

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 29 – 6:00pm Mass;

Mass Intention for the People of the Parish;
Readings: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

Sunday, December 30 – 10:30am Mass; **Feast of the Holy Family**

Mass Intention for Herb & Margie Gable;
Readings: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52

Monday, December 31 – No Service.

Readings: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

Tuesday, January 1 – 10:30am Mass;

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Readings: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

Wednesday, January 2 – No Service.

Readings: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

Thursday, January 3 – 7:00pm Mass; **Exhibition of the Most Holy**

Sacrament following Mass until 9:00pm
Mass Intention for Francis Massarella
Readings: 1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34

Friday, January 4 – No Service;

Readings: 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

Saturday, January 5 – 6:00pm Mass;

Mass Intention for the People of the Parish;
Readings: 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

Sunday, January 6 – 10:30am Mass; **Feast of the Epiphany**

Mass Intention for special intentions of our Parish Family;
Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 30

Lectors – Shirley, Theo

Distributors – Larry, Claudette, Eulallia N., Amanda V., Michael

Servers – Henry, Happy, Laneice

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY 6

Lectors – Diane, Albert

Distributors – Mark S., Simeon, Hilda L., Juan B., Shirley

Servers – Irving, Estrella, Benediction

ST. LEO FOOD PANTRY

Serving Hours: Mon., Wed. and Fri. 1:00-3:30pm

Pantry Requirements: Serving North Fairmount, English Woods, Roll Hill Apts., and Millvale once every 30 days. See website: www.saint-leo.org or call (513-921-1044) to see if your street is covered. To meet St. Leo's Acts of Mercy pantry donor guidelines, current proof of residence (Duke or telephone bill), photo ID & Social Security Cards for all members of household must be presented at each visit. **Plan ahead: Children must be supervised while at our Food Pantry.**

ESL ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES FREE!

Saturdays, 10:00 – Noon

COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS

North Fairmount Community Center/Referral Services:

Linda Klem: 513-921-5842, Housing: 513-921-5889

Hopple Street Neighborhood Clinic: 513-541-4500

GED Referral: Roll Hill: 513-542-8333x5

Literary Network: 513-621-7323

ANGELS' ARMS STORE, 1882 Baltimore Ave. Accepting donations of clothing, kitchen, bath and bedding. Open 9:00-4:00pm, Monday-Friday. Call Linda Klem at 623-9897.

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

Facebook: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

St. Leo's YouTube Channel: StLeoTheGreatParish



YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!

Collection for December 16th \$1,936.22

Collection for December 23rd will be reported next week.

Thank you for generously supporting your parish!

EASY ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE:

Go to <http://saint-leo.org/DonateNow.aspx> and click on the Donate Now Button.

SHOP AT AMAZON SMILE AND SUPPORT ST. LEO:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0538556>

SHOP AT KROGER'S AND SUPPORT ST. LEO:

<https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards> Enter St. Leo's #KC265 or search for St. Leo the Great Church.

Make a long lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Leo the Great Church in your Will. For more information contact Casev Betz at 513-921-1044 ext. 30.

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 Westwood First Presbyterian Church.

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

Yours may not be THE Holy Family, but you are a holy family. Share an expression of gratitude for the gift of your family today. Pray for wholeness and holiness for all members of the family of God.

LET US PRAY

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 30	Feast of the Holy Family
January 1	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10:30am Mass/Office Closed
January 3	Exhibition of the Most Holy Sacrament
January 6	Confirmation Class
January 11-12	Senior High Youth Retreat
January 13	All Youth Meeting

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 cbetzstleo@aol.com

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Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 30, 2018

From Fr. Jim . . .

Please let me say thanks for all the ways you have gifted me and the pastoral staff this holy season with prayers, presents, cards, blessings and well wishes and yes, of course, bakery goods and Christmas cookies! Thank you so much.

Also I want to thank all of you for your generous giving of your time, talent and treasures to allow St. Leo to be and become the parish that God is calling us to be. God is truly uniting us in our diversity through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and through the Eucharist. Our prayer is strong and beautiful when we are all together and participating as fully as we can. Thanks for your welcome of each other and the sharing of your faith. Thanks for supporting the work we do here and for considering St. Leo not just "my parish" but "our parish."

