

St. Leo The Great Parish

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Welcome to everyone and everyone is welcome at St. Leo and especially to the Church that God is continuing to build. If you are visiting with us today, we want you to know how welcome you are. Thank you for praying with us and please feel free to join us as often as you are able.

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. James R. Schutte, Pastor

Stephanie Sepate, Business Manager, Food Pantry Administrator

Angela Anno, Pastoral Associate

Casey Betz, Development Director

Judie Kuhlman, Youth Minister

Burundi Ministry: contact Parish Office ~ Hispanic Ministry: contact Parish Office

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: ages 4 to completion of 2nd grade/First Communion, year-round, during Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Mass.

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, December 14 – 6:00pm Mass;

Mass intention for the people of the parish;
Readings: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9, 10-13

Sunday, December 15 – 10:30am Mass; **3rd Sunday of Advent**

Mass Intention for Dennis Fieglein
Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Monday, December 16 – 7:00pm Mass;

Readings: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17; Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 17 – No Service;

Readings: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

Wednesday, December 18 – No Service

Readings: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25

Thursday, December 19 – 7:00pm Mass;

Mass intention for Francis Massarella;
Readings: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Luke 1:5-25

Friday, December 20 – No Service.

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38

Saturday, December 21 – 6:00pm Mass;

Mass intention for the people of the parish;
Readings: Song of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45

Sunday, December 22 – 10:30am Mass; **4th Sunday of Advent**

Mass Intention for Bill Hartmann;
Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 15

Lectors – Shirley, Albert
Distributors – Ivy, Claudette, Amparo P., Arcenia C., Michael
Servers – Henry, Caleb, Liam E.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 22

Lectors – Diane, Spes
Distributors – Myles, Simeon, Rolando B., Anastacio V., Shirley
Servers – Elias, Aimable, Daniel

Communion Distributors please place a hand on the shoulder or on the head of those who approach at communion who cross their arms across their chest and say, "God bless you and God be with you."

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. PANTRY CLOSED: DEC. 23, 25, 27, 30**

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; Literary Network: 513-621-7323
Hopple Street Neighborhood Clinic: 513-541-4500
GED Referral: Roll Hill: 513-542-8333x5

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

Facebook: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

St. Leo's YouTube Channel: [StLeoTheGreatParish](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCStLeoTheGreatParish)



YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!

Collection for December 1: \$1,835.25
Collection for December 8: \$2,182.05
Retirement Fund for Religious: \$978.05

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.

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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. Luke's Community 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

Be patient until the Lord comes. Be patient and listen; ask the Lord what he wants of you.

LET US PRAY

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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

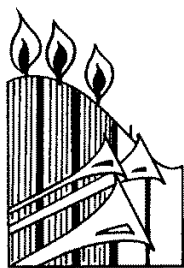
December 15	St. Leo-Festival of Lights at the Zoo
December 17	Office Closed 11:00 am
December 22	Youth Group Advent
December 24	Christmas Eve, Office Closed
December 25	Christmas Day, Office Closed
December 26	Office Closed

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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From Fr. Jim . . .



Prepare the Way of the Lord. John the Baptist is one of the stars of the Advent season. It is said that John came to testify to the light so that all might believe through him. He, himself, was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. As we prepare the way to celebrate the Feast of Christmas, it is good to imitate John the Baptist and to remember that Christmas is not about us. It is about the light that has come into our dark world. It is about the Word of God that has taken on human

form and shape. It is about the love of God in and through Jesus who has come to save us and free us from sin and death. Like John, we are to witness to this light so all might believe in Jesus.

By remembering that Christmas is always about the light of Christ who has come into the world, then even our shopping, buying, giving gifts, decorating, cooking, sharing food, welcoming family and guests can be opportunities to witness to Christ's light so that all might believe through us. I believe this is best done by our actions and attitude more so than by our words. The best way to witness to the light of Christ's presence and love, especially during this time of the year, is by clothing ourselves with Divine presence and virtues and doing our best to wear them out. Kindness, forgiveness, compassion, mercy, loving without conditions, generosity, acceptance, understanding, patience, hope and humility will always brighten a dark world or home with the presence of God and an implied invitation to believe in the love of our Savior. We, too, are not the light but we testify to the light so that all can believe.

