight Roberto Arena

### **Community Outreach**

AA - 8:30 a.m. Saturday	
Bereavement Ministry	Ms. Paula DeStefano
Caregiving Friends	Mrs. Nanci Lopes

### **Parish Athletic Activities**

Director & Coordinator	Mr. Anthony Biancaniello
SLG Athletic Association	Mr. Daniel Lepore

### **FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are celebrated on scheduled Sundays at 1:00 p.m. Please see our website for information.

### **FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGES**

Please call the Parish Center one year in advance PRIOR to making any other arrangements.

### **FOR HOSPITAL & HOME COMMUNION CALLS:**

Call the Parish Center

### **FOR SPONSOR CERTIFICATES / LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY:**

#### **Please note the following requirements**

Must be: a registered Parishioner, a faithfully practicing Roman Catholic, over the age of 16, if married, must be in a valid Catholic marriage, and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, & Confirmation. (cf. Canon Law)

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 4, 2024*



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, February 3**

5:30 p.m. -People of Parish  
+Thomas Rivello, r/b Kathleen Rivello

**Sunday, February 4**

7:00 a.m. -+Yolanda Aurichio, r/b Patricia L. Stronczer  
+Peggy Moore, r/b Elisabeth Patterson  
8:30 a.m. -+Larry Alworth, r/b Viola & Joe Ballone  
+Gina LoCascio, r/b Chiara Lore  
10:00 a.m. -+John Francis Horan, r/b Coakley Family  
+Bobby Martin, r/b Deacon Ed & Dorothy Wilson  
11:30 a.m. -+Thomas Rivello, r/b Kathleen Rivello  
+Apollo Alexei Venezia, r/b Venezia/Walsh Families

**Monday, February 5**

9:00 a.m. -+Janet Trilli, r/b M/M James Cracchiolo  
+William Gruccio, r/b Andrew & Alexandra Rascoll

**Tuesday, February 6**

9:00 a.m. -+John & +Pauline Folchetti  
+Eileen Devaney, r/b Bill Devaney

**Wednesday, February 7**

9:00 a.m. -+Marie Collie, r/b Mary Soyka

**Thursday, February 8**

9:00 a.m. -+Paul Ryan, r/b Ann Connolly  
+Michael Simonini, r/b Caroline Fitzgerald

**Friday, February 9**

9:00 a.m. -+June C. Warshaw, r/b M/M Mike Warshaw

**Saturday, February 10**

8:00 a.m. -+Roger Severin, r/b Falconite Family  
5:30 p.m. -+Dorothy Ann Serpe, r/b Alexandra Peigelbeck  
+Elvira Pinton, r/b Sileo Family

**Sunday, February 11**

7:00 a.m. -People of Parish  
+Larry Alworth, r/b Julie Olski  
8:30 a.m. -+George Soyka, r/b Cathy Brennan  
+June Warshaw, r/b Greg & Ginny Vasil  
10:00 a.m. -+Natalina Calla, r/b Macolino Family  
+Anthony Rienzi, r/b David & Kate Guglietti  
11:30 a.m. -+Robert Martin, r/b Sheila & Ed Tobiasson  
+Gabrielle Block, r/b Blaikie Family





The Vigil Light, which is located beside the tabernacle, informs us that the Blessed Sacrament is present and is also a devotional candle. Each week we will post a notice in the bulletin for whom the candle burns; a deceased loved one, someone that is ill, an anniversary or other occasion. The offering for reserving the candle for the week is \$25. Please stop by the Parish Center Office to reserve a candle - either Church or Chapel.

Also available on a weekly basis is Altar Bread.

