

# Saint Leo Abbey Oblates Email List

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~ Come and enjoy the oblate family picnic ~

## FAST FACTS

1. 80 people will attend picnic.
2. Sign up to bring something for picnic.

**Dear Oblates, Oblate  
Novices, and Friends  
of Saint Leo Abbey,**

3. Mar. 21 novice and oblate ceremonies & picnic
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## 1. Picnic count: 80 people

Including the monks, there are 80 people who will attend the picnic.

If you signed up to bring something for the picnic, unless you can **EASILY** increase what you are bringing, bring what you originally planned or have prepared.

The abbey is providing hot dogs and hamburgers, and there will be ribs from George & Beth Davis, ham from Tom & Marilyn Duzmal, red meat from Dan Spears, and baked chicken from Marsha Cargel.

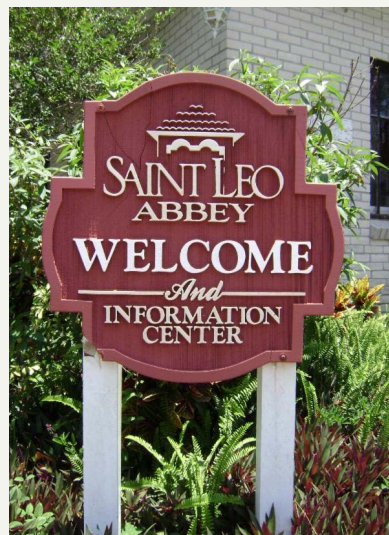
## 2. Picnic -- Signup to bring an item or help

Thank you to the many people who signed up to bring items to the picnic or to help out. If you have not already signed up, it is easy and fast. You can also



Saint Scholastica

This wonderful sister of Saint Benedict knew the love of God and its power. [Here](#) is her story from Chapter 33 of the *Life of Benedict*.



see what everyone else is bringing.

[Click Here to pick a Picnic Item or to help.](#)

### 3. March 21 Oblate Ceremonies & Family Picnic

Dress for those in the March 21 ceremonies:

You may wear what you wear to Mass. However, if you want to wear something more formal, that is OK. Most people wear what they wear to Mass.

The following is a repeat from the previous broadcast email.

Please [RSVP](#) for March 21.

If you will attend the picnic, also, please sign up on [Perfect](#)

## OBLATES

A brief definition of "Benedictine oblate" is [here](#).

Are you expanding your Benedictine library? The [Novice and Oblate Resources Page](#) on the blog has many books fit for any proper library.

[Potluck](#) to bring an item or help. Even if you sign up to bring an item or help, please remember to [RSVP](#) too.

Here is more about the Saturday, March 21 novice and final oblation ceremonies:

10:00 am Mass

Mass should end about 11:00 am

Ceremonies for those becoming oblate novices, those making their final oblations, and those renewing their oblation promises.

1:00 pm oblate family picnic.

### **Helpful tips about the ceremony:**

1. Wear a favorite medal or have with you some item to help you remember and mark the event.

2. It is OK to take pictures.

3. Typically those becoming novices will have their ceremony first. Make sure you know which group you are in.

4. If you are making your final oblation, please bring a pen for writing your promise at the abbey church altar.

Other Suggestions:

March 21 is the solemnity of the passing of Saint Benedict. It is a good time to read again the [Life of Saint Benedict](#).

The reading from the Rule of Saint Benedict for March 21 is [Chapter 42](#), On the Great Silence after Compline.

Seek God in stillness.

If you are planning on staying in a nearby hotel, you may email the oblate office for the name of three hotels.

## **4. Please take pictures**

If you are coming to the

ceremonies and picnic, please take pictures and when convenient, please email them to the oblate office (you may reply to this email). Thank you. I will take pictures too, but it always helps to have others as well.

## **5. No Oblate Sunday in April**

The first Sunday in April is Easter. There will be no Oblate Sunday in April.

The Benedictine Circle will meet April 19.

## **6. May 3 Next Oblate Sunday**

Please [RSVP](#) by the Sunday prior to the Oblate Sunday.

## **7. The Saving Grace**

For Oblate Sundays:

Find quality personal care items that are BOGO or with a good coupon. Help our dear monks.

That's *The Saving Grace*.

And remember our Drive-Thru drop-off service Oblate Sunday is provided by Dan Spears -- drive up and say Hi!!

Dan is there from 9:30-45am.

Visit [The Saving Grace](#).

## **8. Prayer Ministry Newsletter**

Please email your prayer requests to:

[StLeoOblates@gmail.com](mailto:StLeoOblates@gmail.com)

To receive the Prayer Ministry Newsletter giving all the prayer requests you need to "opt-in" -- please reply to this email with the following information:

"Please add me to the Prayer Ministry Newsletter email list.

"My name is: \_\_\_\_\_"

## **9. Photo Essay by**

## Charles Woodhouse

First of five articles by new novice Charles Woodhouse has been posted on the [blog](#).

### 10. Past broadcast emails

Since December 1 past broadcast emails are posted in PDF versions [HERE](#).

### 11. Know your Abbey

The three panels near the end of this email contain links to:

Left: Rule of Saint Benedict

Center: iBreviary -- use your phone or tablet to pray with the monks at home or at the abbey (FREE).

Right: Saint Gertrude the Great - one of the eight sunrise saints in the abbey church.

### 12. Brother Bill's question



Brother Bill said he enjoys a cake someone brings on Oblate Sundays. It has white icing and raisins. If you bring this wonderful cake, please reply to this email.

### **13. Are you missing?**

1. Brown runner. There is a brown runner left over from the Christmas party.
2. Red knife with sheath. There is a nice red knife someone left.

If you are missing these items, please reply to this email.

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## KNOW YOUR ABBEY



[Rule of Saint Benedict](#)

And try Ken Conrad's wonderful [Kindle version](#).



[Free Liturgy of the Hours for phone/tablet](#)

This is the one used by Saint Leo Abbey monks. There is a paid version by another



St. Gertrude the Great

The only female saint called the Great. [More info](#). Her amazing [book of prayers](#) is part of the

publisher, but it is not always exactly the same as the one used at Saint Leo Abbey. So this FREE one is the one to get.

reasons she is honored as one of eight sunrise saints in the Abbey church. Her light greets you along with that of Saint Walburg.