

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, March 14 – 6:00pm Mass;

Mass intention for the people of the parish;

Readings: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 15 – 10:30am Mass; **3rd Sunday of Lent**

Mass Intention for Sue & Bill Strobel;

Readings: Exodus, 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

Monday, March 16 – No Service;

Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-15; Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 17 – No Service;

Readings: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 18 – No Service;

Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 19 – 7:00pm Mass; **Solemnity of St. Joseph**

Mass intention for Mark Russell;

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22;

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24

Friday, March 20 – No Service.

Readings: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 21 – 6:00pm Mass;

Mass intention for the people of the parish;

Readings: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, March 22 – 10:30am Mass; **4th Sunday of Lent**

Mass Intention for Annie Reynolds;

Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14;

John 9:1-41

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 15

Lectors – Diane, Spes

Distributors – Kate, Claudette, Berta M., Marina S., Shirley

Servers – Jess, Liam, Seba

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 22

Lectors – Tom, Theo

Distributors – Kate, Claudette, Berta M., Marina S., Shirley

Servers – Jess, Liam, Seba

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. CLOSED for inclement weather** when Cincinnati Public Schools are closed.

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

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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!

March 7 & 8: \$1,883.63

Thank you for generously supporting your parish!

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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.

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 Mercy West Park

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

Do we demand signs or do we hear the Lord speaking our heart?

LET US PRAY

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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

Fridays during Lent	Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm
March 11	Homework Help, 4-7:00pm
March 24	The Light Is On For You, 7-9:00pm
March 29	First Communion Class

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 . . .

One of our responsibilities on the Lenten journey is to walk with the catechumens and candidates in this time of preparation in order to receive the Easter Sacraments. We have 15 people (adults and children who are older than seven) who have been elected to receive the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil this year. Their names are written in the Book of the Elect which is on a table in our sanctuary near the lectern.

We want to show our prayer support for them and for all the catechumens and candidates in our partner parishes who will be baptized or received into full communion with the church at the Easter Vigil this year. Their names are already included in our prayer wall and in our book of intentions. We have also sent them each a personal letter offering them our continued prayers and support and encouragement in this time of purification and enlightenment.

On the Third Sunday of Lent, the catechumens or the Elect, as they are now called, celebrate the First Scrutiny. Whenever the Rite of Scrutiny is celebrated, the Cycle A readings are used. The Cycle A reading for the First Scrutiny is the Woman at the Well. The Elect examine their lives under the lamp of this Gospel for a deeper purification of their call and a deeper awareness and enlightenment of the Faith they are receiving. The woman at the well invites them to conversion and to accept the Lord, Jesus Christ as living water for their lives. It also provides understanding for the Sacrament of Baptism that they want to receive and the life they are being called to live. We pray for them so that they can know the Lord as well as the Samaritan Woman and that they will allow the Lord to know them as fully and deeply as possible.

As we celebrate the Rite of Scrutiny with our elect, we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter and we examine our lives, too, with the Cycle A Readings. How is Jesus living water? How has he been living water for you specifically? Recall a time of grace and a call to conversion and change. Give thanks for the freedom and new life you have received and are receiving.

Parishioners Preparing for the Sacraments: In addition to our 15 elects, we have forty adults and children who have already been baptized Catholic and are preparing to receive Confirmation and first Eucharist at our Saturday, May 23 Mass at 6pm. We also have three more children, above the age of seven, who will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation at our 10:30am Mass on Sunday, May24. We needed to have two groups of catechumens/elect because of language differences. Please keep them in prayer. We pray for any of our parishioner children who are in Catholic schools, preparing for first Eucharist or Confirmation this year, also. The Church, through the community of St. Leo, continues to grow in holiness, age and grace. Thanks be to God!

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU - Tuesday, March 24, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Rediscover the peace of Christ found uniquely in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Visit www.EncounterPeace.org for more information. No matter how long it has been since your last Confession, no matter how great your sins may be, it's okay. Please join us . . . the light is on for you!

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in roughly 45 different countries each year. 25% of all donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.

WELCOME GUESTS! If you are visiting with us today, we want you to know how welcome you are! 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 March Generous Anonymous Donor

Youth Program
March 17, 24, 31: Homework Help/Tutoring Program
4:30-7:00pm, Centennial Hall

First Communion Class: Mar. 29, April 5th Rehearsal
First Communion: Sunday April 19, 2020



We are looking for a secretary/clerk for the office to begin as soon as possible. Hours are 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. 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.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION - Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and preserve the sacred shrines. For information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit <https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday/>.

GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS FOR JUSTICE (CINCINNATI) - On April 10 from 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. at Fountain Square in downtown Cincinnati (rain or shine), join a collaboration of faith-based groups for an engaging prayer experience that connects the suffering of Jesus with the suffering brought about by injustice in our day. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/468324317453360>.

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75) in 2020 may request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Schnurr. Visit www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family/life or call the Office for Marriage & Family Life at 513-263-6692. Certificates will be mailed to parishes for distribution in late July or early August.

In addition to receiving a certificate from Archbishop Schnurr, **married couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary** in 2020 are invited to a Golden Anniversary Mass: August 1, 2020, 4:30pm, St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati, Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, Celebrant. To register, visit the Office for Marriage & Family Life at www.catholiccincinnati.org, click Ministries & Offices, click Marriage & Family Life, or call 513-263-6692 before June 19th.

Thank you to all of you at St. Leo's for your generous gift to the CISE Parish Appeal. The impact you are making for Cincinnati's most vulnerable children is tremendous.

Thank you to all of you at St. Leo's for your generous gift to World Mission Sunday. These donations are forwarded on to the Holy Father's Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which directly supports more than 1,100 mission dioceses globally.



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