**Liturgical Assignments - February 10/11**

*Please arrive 15 minutes early.*

*If you are unable to serve at the time scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a substitute. Thank you!*

<b><u>Mass</u></b>	<b><u>5:30 p.m.</u></b>	<b><u>7:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>8:30 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>10:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>11:30 a.m.</u></b>
<b>Lectors</b>	M. Potenziani	M. Fallon	R. Gabrielan	D. Szostek	J. Krall
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	M. Russo M. Borgese	J. Manzi	S. Portera P. Hicks	J. Sharkey K. McCarthy	J. Bornemann
<b>Altar Servers</b>	M. Burniewicz L. Capadona R. Frake	C. Shibles B. Shibles	A. Doehner E. Doehner J. Blaney	R. Importico W. Battista V. Paini	M. Alfonso C. Sams J. Sharkey
<b>CLOW</b>			C. Fitzgerald M. O'Donnell	P. DeStefano R. Gana O. Zavaglia	



## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

### MONDAY, February 5

8:00 a.m. Exposition / **Chapel**  
 9:00 a.m. Mass / **Chapel**  
 10:30 a.m. Centering Prayer / Chapel  
 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal / Church  
 7:00 p.m. 12 Steps / Café

### TUESDAY, February 6

8:00 a.m. Exposition / **Chapel**  
 9:00 a.m. Mass / **Chapel**  
 4:30 p.m. Rel. Ed. Grd 1-6 / School  
 5:45 p.m. Rel. Ed. Grd 7-8 / School  
 8:15 p.m. KofC General Mtg / MR

### WEDNESDAY, February 7

8:00 a.m. Exposition / **Chapel**  
 9:00 a.m. Mass / **Chapel**  
 9:30 a.m. Mommy & Me / MR  
 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet / Chapel

### THURSDAY, February 8

8:00 a.m. Exposition / **Chapel**  
 9:00 a.m. Mass / **Chapel**  
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal / Church

### FRIDAY, February 9

8:00 a.m. Exposition / **Chapel**  
 9:00 a.m. Mass / **Chapel**

### SATURDAY, February 10

8:00 a.m. Mass / **Chapel**  
 8:45 a.m. Feed A Friend / Café  
 10:00 a.m. First Penance Mtg / Café  
 4:30 p.m. Confessions / Church  
 5:30 p.m. Mass / **Church**

### SUNDAY, February 11

*World Day of the Sick*

**World Marriage Day**

**Masses:** 7:00, \*8:30, \*10:00, 11:30 a.m. / **Church**  
 \* 8:30 a.m. & \*10:00 a.m. CLOW / Church  
 \*10:00 a.m. Children's Mass



Join Us For  
**ADORATION OF  
 THE MOST  
 BLESSED SACRAMENT**

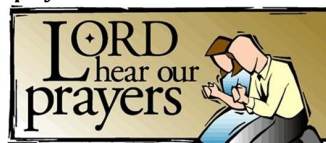
Daily in the **CHAPEL**  
 Monday through Friday  
 8:00 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.

*Followed by Daily Mass at 9:00 a.m.*



### Offertory

Thank you for your continued support! You may also donate electronically via our website (click on E-Giving) or using your financial institution's electronic bill pay.



### Your Prayers Are Requested

*Remember Our Men & Women who are serving in the Military here and overseas.* Pray for their safety and for their families.

*Remember the People of Ukraine and the Holy Land*

*Remember Our Sick, Home Bound, Hospitalized,* especially Residents of Luftman Towers, The Pavilion, Sunrise Assisted Living

*Remember Our Deceased,* especially Timothy Lutz



*Remember Our New Parishioners and Their Families*

*Welcome*  
 FAITH FAMILY FRIENDS

## ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14TH

SCHEDULE OF

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

ALL WILL BE IN THE

CHURCH



7:00AM PRAYER SERVICE W ASHES

9:00A.M. MASS W ASHES

12:10PM PRAYER SERVICE W ASHES

6:00PM PRAYER SERVICE W ASHES

7:30PM PRAYER SERVICE W ASHES



### ***News Around the Diocese***

**A NIGHT OF WORSHIP:** **February 9th** at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold. Praise and Worship, Adoration followed by a Concert with Dana Catherine - Singer, Songwriter and Speaker. For more information, go to [danacatherinemusic.com](http://danacatherinemusic.com).

