

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**Saturday, December 1** – 6:00pm Mass;

Mass Intention for the people of the parish;

Readings: Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36

Sunday, December 2 – 10:30am Mass; **1st Sunday of Advent**

Mass Intention for the living and deceased members of the Class of 1950; Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28; 34-36

Monday, December 3 – No Service.

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 9:5-11

Tuesday, December 4 – No Service.

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 5 – No Service.

Readings: Isaiah 25:6-10; Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 6 – 7:00pm Mass; Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament following Mass; Mass Intention for Rev. Francis Massarella; Readings: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 21, 24-27

Friday, December 7 – No Service;

Readings: Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, December 8 – 6:00pm Mass; **Feast of the Immaculate****Conception**; Mass Intention for the people of the parish;

Readings: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, December 9 – 10:30am Mass; **2nd Sunday of Advent**

Mass Intention for Frederick & Antoinette Macke;

Readings: Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2*Lectors* – Jon T. Spes*Distributors* – Laura O., Simeon, Pedro B., Alejandra P., Myles K.*Servers* – Martin, Patience, Paloma**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 9***Lectors* – John H., Marceline*Distributors* – Becky B., Pierre, Edgar V., Hector E., Jon T.*Servers* – Adela, Bersi, Angela**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 November 18: \$1,690.57

Collection for the CCHD: \$958.00

Collection for November to 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 Casey 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 Glad House/Tender Mercies.

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

At the beginning of Advent, watch and wait; be attentive to the ways in which God comes into your life. Be willing to be surprised.

LET US PRAY

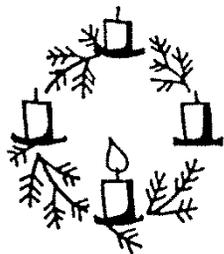
Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| December 2 | Toy and Clothing Sale |
| December 6 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following 7:00pm mass |
| December 9 | Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
All Youth Advent Service |
| December 16 | All Youth Happy Birthday Jesus |

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.comTo receive the parish weekly bulletin by e-mail, go to www.DiscoverMass.com and search St. Leo in Cincinnati, OH. Under bulletin, click on sign-up for e-mail notification. Enter your user name and e-mail address.**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 or sign up online at: <http://saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoMonthlyNewsletter.aspx>

From Fr. Jim . . .



Keeping Advent: Advent is a time of beginning and endings. It embraces the end of the world’s civil calendar and the beginning of the church’s sacred cycle. Nature’s changes and the emergence of winter, the passing of the old year, the end of ordinary time through which we read Mark’s Gospel. However, a new gospel is opened. This year we will be reading from Luke. Each week we light another candle on the Advent wreath. “Watching” and “waiting” is balanced by “rejoice” and “fulfillment” as the community moves into winter’s darkness with a clear orientation toward the light which is Jesus Christ and in whom all things can be made new.

At this time of the year, more than any other, we need to see society not as a world that is lost but as the world God refused to be lost; (not as a people condemned but a people beholding of God’s dwelling place of merciful, saving, redeeming love. Advent is about longing and desire – not for material gifts – though that may be the reality for many- but longing and desire for the full realization of God’s kingdom. With the first Christians, we long and wait for that day to come and we live in such a way that will build the kingdom of God on earth as we wait for the kingdom to be fully realized in heaven. We live not as a people who are lost but as a people whom God has refused to be lost. (We live not in darkness, despair and without hope but in light, forgiveness, and abundance of grace.

The official explanation of the season defines the spirit that should mark the life of each believer and of every believing community as “devout and joyful expectation.” We can expect that Christ’s first coming and presence has changed and challenged the darkness of sin and death and makes clear God’s intention to refuse to allow the world to be lost. We can expect Christ’s second coming to bring life to fullness and make the victory over sin and death complete. As believers, we



wait devoutly and joyfully for signs of God’s presence among us in Word and Sacrament, inviting us to become one with the reign of Christ’s love. Advent asks us to wait and hope with devotion and joy as we await his return in glory. The waiting that we do has a two-fold nature: “waiting in memory of the first, humble coming of the Lord in our mortal flesh,” and the waiting supplication for his final, glorious coming as Lord of History and “universal Judge.” From the Directory of Popular Piety and the Liturgy.)

A Reflection: What if the Season of Advent were commercialized in our stores just like the Season of Christmas? What would it look like? If the stores, radio and television stations were to sell Advent like they do Christmas, what would they sell? What special Advent songs would you hear on the radio? What special programs would air on TV? Who would you interview for Advent? What acts of devout and joyful expectation for being freed from the power of sin and death and for believing that one day you will be completely free from its power, sells you on the Season of Advent this year? How is and will God show you that you are someone who he refuses to be lost? How can we bring this Good News to others? Do participating in any of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy reveal how Christ has come, is come and will come again? Come, Lord Jesus, Come!



Confirmation Class, December 2, following Mass.



YOUTH PROGRAM

for students 10-12 years and 13-18 years
Dec. 2, Assist with Toy & Clothing Sale
Dec. 9, All Youth Advent Service
Dec. 16, All Youth Happy Birthday Jesus!



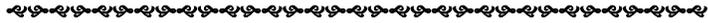
Do You Like Things Neat and Tidy? You can help keep St. Leo’s church and rectory welcoming and presentable! Volunteer Needed: 3-4 hours a week to keep the rectory clean and presentable, including cleaning the restrooms and kitchen, vacuuming and dusting the offices and meeting spaces. If you are interested, please call 513-921-1044 ext. 20.



St. Leo’s Annual Toy and Clothing Sale TODAY! from 12:30-3:00pm in Centennial Hall.



Congratulations to Beata Ndaishimiye, who came in First in her division at the "Girls on the Run" regional race on Saturday, November 17, 2018! 11/17/18.



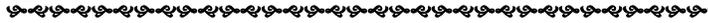
Bayley, a non-profit ministry of the Sisters of Charity, now offers Home Services, “Anytime Care in Your Home”, for Seniors living on our campus or in the community. Perhaps you have provided personal care or companionship to family members or Seniors in your neighborhood. Interested Caregivers and State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



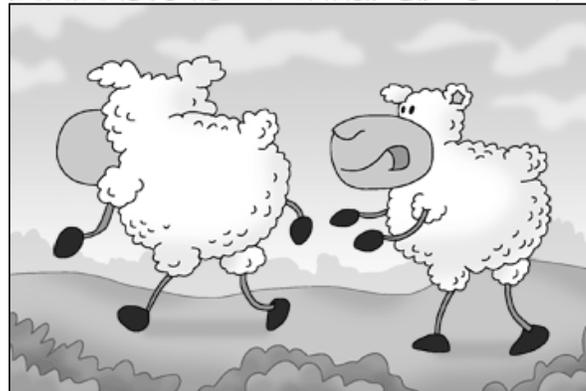
If Your Marriage Needs Help, Retrouvaille is a Christian-based, Catholic in origin, confidential peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and healing, just as they have done in their own marriages. For information: www.cincyretrovaille.org, www.retrovaille.org, or call 513-456-5413



Come and celebrate mass followed by a **healing event on: Wed., Dec. 5th at 7:30 pm at St. Ignatius Parish Church.** Healing includes the physical, spiritual, emotional, psychological and relational aspects of our lives; it is not limited to a physical cure. Receive prayer for yourself or those you care about. Jesus still heals today! Come and experience His healing love! Sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center. For more info call 513-471-LITE (5483).



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(See Isaiah 53:6)

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DIRECTIONS?

