

## Saint Pope Leo the Great

The man after whom our 100 year old Worship Space was named



Feastday: November 10

St. Leo the Great was born in Tuscany. As deacon, he was dispatched to Gaul as a mediator by Emperor Valentinian III. He reigned as Pope between 440 and 461. He persuaded Emperor Valentinian to recognize the primacy of the Bishop of Rome in an edict in 445. The doctrine of the Incarnation was formed by him in a letter to the Patriarch of Constantinople, who had already condemned Eutyches. At the Council of Chalcedon this same letter was confirmed as the expression of Catholic Faith concerning the Person of Christ.

All secular historical treatises eulogize his efforts during the upheaval of the fifth century barbarian invasion. His encounter with Attila the Hun, at the very gates of Rome persuading him to turn back, remains a historical memorial to his great eloquence. When the Vandals under Genseric occupied the city of Rome, he persuaded the invaders to desist from pillaging the city and harming its inhabitants. He died in 461, leaving many letters and writings of great historical value.

<b>Mon. 07/16</b>	<b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer</u></b>
Feast	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
8:00 AM Mass	Marian Maser, Sr. Clementine O'Friel
<b>Tues. 07/17</b>	<b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases</u></b>
Feast	Weekday
8:00 AM Mass	Most Reverend Domingos Lam, Catarina Wong
<b>Wed. 07/18</b>	<b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis</u></b>
Feast	Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest
8:00 AM Mass	Kathleen Shellenberg, Shannon Jones
<b>Thur. 07/19</b>	<b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders</u></b>
Feast	Weekday
8:00 AM Mass	Bill Conrad, M/M Bistline and Anna
<b>Fri. 07/20</b>	<b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders</u></b>
Feast	Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
8:00 AM Mass	Marguerite Frederick, Mim, Carol and Janet Chichetta
<b>Sat. 07/21</b>	<b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes</u></b>
Feast	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 PM Mass	Theresa McCall, Children
<b>Sun. 07/22</b>	<b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions</u></b>
Feast	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Mass	Liv/Dec Members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish
11:00 AM Mass	Helen Kasun, Marie Czarnik

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### Happy Birthday:

07/16 Cindy Adamiak  
Jim Riley

07/22 Tina (Shaw) Helsel

### Wedding Anniversaries:

07/16 Paul and Gerri Rose

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### MONEY MATTERS

#### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, (July 8, 2012)

187 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,800.50 of which \$ 265.00 accounted for non-env. contributions.  
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Official congratulations are a bit premature but some note must be made of the fact that a rather small percentage of our parishioners [and clergy] have enabled Our Lady of Fatima parish to exceeded our diocesan assigned goal. There is still time for the procrastinators (the majority) to make even a minor pledge to symbolically assert authentic solidarity with the Diocese & Parish.

From the current issue of:

## TODAY'S LITURGY



### Ask the Liturgist

#### **There was a discussion at our parish as to what title we should use for the priest celebrating the Mass. Should he be called the “celebrant” or the “presider”?**

The terminology used for a priest as he celebrates Mass can help us to understand the place of the priesthood in the celebration. To help us to understand what terminology is best, however, we need to have some context.

The *Ceremonial of Bishops* provides for a case when a bishop might preside at the Eucharist but not be vested in a chasuble. He would be vested appropriately in a cassock and surplice, would not speak any prayers of the liturgy, and might give the final blessing. He is still considered to have *presided* at the liturgy. In such a case, the priest at the altar is not the *presider*.

So what about when we are at a Sunday Eucharist presided over by a priest? He is *presiding*, certainly, but to call him the presider would reduce his role to that one

part which, in fact, does not describe what he does when he prays the prayers of the celebration.

In fact, he *celebrates* Mass with us, and normally also presides over the celebration. The problem people have with the term *celebrant* is that it makes it sound like he is the only one celebrating at the liturgy. Surely we are all celebrants.

Perhaps the best solution is to refer to him as the *priest celebrant*. In this way we are not excluded as celebrants, the role of the priest is not reduced to something that is not essential to his role at the Mass, and the essential need for a priest to celebrate Eucharist is affirmed.

#### **The eucharistic ministers approach the altar after the priest has received from the chalice. Beforehand, is it preferable to have them seated in the sanctuary or with the congregation, presuming they do not approach until the appropriate time?**

On one level this is strictly a practical matter. In some church buildings there is such a huge distance between the places for the faithful and the altar that not having the ministers in the presbytery is simply impractical. But on another level this is an interesting question because it helps us understand the Church's ordering of the liturgical assembly.

Theologically, the ordering of our community should prefigure the ordering of the heavenly banquet. This is one of the reasons we see the priest acting in the person of Christ. I recall celebrating with my parish at Saint Paul Outside-the-Walls in Rome, where the priest would sit on a chair beneath the mosaic of Christ sitting in majesty. The message could not have been clearer. We, the assembly of the faithful, meet Christ in many ways, but one of them is in the person of the priest, especially if he is a bishop. The deacon, ordained to serve, has a similar place in the assembly.

For other ministers, the role is more contingent: lectors, when they are reading, become the voice of Christ;

servers imitate Christ who served at the Last Supper, and extraordinary ministers of holy Communion fill this role only when they are actually serving God's people.

Because of this, it is generally better to keep lay ministers seated with the assembly until they are needed. This theological need is balanced by the need to keep the celebration moving, free of needlessly long pauses while ministers move to and from their place of ministry.

A final thought: Having these ministers sit with the assembly can reinforce the sense of honor that comes with that right. The whole gathering, as an assembly convoked by the Father, join together to imitate Christ in their prayer and praise. They are a holy people, and so to sit with these elect of God should be seen as an honor in itself. Having some members of the assembly sit elsewhere can work against this teaching.

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*Our Lady of Fatima Pleaded That we pray the Holy Rosary Daily  
At O.L.F. before each Mass and privately from 8:30am to 7:00pm*



## A Missionary Too?

The role of favorite uncle is not always an easy one to fill. Imagine our Lector/Cantor Paul Kowalski's dilemma when his tearful, socially aware, 12-year-old niece, Elisabeth, told him she couldn't get an adult to accompany her on a Missionary trip to Antigua, Guatemala.

The girl had gotten involved with a Johnstown based mostly Catholic ecumenical group called "The Time Is Now" and that was this year's apostolic activity. Paul, hoping to find a flaw in his niece's plan, checked out the group and found that there was no flaw and that, indeed, the group was both legitimate and credible. Like all favorite uncles as a last ditch effort to have the plan scrapped (*i.e. Ask your mother!*) he told her if she got all the necessary permissions he would take her.

The last we heard, the odd couple was finishing up 7 days of pouring concrete floors and putting cook stoves together, doing arts and crafts with the kids and having bible studies with the adults. Obviously, her plan worked. His did not.

We are hoping that working together this dynamic duo will bring at least a few people, including themselves, closer to Christ by doing what He told us to do. The list of appropriate bible quotes is too long to print here, so just insert your own favorite. Our prayers and congratulations go out and up for the both of them. Also, we thank them for the good example.

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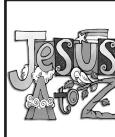
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