**CATHOLIC MEN FOR JESUS CHRIST CONFERENCE:** 27th annual **Catholic Men for Jesus Christ Conference, February 24th**, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. with Bishop David M. O'Connell, Presider & Homilist for the Holy Mass. St. Mary Mother of God Church, 19 Cherry Tree Farm Rd, Middletown. Conference registration for adults is \$50 in advance or \$60 at door. Student registration is \$20. Fee includes both breakfast and lunch. For information, call 732-671-0071, email [info@catholicmenforjesuschrist.org](mailto:info@catholicmenforjesuschrist.org) or visit [www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org/](http://www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org/). Register online at [cmjc.ticketspice.com/2024mensconference](http://cmjc.ticketspice.com/2024mensconference). Speakers include Joe Klecko, Tim Glemkowski, Xavier Reyes-Ayral.

### **HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION:**

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God. If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warnekiewicz at 732-536-6871 or email [judywarren543@msn.com](mailto:judywarren543@msn.com). All inquiries are strictly confidential. **2024 Weekend Retreats: February 16-18, 2024 and November 15-17, 2024**

**HELP WANTED:** St. Catharine Church, Holmdel NJ, is looking for an enthusiastic individual to fill a part-time position in the Religious Education Program as the **Administrative Assistant**. The Religious Education Program provides faith formation, catechetical instruction, and sacramental preparation to 600 students in grades one through eight. The job responsibilities include a variety of administrative tasks, maintaining family records, data entry, communication through email and phone calls. The Administrative Assistant will report directly to the Coordinator of Religious Education. Candidates must be proficient in computer skills, verbal and written

communication, interpersonal skills, and maintaining confidentiality. The successful candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing and willing to work a flexible work schedule. Please submit your resumé with cover letter and two professional references to: [ccarlo@stcatharine.net](mailto:ccarlo@stcatharine.net) or mail to Christopher Carlo, Church of Saint Catharine, 108 Middletown Rd., Holmdel, NJ 07733.

### **RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE:**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held **February 16 - 18** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### **LENTEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL SERIES**

San Alfonso Retreat House  
755 Ocean Ave • Long Branch

**February 21, March 4, March 11 and March 18**

6:00 – 8:30 PM

Soup Supper 6:00 PM, Presentation 7:00 pm  
\$25 per Evening



*Looking for some spiritual  
nourishment this Lent?*

*Come to our Lenten Soup for the  
Soul Evenings!*

*Join us for some soup, fellowship,  
prayer and reflection to feed your  
body, mind, heart, and soul!*

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

*Become What You Celebrate*

**Presenter: Rev. Timothy Tarnacki, OSPPE**

**Monday, March 4, 2024**

*What Does It Mean To Be The Beloved?*

**Presenter: Sr. Maureen Christensen, RSM**

**Monday, March 11, 2024**

*How to Witness To Your Faith in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

**Presenter: Cristina D'Averso-Collins**

**Monday, March 18, 2024**

*Praying With Jesus' Good News in the Parables  
of Mercy* **Presenter: Judy Schiavo**

**Registration is required.** To register email [info@sanalfonsoretreats.org](mailto:info@sanalfonsoretreats.org) or online at [www.sanalfonsoretreats.org](http://www.sanalfonsoretreats.org). Phone: 732-222-2731, X140. Full program description available at [www.sanalfonsoretreats.org](http://www.sanalfonsoretreats.org)

**NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK &  
WORLD MARRIAGE DAY**



In observance of **National Marriage Week (February 7-14, 2024)** and **World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 11, 2024)**, the Diocese of Trenton honors all Catholic married couples with a special web resource to enhance their marriage in three important ways: 1) *Reconnect with Your Spouse*, 2) *Make Your Marriage Even Better*, and 3) *Serve Others in Your Marriage*. Find all this and more at [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples) **1601** "The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament."

