



# Der Löwe und der Pfeil



The Lion and the Arrow — Issue 14

## Announcements

Confirmation registration will begin Monday, July 19 and end Friday, August 13. **This is the only time you will be able to register.** To register please contact the Church office during office hours (Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., closed on Thursdays). Classes will begin Monday, August 23 and will continue until Monday, November 22.

July 10-11 and July 24-25 the Catholic Daughters Court Saint Leo will be having their Dollars for Seminarians drive. There will be at least one CDA member at each of the Holy Masses on these days at both Saint Leo IV Church and Saint Edmund Chapel collecting funds. On the weekends the CDA are not collecting there will be a locked box at the back of the church for those who would like to make their donation anonymously or if they are not at Holy Mass the weekends the CDA members will be collecting.

The CDA will be having their eating meeting on July 13 at Verona's in Jennings. Members can meet at Saint Leo IV Church at 5 p.m. if they would like to carpool or meet at the restaurant at 5:30 p.m. for the short meeting and meal. The CDA Holy Mass will be at 6:30 a.m. that day.

July 18 will be our annual Saint Leo's Celebration. The Holy Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. that day with lunch following in Reznicek Hall afterwards. All parishioners are invited to attend this celebration.



## Monthly Saint

Every month the newsletter will feature a Saint or Religious Figure. Many times, a prayer or novena will be featured. For July we feature Saint Mary Magdalen.

Saint Mary Magdalen is famous as the sister of Saint Lazarus and Saint Martha. Saint Mary Magdalen is called "the Penitent." She was given the name "Magdalen" because, though a Jewish girl, she lived in a Gentile town called Magdala, in northern Galilee. Her culture and manners were those of a Gentile. Saint Luke records that she was a notorious sinner and had seven devils cast out of her. She was present at Our Lord's Crucifixion and was the first person known to have seen Our Lord after His Resurrection. Legend states that fourteen years after Our Lord's death, Saint Mary Magdalen was put by the Jews into a boat without sails or oars—along with Saint Lazarus and Saint Martha, Saint Maximin (who baptized her, Saint Sidonius (the man born blind), her maid Sara and the Body of Glorious Saint Anne. The little group landed on the shores of southern France, where Saint Mary Magdalen spent the rest of her life as a Contemplative in a cave known as Sainte-Baume.

She was given the Most Eucharist daily by Angels as her only food and she died when she was 72, having been transported miraculously, just before she died, to the Chapel of Saint Maximin, where she received the Last Sacraments of Holy Mother Church. Saint Mary Magdalen, the Penitent, has as her feast day July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Events and Holy Days

Any events going on in Roberts Cove and in Branch during the month of the newsletter will be featured in this space. If you wish to have an event for the month listed, then please send all the information to [ampdupuis@yahoo.com](mailto:ampdupuis@yahoo.com) by the third Sunday of the month before the event is scheduled to take place.

July 3 – Saint Thomas the Apostle Feast Day

July 4 – Independence Day

Happy Independence Day!

July 10-11 – CDA Dollars for Seminarians Drive

July 16 – Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast Day

July 17 – Saint Leo IV Feast Day

July 18 – Saint Leo's Day Celebration

July 18 – National Ice Cream Day

July 19 – Confirmation Registration Begins

July 22 – Saint Mary Magdalene Feast Day

July 24-25 – CDA Dollars for Seminarians Drive



## Monthly Devotional

During the month of July we honor the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May we spend this whole month discovering ways to worship and adore Our Lord and Savior's Most Sacred and Precious Blood. It is only His Most Precious Blood where we find His Ocean of Mercy to save us from our sinful lives.



*"Take the Holy Crucifix in your hands, kiss its wounds with great love, and ask Him to preach you a sermon. Listen to what the thorns, the nails, and that Divine Blood say to you. Oh, what a sermon!"*

–Saint Paul of the Cross (1694-1775)

## Archive Dive

Since 1893 a painting of our Patron Saint Leo IV by E. Humbrecht of Cincinnati, Ohio, has graced the Sanctuary of the old wooden church and present brick Church at Roberts Cove.

A Benedictine Monk brought up in the monastery of Saint Martin near Rome, Saint Leo IV was created a cardinal by Pope Sergius II, whom he succeeded on Easter Sunday, 10 April 847. In the eight years of his reign, he faced three great challenges: defending Rome against Saracen aggression, the sovereignty of the papacy against the ambitions of emperors and lords, and the Church Herself against worldliness. Immediately after his election, he set about rebuilding the walls of Rome and fortifying the Vatican, two of whose Leonine towers are still visible in the gardens surrounding Saint Peter's Basilica. The wall visible in Humbrecht's painting at Roberts Cove is a reference to these fortifications. After the Arab fleet was destroyed in 847 by the army and navy rallied by Saint Leo, the Pope began beautifying Churches and encouraging the development of sacred music. In 850 at Pavia and 853 at Rome, he convened Synods to strengthen Church discipline, correct abuses of power and prestige, and ensure the religious instruction of the people. Even during his lifetime numerous miracles were attributed to his holiness. Thus, Raphael's fresco in the Vatican's *Stanza dell'Incendio*, shows Saint Leo IV extinguishing a terrible fire by making the Sign of the Cross. Humbrecht's painting refers to another tradition of miraculous power, the destruction of what the *Liber Pontificalis* calls a great serpent of the "dire kind" – thus the dragon depicted in the Roberts Cove painting. According to legend, this serpent infested certain dark caverns near the Church of Saint Lucia and killed numbers of people "by its breath and by its appearance". Saint Leo IV with all the clergy went in solemn procession to the caverns singing hymns and carrying a statue of Our Lord. After the Pope's earnest prayers, the serpent was never seen again. Saint Leo IV was chosen as the patron saint of our Church parish because the colonists wanted to honor then-reigning Pope Leo XIII. Since Saint Leo the Great's April feast day occurred in the middle of planting season, the less-busy July feast day of the Benedictine monk and Pope Saint Leo IV was chosen with the intention that each year the patronal feast of the parish be celebrated as a holyday of obligation. Thus, this same feast also serves as a reminder of the contribution which the Benedictine monks and sisters made in serving the Catholics of Roberts Cove for almost half a century, from 1885 to 1930.

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