

# St. Leo The Great Parish

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## MISSION STATEMENT PRAYER

Lord, God, in your infinite wisdom and love, you are inviting us to be a welcoming Catholic community, grounded in Eucharistic prayer, celebrating our diversity, and sharing your love through ministries of serving and being present, in our urban neighborhoods, while focusing on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Help us to accept your invitation to be church, and to generously live together this mission statement. Teach us your works of mercy and unite us as your people, who serve our urban neighborhoods with your presence and grace. Let your works of mercy be common, holy ways for celebrating our diversity, and for leaving the Eucharistic table, heeding your command to "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." With those whom you entrust to our care and among ourselves, may we see you when you are hungry and thirsty, and recognize you when you are naked or a stranger, or sick or in prison, and then welcome you, feed you, clothe you and visit you. With those whom you entrust to our care and among ourselves, bless us with your works of comforting, consoling, forgiving and patiently forbearing. We ask this always through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## EUCCHARIST

Saturday Vigil Mass in Spanish: 6:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM

Thursday Mass: 7:00 PM

EXPOSITION: First Thursday of the month  
following 7:00 PM Mass until 9:00 PM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5:00-5:30 PM,

or by appointment

BAPTISMS: Call three weeks in advance

WEDDINGS: Call six months in advance

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, January 6** – 6:00 pm Mass in Spanish

Mass Intention for the People of the Parish

Readings: 1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11

**Sunday, January 7**– 10:30am **Epiphany of the Lord**

Mass Intention for Frank Rennick.

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1

**Monday, January 8** – Baptism of the Lord; No Service

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Mark 1:7-11

**Tuesday, January 9** – No Service.

Readings: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28

**Wednesday, January 10**– No Service.

Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39

**Thursday, January 11** – 7:00pm Mass, **Exposition of the Blessed**

**Sacrament**; Mass Intention for Repose of the Soul of Geraldine

“Gerry” Burke; Readings: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45

**Friday, January 12** –No Service

Readings: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22; Mark 2:1-12

**Saturday, January 13** – 6:00 pm Mass in Spanish

Mass Intention for the People of the Parish

Readings: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mark 2:13-17

**Sunday, January 14**– 10:30am

Mass Intention for Jim and Helen Gangloff.

Readings: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20;

John 1:35-42

**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY 7**

*Lectors* – Diane, Agrippine

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*Servers* – Martin, Irving

**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY 14**


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**ST. LEO FOOD PANTRY**

**Serving Hours: Mon., Wed. and Fri. 1:00-3:30pm**  
**CLOSED January 15; CLOSED for inclement weather** when Cincinnati Public Schools are closed.

 **SEWING CLASSES** Fridays, 9am – noon, at the rectory.

 **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES FREE!**

Thursdays, 9:30am – 12:30pm.

Saturdays, 10:00, 10:00 - Noon

 **COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS**


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**VISIT US!** **St. Leo's website:** www.Saint-Leo.org

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**PRAY FOR OUR PARISH PARTNERS**

In deepest gratitude for their most generous contributions of time, talent and treasure to St. Leo's, this week please keep in prayer Our Lady of Lourdes.

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED**

Please keep in your prayers all those listed in our Parish Petition/Special Prayer Books. Please call the Parish Office if you are hospitalized and wish to be visited. Hospitals no longer share that information.

**VOCATION VIEW**

The priests, brothers, and sisters of the new century are in the care of your family today. Tend to them well; encourage their gifts; pray for their happy response to God's call.

**LET US PRAY**

The astrologers brought gold, frankincense, and Myrrh. What treasures do I have o give to the Lord? Is he calling me to be a priest, brother, or sister?

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**January 4** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**January 7** Youth Group  
Religious Education

**January 14** Parish Council  
Youth Group

**January 15** **Office Closed, Food Pantry Closed**

**January 21** Server's Club  
Religious Education

**January 28** Catholic Inner City Schools Collection

Bulletin information is always welcome! Articles must be in the office by 10am the Monday prior to publication, provided there is still Room. Please call Casey at 921-1044X30 or email to

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# The Epiphany of the Lord – January 7, 2018

From Fr. Jim . . .



**Feast of the Epiphany:** This Feast celebrates another aspect of the Incarnation: Christ's coming into the whole world as light and salvation for all. In the darkness of winter, we can celebrate that our light has come to us.

