## ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH, Cincinnati, Ohio

#### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 30 – 6:00pm Mass; Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intention for the People of the Parish;

Readings: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14 Sunday, March 31 – 10:30am Mass;

Mass Intention for Jim and Thomas Strassell; Readings: Joshua 5:9, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21;

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday, April 1 – No Service. Readings: Isaiah 65:17-21;

John 4:43-54

Tuesday, April 2 – No Service

Readings: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16

Wednesday, April 3 – No Service

Readings: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30

Thursday, April 4 – 7:00pm Mass; Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament; Mass Intention for Vivian Tillman; Readings: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47

Friday, April 5 – No Service; 7:00pm Way of the Cross Readings: Wisdom 2:1, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, April 6 – 6:00pm Mass;

Mass Intention for the People of the Parish; Readings: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

Sunday, April 7 – 10:30am Mass;

Mass Intention for Jim (Luke) Boehm;

Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

#### **MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 31**

Lectors – John H., Spes

Distributors - Myles, Simeon, Hilda, Juan B., Shirley

Servers - Henry, Laniece, Theresa

#### **MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL 7**

Lectors – Paul, Marceline

Distributors - Kate, Pierre, Berta, Marina S., Becky

Servers - Elias, angela, Aimable

#### 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.



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

Saturdays, 10:00 - Noon

#### **COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS**

North Fairmount Community Center/Referral Services: Linda Klems: 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 Mon-Wed-Fri 9-3:00 and Tues-Thurs. 10-3:00. All Items Free! Call Linda Klems at 623-9897.

**<u>VISIT US!</u>** 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 March 24: \$1,978.75 Thank you for generously supporting your parish!

#### **EASY ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE:**

Go to <a href="http://saint-leo.org/DonateNow.aspx">http://saint-leo.org/DonateNow.aspx</a> 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 St. John's Westminster Union 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**

Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst.

#### LET US PRAY

O Holy Spirit, teach me to see with the eyes of Christ to live life as Christ lived, to understand life as Christ understood it. Help me to love God as his child and by his grace to live as a child of God, like Jesus. Guide me and speak to my heart so I can move forward on the path of love, mercy and forgiveness.

#### **Important Dates to Remember**

April 4 **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** 

following Mass until 9:00pm Fridays of Lent Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm

April 18 Holy Thursday

April 19 Good Friday

April 20 United Cookout & Egg Hunt 1-4:00pm

April 20 Easter Vigil, 8:45pm

April 21 Easter Sunday, 10:30am, Catholic Relief Service

Collection

May 27 **Hunger Walk** 

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 in Lent - March 31, 2019

# From Fr. Jim . . .

This Week's Scrutiny: Those who are the Elect for the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil this year celebrate the Second Scrutiny. We pray with and for all the Elect throughout the world and we examine our lives with them on these Sundays of Lent against the Gospels as we prepare to renew our Baptismal Promises



The Gospel for the Rite of Second Scrutiny is from the Gospel of John: The Man Born Blind. The issue that this Gospel story addresses is sight - physical versus spiritual or seeing with faith. It is very clear that those with physical sight are the ones who are blind They have trouble spiritually. seeing that Jesus is the Messiah and they have great difficulty in believing in him as their Lord and Savior. On the other hand, the man who was born blind and has no physical evesight can see

because of his faith. His spiritual seeing is perfect 20/20 vision. He has little difficulty in allowing the Lord to use his physical weakness to show that Jesus is the Light of the world and he is very willing to be a disciple of the one who has given him both physical and spiritual sight. He was able to give good testimony and witness to his cure to the ones who guestioned him and eventually rejected him.

Again this is a story about conversion. It shows that although sin does not make us physically blind it does blind us from seeing spiritually sometimes. It also tempts us into pretending that we can see when we really can't see at all.

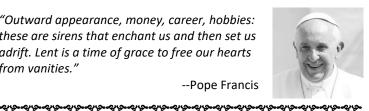
Under the light of this great Gospel, how well do we see? Where might we just be pretending to see when we really can't see at all? For what do we need healing? How will the Lord use our blindness to show us and others that he truly is the light of the world? Can we pray for a deeper conversion of faith and a more active faith life? Is our Lenten fasting, prayer and acts of charity improving our spiritual vision? Is Lent leading us to see more clearly how to live our baptismal commitment?

Lord God, open our eyes that we might see your face in the faces of all people and those who may be known as enemies to us. Help us see our way to your peace and help us see more clearly to be your faithful disciples. Amen.

About the Gospel of the Prodigal Son: In Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis writes: "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." Sinful humanity falls into sin (sometimes the same one) again and again. But God never disheartens, and God continues to wait and watch for us to "come to our senses," as the prodigal son did and return to him. Do our Lenten practices help us "come to our senses" and return to the Lord for mercy? We are at the half-way point of Lent, is there anything that we would like to do differently for the second half of Lent? Can we pray or keep praying more for perseverance in the way of mercy, repentance, and forgiveness?

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"Outward appearance, money, career, hobbies: these are sirens that enchant us and then set us adrift. Lent is a time of grace to free our hearts from vanities."



--Pope Francis

Many, many thanks to our Food Pantry **Monthly Overhead Sponsor for March** John and Colleen Gerke



**Confirmation Meeting: April 7** Confirmation is Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the Cathedral. Eight youth and 25 adults will receive the sacrament that day.

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**YOUTH PROGRAM** 

April 14 Meeting



**Stations of the Cross:** 

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7:00pm, all Fridays during Lent, except Good Friday. 

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### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursday, April 4: immediately following 7:00pm mass until 9:00pm.



Santa Maria Community Services Spring Health Fair, Sat., Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> 12-3PM, Price Hill Recreation Center, 959 Hawthorne Avenue, Free Health Screenings! A1C, Blood Pressure, BMI, Cholesterol, Dental, Depression, Glucose, Hearing, Pregnancy tests, Prostate cancer, STI, Vision and More. Food! Prizes! Family Friendly. For more info or to schedule a mammogram call 513-557-7249.

St. Leo's children ages 1-12 are invited to attend the United Cookout and Egg Hung, Saturday, April 20, 1:00-4:00pm at Hawkins Field, 1876 Hawkins Ave., Cinti., Ohio 45225. Sponsored by East Westwood Churches: Cincinnati Urban Promise, President Dr Church of Christ, Shepherd's Heart Christian Fellowship, St. Leo the Great Parish, Third Presbyterian Church, Willing Spirit Baptist Church. ෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯෯**෯** 

Our Guatemalan community invites everyone for coffee and sweets following the 8:45pm Easter Vigil Mass.

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JOIN OUR TEAM: http://freestorefoodbank.org/hungerwalksaintleo-join DONATE TO OUR TEAM:

http://freestorefoodbank.org/hungerwalk-saintleo-donate **SPONSOR A STUDENT:** St. Leo's Youth Group would like to join the Hunger Walk, but some of our students can't afford the registration fee. Please consider a \$20 sponsorship to allow one of our Youth to participate. If you are willing, please send a \$20 check made out to: St. Leo the Great Church with the note: Youth Group Hunger Walk Sponsorship. Mail to: St. Leo the Great Church, 2573 St. Leo Place, Cincinnati, OH 45225

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75) in 2019 are invited to request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr. Go to: www.catholiccincinnati.org, click Ministries & Offices, click Marriage & Family Life, or call 513-421-3131- ext. 2601 before June 21<sup>st</sup> to request your certificate.

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