

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, April 13** – 6:00pm Mass;

Mass Intention for the People of the Parish;  
Readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

**Sunday, April 14** – 10:30am Mass; **Palm Sunday**

Mass Intention for Sue and Bob Strobel;  
Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

**Monday, April 15** – No Service.

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

**Tuesday, April 16** – No Service

Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday, April 17** – No Service

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9; Matthew 26:14-25

**Thursday, April 18** – **Holy Thursday**; 7:00pm Mass;

Readings: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;  
John 13:1-15

**Friday, April 19** – **Good Friday**

Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9;  
John 18:1-19:42

**Saturday, April 20** – **Easter Vigil**; 8:45 Service Mass Intention for the

People of the Parish; Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18;  
Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah 54: 5-14 Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15;  
Ezekiel 36:16-17, 18-28; Luke 24:1-12

**Sunday, April 21** – 10:30am Mass; **Easter**

Mass Intention Easter Intentions;  
Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL 14**

*Lectors* – Marianne, Yvone

*Distributors* – Ivy, Antonia, Pedro B., Alejandra, Jon T.

*Servers* – Martin, Christopher, Joseph

**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL 21**

*Lectors* – Shirley, Albert

*Distributors* – Mark, Ephiphanie, Edgar V., Hector E., Laura

*Servers* – Adela, Beata, Paloma

**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](http://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 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.

**VISIT US!** **St. Leo's website:** [www.Saint-Leo.org](http://www.Saint-Leo.org)

**Facebook:** St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

**St. Leo's YouTube Channel:** [StLeoTheGreatParish](http://StLeoTheGreatParish)



**YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!**

Collection for April 7: \$ 1,827.00

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 Urban Appalachian Council.

**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**

What am I racing after: fame, fortune, or life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish line?

**LET US PRAY**

O God, help me not to seek my own interests but share the suffering and the joy of my brothers and sisters, ready to carry the weight of the poorest and the weakest and thus to become a sign to the world, the "sacrament" of your love for one another and for all!

**Important Dates to Remember**

<b>Fridays of Lent</b>	Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm
<b>April 18</b>	Holy Thursday, 7:00pm
<b>April 19</b>	Good Friday
<b>April 20</b>	United Cookout & Egg Hunt 1-4:00pm
<b>April 20</b>	Easter Vigil, 8:45pm, Reception following
<b>April 21</b>	Easter Sunday, 10:30am,
<b>May 5</b>	Confirmation, 2:00pm, at the Cathedral
<b>May 27</b>	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](mailto:cbetzstleo@aol.com)

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# Palm Sunday – April 14, 2019

## From Fr. Jim . . .

**Holy Week:** Today, Holy Week begins. Mass starts with the blessing of palm branches, proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and a procession by the assembly into church. For the Liturgy of the Word, the gospel selection is the Passion from Mark's Gospel. Holy week begins on Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion and we are all invited to enter into and participate in the Passion of Christ as it unfolds throughout all of Holy Week in the liturgies and rituals that we celebrate. This is especially true with the Three days that we call the Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

This is the greatest week of prayer for the Church. Our liturgy throughout the year moves us to this week and climaxes in the three days of the Triduum and the celebration of Easter. "If we die with the Lord then we will truly rise with Him." There is no greater love than this than to lay down one's life for one's friends." This is what we believe, pray and live in this holiest of weeks.

As the church gathers all over the world to celebrate the liturgies of Holy Week as they have been given to us throughout the ages to be prayed, we grow together as the church, the Body of Christ, brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ. This is especially evident because this is an important time to initiate new members and to renew our baptismal promises. This holiest of weeks and the way that the Church of God is invited to pray sees itself as one with God, through Jesus and in their Spirit and one with each other in Christ.

As we enter into the prayer of Holy Week, can we do so with open hearts and with a genuine desire to let this greatest week of prayer in the church really change us? If the prayer of this week is about the continual formation of the whole church in the love and image of Christ then it, too, provides great formation for us, as St. Leo, to be formed into the Body of Christ, especially with our many and wonderful diversities. It is important for all of us to come together and pray this week of prayer. Each of the Triduum liturgies will try to engage the full participation of one assembly with different cultures.

Washing each other's feet, processing to adore the cross, baptisms at the Easter Vigil, renewing our baptismal promises together, and communing on the Lord's body and blood; people of every race, language and way of life being formed in the very image of Christ and receiving the promise and hope of eternal glory together is the formation that we need to be the church universal and the church of God at St. Leo. May God bless our every effort to enter with him into his passion, conform to his death and rise with him to glory this week.

**For your Prayer:** William Arthur Ward, American author, teacher and pastor, 1921-1994, wrote: Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them. Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of life. Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of light. Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God. Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify. Fast from discontent; Feast on patience. Fast from anger; Feast on patience. Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism. Fast from worry; Feast on Divine order. Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation. Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives. Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer. Fast from hostility; Feast on non-resistance. Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness. Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others. Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal truth. Fast from discouragements; Feast on hope. Fast from facts that depress; Feast on verities that uplift. Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm. Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire. Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity. Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence. Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that strengthens.

May our fasting lead us to the great love of Holy Week and the incredible glory of Easter!

**A Reflection on the Palm Branch:** Hold the palm branch that you received at the liturgy, this weekend and notice how supple it is. What shape will you give it? Will you braid it into a cross? Where will you put it? When you look at it, what comes to mind? Do you enter into prayer? Do you praise God for the gift of salvation and sing quietly to yourself a Hosanna for how much God loves you?

Throughout the year, notice how brittle the palm is becoming. Just to look at it could cause it to break in half and one must be extra careful when touching it so as not to have it crumble apart. Will you still enter into prayer? Will you be thankful to the Lord because there is truly "no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends?" How is this love forming you and shaping you more into a child of God's kingdom? Can you see how dying leads to resurrection? Where is the old becoming new in you? Again, it is time to quietly sing a Hosanna in praise of our Savior.

**Many, many thanks to our Food Pantry  
Monthly Overhead Sponsor for April  
Paul and Therese Rieger**

**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.**

**YOUTH PROGRAM**  
April 14 Meeting

**St. Leo's children ages 1-12 are invited to attend the United Cookout and Egg Hunt, 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.**

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

**Join us on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2019 for the 16th Annual Hunger Walk and 5K Run!**

**JOIN OUR TEAM:** <http://freestorefoodbank.org/hungerwalk-saintleo-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

Looking for something worthy to do? Need a little excitement in your life? Looking for a new challenge? Do you have a spouse/partner/friend that you would like to share the job with? That's fine too! **St. Leo Food Pantry is seeking a VOLUNTEER assistant administrator**, 9-12 hours/week, Mon. Wed. and Fri. afternoons, to manage inventory control and onsite volunteer communications. Now that our procedures are well established and skillfully run, we need someone to help oversee and maintain operations. If you (and a teammate) are interested, please contact Stephanie Sepate, Pantry Administrator, at 513-921-1044 ext. 20