The love of Christ is light for the world's darkness. The familiar story of the three kings following the star to the manger and presenting gifts to the Christ-child signifies that the light of God's love shines on all people. No one is to live in darkness anymore. Where do we still need to "see" Christ in the world today? What part of our lives needs to be "illuminated" by Christ's love? What gifts/talents do we have that we can place before our king in order to celebrate and acknowledge his presence with us through whom the light of Christ's love will shine?

On the Feast of the Epiphany, the blessing of homes has been traditional custom in various ethnic groups, and a fine reminder that Christ is incarnate in the love and care we manifest to each other in our ordinary, daily lives. One custom is to trace crosses, the initials of the "kings" and the numerals of the year over the doorway with chalk, 20 +C+M+B +17. Legend names the kings, Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar. However, the initials were long ago reinterpreted by northern European Protestants who love the custom but not the legend. CMB became Christus mansionem benedicat. This is Latin for: "May Christ bless this House." This prayer of blessing for a home is taken from the Book of Blessings, the Roman Ritual, p.685:

*Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live in it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Let us ask the Lord to bless the house that is our parish family! Let us ask the Lord to bless the houses that are our parish parishes and the universal church. Let us ask the Lord to bless the houses and families of all nations.

Did you know that the Catholic Catechism mentions the importance of hospitality? It states: Love one another with brotherly affection. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality." [CCC 1971] This Catechism passage references Romans 12:9-13 which teaches us to love, abhor evil, hold onto good, give honor, and show hospitality.

What is hospitality? It must be pretty important as it is mentioned in both the Bible and the Catechism! Hospitality is traditionally defined as the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers. But it has to be more than that to be talked about in the Bible. Hospitality is measured by the degree of kindness we show others, including strangers. It is our treatment of them. It is the welcome we give to someone's presence and/or approach – even if it makes us uncomfortable. It is our willingness to listen to others' stories about their life, hardships and issues. It is our willingness to refrain from dismissing them for any reason even when their clothes or attitudes hint at addictions or problems. Hospitality was modeled for us by the Good Samaritan who went out of his way to help the wounded man even though it was socially inappropriate to do so. -- LINDA KRACHT

**Religious Education:** The sessions are in English, on the first and third Sundays of the month from Noon – 1:00pm in our Parish Office Building. **Jan. 7 and 21**

## YOUTH PROGRAM

for students 10-12 years and 13-18 years  
**Sunday: January 7, 14, 28**


**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Thursday, January 4:** immediately following 7:00pm mass until 9:00pm.


**Servers' Club/Grupo de Alcolitos**  
**January 21/se reune 21 enero**  
Immediately following mass. For students 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up. You do not have to be a server to join.

## Parish Council, Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, following Mass


### SNOW NEWS!

Check out the following stations for St. Leo cancellations:  
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 **St. Leo Food Pantry will be CLOSED for inclement weather** when Cincinnati Public Schools are closed.

 **Be sure to contact the office to pick up your Sunday Contribution Envelopes and your 2017 Calendars!**

**January 28, 2018: Collection to support the Catholic Inner City Schools.** CISE helps rewrite the future of over 2,000 students in designated inner-city schools and Catholic high schools. They work to transform the lives of urban children by providing a strong Catholic education.

 **WE'RE STILL LOOKING!** And if you're looking, too, for a rewarding volunteer opportunity that allows you to serve your neighbor, make new friends, and be a blessing to St. Leo, there are 2 important pieces of the Food Pantry puzzle needed to really make it rock! **First**, a Coordinator for Fridays, noon-4/4:30, to act as point person for other volunteers. **Second**, an Assistant Administrator for about 9-12 hours a week, to tend to ordering, organizing the inventory, and conveying to coordinators/volunteers what's up. If you feel called to either of these volunteer settings, or to participate in any of our other volunteer situations, please reach out to us and call at 513-921-1044!

**Sign up to receive St. Leo's Monthly Newsletter:** call the office at 513-921-1044, email your name and address to: [cbetzstleo@aol.com](mailto:cbetzstleo@aol.com) or sign up online at: <http://saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoMonthlyNewsletter.aspx>

You are invited to the **Second Annual Celebration and Mass commemorating Black History Month** on Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 2:00pm at Holy Name Catholic Church, 2422 Auburn Avenue. 2:00pm Gospel Music, Liturgical Dancing and Presentation of Honoree, 3:00pm Mass, Bishop Joseph Binzer, President.







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