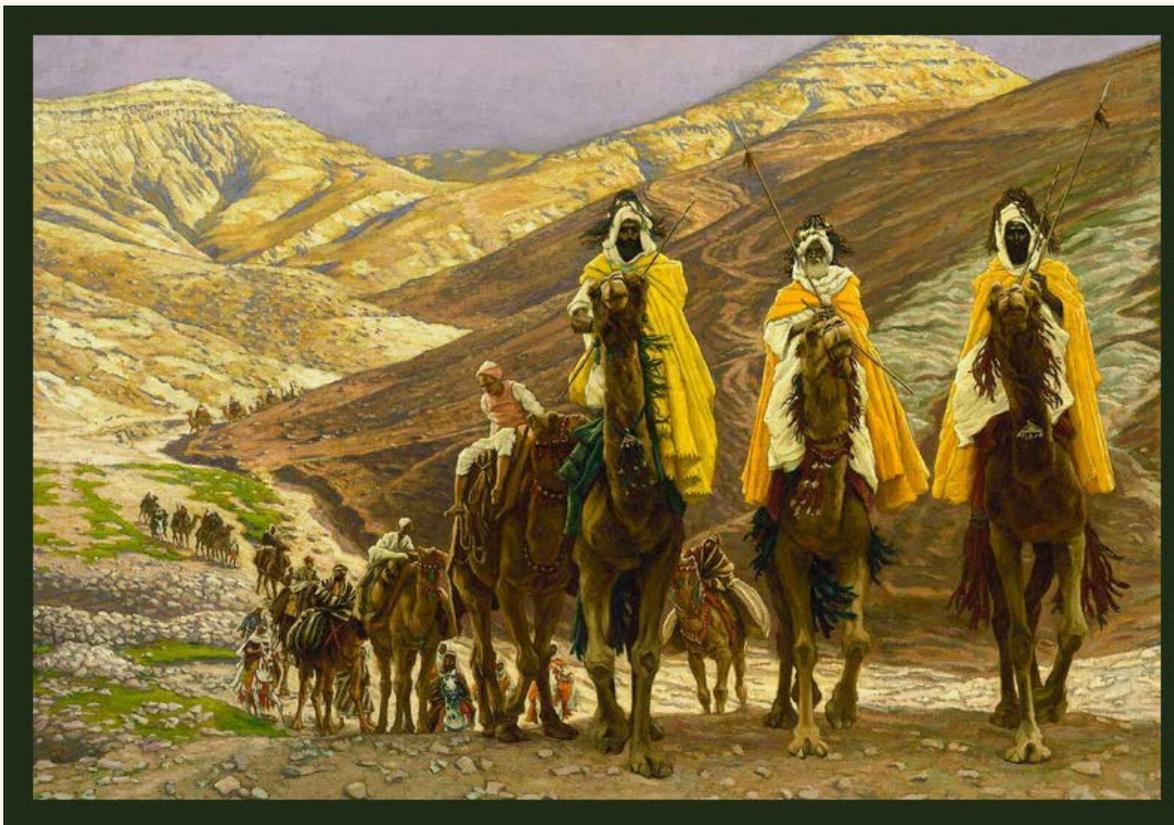


Saint Leo Abbey Oblates Email List



~ Advent: On the way to Jesus Christ. Following the Star ~

FAST FACTS

1. Christmas party Thank You.
2. Jan. 4 Oblate Sunday
3. Jan 4. Apostolic Letter
4. Dec. 20 Christmas concert

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

1. Thank you.

5. Dec. 21 Benedictine Circle
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The main picture is *Journey of the Magi*, by James Tissot, c. 1894

The picture is at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

Thank you to everyone who brought those great desserts and helped so much in the party and the cleanup afterwards.

The monks and Abbot Isaac appreciated the gifts, cards, and good conversations. We love our monks!!

2. RSVP for Jan. 4, 2015 Oblate Sunday

Please RSVP by December 28.

RSVP and get the reading assignments [here](#).

3. Kindle Apostolic Letter

Oblate Ken Conrad has given another resource to the oblate program. This time he has made a Kindle book from the Apostolic Letter on Consecrated Life we are reading for the January 4 oblate class.

[Download the Kindle \(.mobi\) Apostolic Letter.](#)



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*.



4. Dec. 20 Abbey Christmas concert

Free and open to everyone.

[More.](#)

5. Dec. 21 Benedictine Circle

Please RSVP. [More.](#)

We will discuss Chapters 8-20 in the Rule -- the Divine Office. Mike Fonfara will lead the discussion.

6. The Saving Grace

The Saving Grace page has been updated with new personal care items for the monks.

And remember our Drive-Thru drop-off service Oblate Sunday.

OBLATES

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

Are you making your own Christmas list of Benedictine books? The [Novice and Oblate Resources Page](#) on the blog has many books that would love to get on your "what I want for Christmas" list.

Visit [The Saving Grace](#).

7. Prayer Ministry Newsletter

Please email your prayer requests to:

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: _____"

8. Past broadcast emails

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

9. Historic Christmas

Music



Carmina Renascentia: *Omnis mundus jucundetur (Let The Earth Rejoice In Chorus)*

Translation of this Christmas music from the 16th century [HERE](#).

Here is the full Christmas story with well-phrased theology.

Note the Gaudete, gaudete, at the end of the song.

Great Christmas music from the past.

10. What's New

Here is a [Handy Link](#) to everything new on the website,

the blog, and the audio-oblate newsletter. It is a good way to catch up on all recent updates.

11. New on EWTN

EWTN has shows of interest to Benedictine oblates. Some of the most interesting are listed [here](#).

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The above three pictures from left to right are Guido Reni's Michael (in Santa Maria della Concezione church, Rome, 1636) tramples Satan. A mosaic of the same painting decorates St. Michael's Altar in St. Peter's Basilica; Pope Leo XIII who was Pope when Saint Leo Abbey began; and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux or Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, O.C.D., was a French Discalced Carmelite nun.