

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.

EUCHARIST

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, April 25 – Live Stream Mass;

Readings: 1 Peter 5:5-14; Mark 16:15-20

Sunday, April 26 – 10:30am Live Stream Mass;

Mass Intention for the people of the parish;

Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

Monday, April 27 – No Service;

Readings: Acts 6:8-15

Tuesday, April 28 – No Service;

Readings: Acts 7:51-8; John 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 29 – No Service;

Readings: Acts 8:1-8; John 6:35-40

Thursday, April 30 – 7:00pm Live Stream Mass,

Readings: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51

Friday, May 1 – Live Stream Service;

Readings: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59

Saturday, May 2 – Live Stream Mass;

Readings: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

Sunday, May 3 – 10:30am Live Stream Mass;

Mass Intention for the people of the parish;

Readings: Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

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."



YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!

Thank you for generously supporting your parish!

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

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

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<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.

Do you need to take a Minimum Required Distribution from your IRA? Please consider a tax-deductible gift to St. Leo's.

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.

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. Teresa of Avila

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

Peace be with you. The Lord gives us his Easter peace. Share that peace with someone who needs it.

LET US PRAY

May your people exult forever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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.

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. New rules for the protection and safety of the guests and workers will be enforced until further notice.

- Call 921-1044 each day to be certain the pantry is open.
- You will be expected to wait outside.
- NO CHILDREN ALLOWED IN THE PANTRY, unless they are in a carrier.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES FREE!

Canceled until further notice.

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/StLeotheGreatParish)

CDC's Official Website for COVID-19 Updates:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Important Dates to Remember

All events, meetings, classes canceled until further notice.

Join Fr. Jim as he livestreams Sunday Mass at 10:30am at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ON7eJ2CwNmS&feature=youtu.be>

or, <https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati-103955481239196/>

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

To 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>

Third Sunday of Easter – April 26, 2020

From Fr. Jim . . .

“Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known in the breaking of the bread.” (Luke 24:35)

This Sunday’s Gospel tells the story of the two disciples, on the road to Emmaus from Jerusalem, encountering the risen Lord. Jesus asks the two disciples the subject of their conversation and they tell the Lord about what just happened to Jesus of Nazareth and that he was sentenced to death and crucified. They also said that some women from their group went to the tomb and reported that they did not see Jesus and they heard that Jesus was alive. Then the Lord explains to the disciples the necessity of his sufferings in order to enter his glory. The Lord explained to them the meaning of all the Scriptures. They invited Jesus to stay with them. Jesus takes bread. He blesses it and breaks it and gives it to them. Then they recognize the person with whom they were sharing bread was Jesus, risen and alive. The two disciples return to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples and apostles.

Please allow me to share with you some of what has taken place to and from the road to St. Leo this past week, and how the risen Lord continues to be present in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking of the people, the Body of Christ in service to the Body of Christ:

- With a firm belief that our food pantry, for the people we serve, is as important and essential as is any major food store or supermarket, our food pantry remains open with the good will and the sacrifice of our volunteers who want to feed people who otherwise would not be fed. We follow all the necessary safety precautions as best as we are able and we remove our masks, just for a moment, before we open the doors to serve our clients, to receive the Lord in a communion service, to pray for our clients, and to ask for God’s help to do his work and ministry. In the wounds, hunger, respect, cooperation, patience, and appreciation of the clients and in the selfless service and radical hospitality that welcomes them, again the risen Lord is recognized in the breaking of the bread.
- A distraught client of the food pantry who is upset and despairing because of the pandemic breaks down in tears overwhelmed with stress and fear. As she tries to register, one of our volunteers starts talking with her. They discover that they are neighbors and the lady has seen our volunteer praying with the volunteer’s children and the lady’s children often play with the volunteer’s children and now it seems that all the children will be playing and praying together soon. The lady asked the volunteer to pray with her that day and they did and so her heart, soul and body were fed and comforted. And again, they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.
- People know about and believe in the genuine ministry and mission of the parish and especially at this time when it is very difficult for some of our parishioners to support the parish and to even find a way to make a contribution, others want to help us. Some have shared their tax return money or the subsidy and relief money they received from our government. A seventh grader sent me an envelope with cash inside. In pencil, on the front of the envelope, he wrote: “I got my first lawn mowing job!” With generosity, self-sacrifice, kindness, charity and thoughtfulness, the risen Christ is recognized in the breaking of the bread.

Although we do not know when we can gather around the eucharistic table in person again, for certain, one day we will. In the meantime, thanks for your works of mercy and bringing the Lord’s table to so many. With the sharing of your faith and life, thank you for giving others hope that Christ is truly risen.

Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry
Monthly Overhead Sponsor for April
Jim and Barb Coffaro

All events, classes, and meetings at St. Leo’s are canceled through May 3.

Join Fr. Jim as he livestreams Sunday Mass at 10:30am at:

RCC St. Leo Church Cincinnati:

https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rcc%20st%20leo%20church%20cincinnati&epa=SEARCH_BOX

You are invited to visit St. Leo Church to pray in the sanctuary, or to use the computers in Centennial Hall by appointment only.

Fr. Jim is happy to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment only.

Please call the office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 10:00am and 1:30pm to make your appointment.

You can read the Sunday bulletin at:

www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin

You can read Fr. Jim’s letter at:

www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim

You can make your Sunday Offering at:

www.saint-leo.org/DonateNow

or, you can drop off your Sunday Offering in the slot in the back door of the rectory, or you can mail your Sunday offering to: St. Leo the Great Church 2573 St. Leo Place, Cincinnati, OH 45225.

For more information: visit our website at: www.saint-leo.org

Or visit our Facebook page at: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church.

Food Pantry hours are Mon. Wed. and Fri. 1 to 3:30pm

Parish members are encouraged to visit the pantry if needed.

Special considerations have been implemented at the Food Pantry.

- Call 921-1044 each day to be certain the pantry is open.
- You will be expected to wait outside.

Due to the current viral outbreak, please know that...**the Ordination of Benson Lotiang’a Lokidiriyo on May 16th 2020 at 11:00am**

Will take place – **viewed via video feed only.**

www.stpeterinchainscathedral.org

Your prayers will be appreciated on this day.

Benson’s Mass of Thanksgiving and Reception are postponed – new date to be determined. If you wish to send best wishes or a gift for Benson’s Ordination it may be mailed – care of: Ed Colina, 142 Palisades Poine #5, Cincinnati, OH 45238

Hunger Walk is going VIRTUAL this year!

Support St. Leo Food Pantry by supporting the 2020 Hunger Walk

JOIN OR DONATE TO OUR TEAM at:

fsfb.convio.net/site/TR/HungerWalk/HungerWalk2020?team_id=11540&pg=team&fr_id=1430

or, cincinnati-hungerwalk.org. Be sure to look for St. Leo Church Pantry

or, make your check payable to: Freestore Foodbank Hunger Walk
Be sure to designate St. Leo Church Pantry as your recipient.

Mail to: Freestore Foodbank Hunger Walk

1141 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Your support is VERY important! ALL money designated for St. Leo Food Pantry goes to our account. This is our “money in the bank.”


Due to your generosity last year, we currently have a balance in our account. Our goal this year is to have enough money at the FreeStore FoodBank to last us until the 2021 Hunger Walk! With your help we can do it!



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