**LENTEN  
SIMPLE  
SUPPERS**



Bring your family to enjoy  
homemade  
**Simple Suppers**  
on Fridays in Lent at 6:30 p.m.  
in the School Cafeteria *followed by*  
**Stations of the Cross** at 7:30 p.m.  
in the Church

**DATES AND MEALS**

Friday, February 23 ~ Tomato Rice Soup  
Friday, March 1 ~ Vegetable Barley Soup  
Friday, March 8 ~ Broccoli Cheddar Soup  
Friday, March 15 ~ Veggie Cheese Tortellini Soup

**NO COST**

*Included are Bread & Water. Please Pre-Register  
EACH week so we can plan accordingly at  
[www.stleothegreat.com/simple-suppers](http://www.stleothegreat.com/simple-suppers)*

**ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY  
SIGN UP COMING SOON**



Joan  
Kret,  
Youth  
Minister

**IGNITE Youth Group**



We have a date for our annual  
Rummage Sale!  
**April 5th will be for Saint Leo's  
Parishioners ONLY**  
**April 6th will be for the  
General Public.**

Donations will be accepted on  
Wednesday, April 3rd from 12 noon to 3pm  
Thursday, April 4th from 3pm to 6pm  
Friday, April 5th from 5pm to 7pm

When you start your Spring Cleaning and are de-cluttering, please save your gently used items to donate to our Rummage Sale!

Questions? Email [joankret@stleothegreat.com](mailto:joankret@stleothegreat.com)

**SHALL I PLAY FOR HIM . . .  
on my DRUM**

*Facilitated by Barbara Woodzell*



God uses **DRUMS** as another tool to enhance His powers to improve our health, our lives and the very essence of our being.

As **LENT** approaches, we find ourselves living with **STRESS** in our daily lives. Drumming is a way to reduce stress and bring peace in the midst of chaos.

**Hand Drumming** is musical medicine for the body, mind and heart. Your immune system loves a good beat, and music is praying doubly to God.

**Come to Drum, Chant & Praise God  
on Drums this Lent.**

Let us **DRUM** for **HIM** on Tuesdays in Lent  
**February 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19**  
from 10am to 11am in the Parish Center Chapel.

**Drums will be provided.**

Come and experience **SEEING DEEPER** through  
Drumming Prayers.

+++ **Drumming is SOUND HEALING** for your soul

+++

**Limited to 10 people**

**Sign up at**

[www.stleothegreat.com/drumming-for-him](http://www.stleothegreat.com/drumming-for-him)





Night

at Saint Leo the Great

SATURDAY, March 2nd

7PM TO 11PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6PM)

Saint Leo the Great AAC

LIMITED SEATING

Table reservations are available  
when you register on our website:

[www.stleothegreat.com/bingo](http://www.stleothegreat.com/bingo)

Game boards distributed at time of check-in

All Participants  
should bring  
Food and  
Refreshments



8 Regular Games  
One Super Jackpot

Three boards per Game \$25.<sup>00</sup>

**Super JACKPOT \$500.<sup>00</sup>**

## 2024 ST LEO THE GREAT HOLY NAME SOFTBALL LEAGUE - 45 Years



Join us for our 45<sup>th</sup> year of softball. The league was started so the men of the Parish could gather socially. This is an invitation to the men of the Parish who are 18 years and older to register to play softball on Sunday afternoons beginning April 7th and ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This gives us a 10-game season & 2 weeks for playoffs. We have several brothers as well as fathers and sons playing. Average age is 44 years old.

The registration fee is \$135.00 for those received **before February 10<sup>th</sup>** and **\$150 for those received after February 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please make checks payable to: Saint Leo the Great Holy Name Society. Credit cards, checks and form will be accepted on

Saint Leo the Great website [www.stleothegreat.com/mens-softball](http://www.stleothegreat.com/mens-softball)

The fee is used to purchase jerseys, equipment, water, small scholarships to two St. Leo students and donation to the Parish.