We are all members of God's family. We are brothers and sisters in the Lord. Today, on this Feast of the Holy Family, we celebrate the joy of God taking on our flesh and dwelling in us and how we are made aware of this incredible gift in and through our families. Our nature is and can be a holy one. As God shares in our nature we share God's holiness. As God used the Holy Family for the growth, development, and nurturing of God's merciful love, our Lord Jesus Christ, then all of our families are most holy because all of our families are places where God's mercy reigns – where mercy is received and given. I am so grateful for my own family and for God's family that we are truly becoming under the name of St. Leo. Thank you all so much for being God's holy family to your own families and to your church family.

I am so very grateful for the gift of partners and friends of St. Leo. Together we are accepting the call that it is not just your church or my church but our church together. It has been a blessing for St. Leo to be a beneficiary of the generosity of so many partners and friends. For our many physical needs and also for some of our spiritual needs, there is no way we could meet all of them without the help of others. I am also grateful for your willingness to share what we have been given in order to help others and to do our part in the partnerships. Our prayer ministry is a big help to others and many people count on our care for them in this way. During the Christmas Season, please keep all of our benefactors and partner parishes in your prayers in a special way. On each end of any partnership, giving and receiving are equally important for all participants. Again, thank you so much for understanding this and for your cooperation and collaboration in building the kingdom of God.

I especially thank Ivy Peppers and everyone who worked so hard to make our church so beautiful. I thank our maintenance men, Roger and Rick, for their hard work in keeping the church so clean.

It is easy to take our liturgical ministers for granted. But our prayer would be greatly diminished without the skills, prayer and faith of our servers, readers, communion distributors, and our music ministry. Thanks for taking your roles so seriously and for leading our prayer from week to week. May God continue to bless you in your ministries and service to your parish. Last but not least; I thank our wonderful parish staff. St. Leo's is so blessed by their service, and their deep faith. They have all worked very hard during Advent and in these days leading up to the celebration of Christmas. In and through them, I continue to celebrate the Lord's coming to all of us in human form and shape. May the peace of God's love and care be with them always.

I and our great pastoral staff wish you God's every blessing for a peace-filled and Christ-filled New Year. You have our promise that you will remain in our prayers and we appreciate remaining in your prayers, too. May the Angel's announcement to the Shepherds be more of a reality for you and yours in 2019: "Peace on earth and good will to all!"

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, January 3: immediately following 7:00pm mass until 9:00pm.



Confirmation Class, January 6, following Mass.



YOUTH PROGRAM

January 11-12 High School Retreat
January 13, All Youth Meeting
January 17-18 High School Trip March for Life

Volunteer Needed! Help keep St. Leo's church and rectory neat and tidy! 3-4 hours a week vacuuming and dusting the offices and meeting spaces, and cleaning the restrooms and kitchen. If you would like to help out, please call 513-921-1044 ext. 20.



Be sure to pick up your Sunday Contribution Envelopes and your 2019 Calendars from the back of church. If you need envelopes, call the office at 921-1044.

Check out the following stations for St. Leo cancellations:
WCPO-Channel 9, WKRC-Channel 12, WXIX-Channel 19



St. Leo Food Pantry will be CLOSED for inclement weather when Cincinnati Public Schools are closed.

Mass in Celebration of the 52nd World Day of Peace on the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God, Jan. 1, 2019, at Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains (Corner of 8th and Plum Streets, Downtown Cincinnati), 11:00 am, Celebrated by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. A reception with light refreshments will follow.



Bayley, a non-profit ministry of the Sisters of Charity, now offers Home Services, "Anytime Care in Your Home", for Seniors living on our campus or in the community. Perhaps you have provided personal care or companionship to family members or Seniors in your neighborhood. Interested Caregivers and State Tested Nurse Aides are invited to join the Bayley team. For more information, visit our website at www.bayleylelife.org or call 347-5458.

Amicus Children Learning Centers, 2569 St. Leo Place (Next Door to Church / A lado de la Iglesia) Hours/Horas: Before or After School / Antes ó Despues de la Escuela 2:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. Year-round Services And School Breaks / Servicios todo el Año y Vacaciones Escolares, Vouchers Accepted / Aceptamos Resguardos Assist with applying for Vouchers / Ayúdamos aplicar para Resguardos Please Call / Ms. Mabel at 513.518.1001

Dear friends of the community, Cincinnati Film Society is looking for your volunteer support. CFS will be presenting a Guatemalan Film Festival that will showcase films from Guatemalans around the world at St. Leo the Great parish. We are looking for teens, 13-18 interested in making a film. To learn more and sign up please email us at Info@cincinnatifilmsociety.org

HAPPY NEW YEAR!