With our prayer and worship and by living together the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, we hear and see the works of the Christ who is ever so present among us. We continue to build the kingdom that God has already started and handed onto us as we actively wait for God to come back and complete what Jesus started and what the church continues to do in His name.

We are so blessed by everyone (parishioner, partner, visitor) sharing their time, talent and treasure to build God's kingdom and to prepare the way for the Lord's return. God is present in our love for one another. Thanks for building the kingdom of God. Thanks for witnessing to the light of Christ. Thanks for witnessing to the faith and bringing others to faith. Come, Lord, Jesus. Come.

What can I do this week in Advent? Light the third candle on the Advent wreath and think of someone who is longing for our savior's light and love and pray for that person; Pray for the sick in our parish. Call someone you haven't talked to in a while. Volunteer to help with any preparations. Have fun and enjoy doing what needs to be done. Reflect on the Christmas song, Silent Night. Watch a good Christmas movie with popcorn, of course! Pray for anyone who is alone and afraid.



"To prepare the way for the Lord who comes, it is necessary to take into account the demands of conversion. Conversion requires changing your attitude. It leads to humbly recognizing our mistakes, our infidelities, and defaults. One necessary step is "making concrete gestures of reconciliation with our brothers, asking for forgiveness of our faults. The Lord helps us in this, if we have good will. Christians are called to help people understand that despite everything, the kingdom of God continues to be built day by day with the power of the Holy Spirit."
—Pope Francis

My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. This we pray.

WELCOME GUESTS! If you are visiting with us today, we want you to know how welcome you are, whether you have come from another parish here in the Archdiocese, from across the river, or from further reaches. Thank you for praying with us. Feel free to join us as often as you can! REGISTER PLEASE! If you are attending St. Leo regularly and consider us "your parish," please register yourself and your family. Call the office at 513-921-1044 to register.

Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry Monthly Overhead Sponsor for December Kind Anonymous Donor

FOOD PANTRY CLOSED: December 23, 25, 27, and 30.
Youth Program

Dec. 15: St. Leo-Festival of Lights at the Zoo
Bus Provided: Depart 5:00pm from St. Leo's, return 8:30pm
To sign up: contact Judie Kuhlman at judiekuhlman@gmail.com

Dec. 22: Youth Group Advent
Jan. 15th: Homework Help/Tutoring Program Begins
Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-7:00pm, Centennial Hall
To sign up: contact Judie Kuhlman at judiekuhlman@gmail.com

First Communion Class: Jan. 16, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 24, Mar. 8, 29
April 5th Rehearsal
To sign up: contact Judie Kuhlman at judiekuhlman@gmail.com

First Communion: Sunday April 19, 2020



It's with the best of wishes and blessings that we send off Sue Prieshoff, one of St. Leo's office part-time secretaries. She has chosen to be home more with her husband, Alan. Sue will remain an active parishioner and many of you know her quick smile and gentle manner. She'll be one of the first to welcome you at Mass and pass a bulletin your way!

We are looking for someone to take over Sue's responsibilities in the office beginning in January. The position is 2 or 3 days a week, 9am-3pm, answering phones and working on office projects involving computer/typing and some bookkeeping. Since the hours will be less than 20 per week, the position does not include benefits. However, as most of the staff agree, it is an opportunity to be involved directly in the mission of St. Leo's. If you or anyone you know is interested, please send information to stleocinti@aol.com or call Stephanie at 921-1044x20.

Include your deceased loved one in the list of memorials on the back page of the bulletin for one year. If interested, make your check out to Diocesan, list the name of your loved one, along with your name, address, phone # and email address and return it to the office no later than December 30, 2019.

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