Every player who signs up is expected & obligated to assist in field setup when they have first game (**arrive 45 minutes early**) & field cleanup when they are scheduled to play in the late game. Additionally, we are a self-umpired league, and every player will be expected to umpire at least once during the season. The league cannot function without your support.

If you have any questions, please call or text Pete Maclearie 732-586-5683 ([pmaclearie@aol.com](mailto:pmaclearie@aol.com)).

**PLEASE, DO NOT CONTACT THE PARISH CENTER!**

**This application form must be completed and payment made before you can step on the field**

**The application must be received by February 10, 2024.** The league draft (random selections from a hat) is tentatively scheduled for **Friday, February 23, 2024**. Late Registration fees for any application received after the cutoff is **\$150** (ensure you allow time for the mail).

Please plan on joining us at the draft for beer, pizza and laughs. We will send an email with date and place.



**HIS WORD TODAY**  
by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 4, 2024**

**“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon, and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, ‘Everyone is looking for you’. He told them, ‘let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’”**



**Praise  
God  
who heals  
the broken-  
hearted**

Following His visit to a synagogue, healing Peter's family member and many others, Jesus leaves to be alone in prayer. Did you ever think of the content of that prayer, perhaps gratitude for the healing, for those who responded to His teaching, for the needs which would confront Him in the future in the next village?

In a few brief verses we meet Jesus, as teacher, healer, prayer and with us today companion for others. Simon's statement, 'everyone is looking for you', is repeated for us today, although many do not know the Jesus we know and follow. Our task is to help them end their search and bring Jesus to them.

**PRO-LIFE CORNER +**

As we enter this new era in the fight for life, several key areas received special emphasis at this year's March for Life:

1. Reminding politicians on both the left and right that the pro-life cause is the primary issue for many Americans. Without the right to life, no other rights matter.
2. Solidarity of the pro-life movement with women facing difficult pregnancies and the strong efforts to support them and their children every step of the way.

**Daily Readings for the Week**

**Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39  
**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56  
**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13  
**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23  
**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30  
**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37  
**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10



**Preach  
the Gospel**

**A VOCATION VIEW . . .**



The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicting the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds? How do you choose to respond?

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
February 11, 2024**

**First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46**

The Lord tells Moses and Aaron that anyone bearing the sore of leprosy must first be seen by Aaron or one of the other priests, and that as long as the sore is upon him, "He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1**

Paul instructs the Corinthians to do everything for the glory of God, to avoid offending others, and to be imitators of Christ.

**Gospel: Mark 1:40-45**

Jesus takes pity on a leper and cures him of his disease with a warning not to say but to show himself to the priest and make an offering. Instead of remaining silent, the leper greatly publicized the healing, making it impossible for Jesus to enter the town openly.

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## You've Been Hugged!

*be the reason someone smiles today*

**You are invited to take a heart next to our You've Been Hugged mailboxes, write a caring note, and decorate it!**

*Please have them back to us by February 11th.  
Once collected they will be handed out to our  
local nursing homes.*

*The You've Been Hugged mailboxes are located  
in the Church Narthex after all masses and  
Religious Store during store hours  
Tues-Fri 10AM - 4PM,  
located in the lower level of the Parish Center*

**\*please DO NOT include any personal information\***

*Sponsored by: The Religious Store Ministry and  
Ignite Youth Group*

## A LENTEN BOOK CLUB

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We will use these funds to feed those in need in our own community this Easter.

The **Butterfly Envelopes** may be returned in the collection box, mailed or dropped off at the Parish Center.

Please return the envelope by **March 25th.**



### **PARISH MONTHLY NOVENA**

A Novena is a prayer in which we ask God for a specific intention. It is repeated for nine days.

Please join us as we pray daily for each other's intentions. Each month we will post a new Novena Prayer and a place for you to include your intentions.

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