

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7** – 6:00pm Mass;

Mass intention for the people of the parish;  
Readings: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

**Sunday, March 8** – 10:30am Mass; **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Mass Intention for Bill Hartman;  
Readings: Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

**Monday, March 9** – No Service;

Readings: Daniel 9:4-10; Luke 6:36-38

**Tuesday, March 10** – No Service;

Readings: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12

**Wednesday, March 11** – No Service;

Readings: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

**Thursday, March 12** – 7:00pm Mass;

Mass intention for Mark Heck, Jr.;  
Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

**Friday, March 13** – No Service.

Readings: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

**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; **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Mass Intention for Sue & Bill Strobel;  
Readings: Exodus, 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 8**

Lectors – Marianne, Albert  
Distributors – Larry, Epiphany, Hilda L., Juan B., Ivy  
Servers – Paul, Finn, Caleb

**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 15**

Lectors – Diane, Spes  
Distributors – Kate, Claudette, Berta M., Marina S., Shirley  
Servers – Jess, Liam, Seba

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



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**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 Trinity Hill UCC.

**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**

Peter, James and John saw the Lord transfigured before their eyes and heart, "This is my son, my beloved, listen to him." Are you listening?

**LET US PRAY**

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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 8	First Communion Class
March 11	Homework Help, 4-7:00pm
March 24	The Light Is On For You, 7-9:00pm

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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From Fr. Jim . . .

Traditionally, Lent calls us to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In these ways we align ourselves more according to God’s ways and we depend more on God’s grace and we can become less dependent on the ways of the world and secular attitudes. Also, we become strengthened to say no to sin and temptation. As Ash Wednesday reminds us and the Gospel from last Sunday: “Repent and believe in the Gospel.”

I want to highlight some opportunities for almsgiving or works of charity during Lent that we are being asked to consider doing with all the parishes in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. One opportunity is the Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA). You have received in the mail an invitation from Archbishop Schnurr to participate in this appeal and to pray about what level of response you want to participate.

Today we hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration of the Lord. As the Lord was transfigured before the eyes of the Apostles, so shall we be transfigured and share in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Paschal Mystery of the Lord is definitely about transforming our lives into sharing the glory of the Lord. The church, in the image of Christ, is likewise about transforming lives and helping all God’s people move in the direction of the kingdom of heaven.

The CMA is about transforming lives. Our pledges to the CMA put food on the table for hungry families through Catholic Charities and social services. We help others hear the call to priesthood through vocational outreach and support the education of seminarians, deacons, and lay ministers at the Athenaeum/Mt. St. Mary’s Seminary. We assure that chaplains will bring God’s presence on college campuses, in hospitals, and in prisons. We bring hope to children with communication difficulties, and their families, at St. Rita School for the Deaf, and we provide continuing support for our retired archdiocesan priests who generously serve us all their lives. Our pledges will help fund new initiatives to encourage young Catholics to more fully engage themselves in the life of the Church, and to reach out to those who have drifted away from the Church.

Also, this is a good time to continue your pledge to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati’s One Faith, One Hope, One Love capital campaign. Mt. St. Mary Seminary, Retired Fund for Priests and Catholic Social Services are included as beneficiaries in this campaign as they are in the CMA but the majority of the funds in this campaign will be for Catholic education and Catholic Schools, specifically to create affordable tuition rates for anyone who is seeking a Catholic education. There are many good causes that this fund supports.

St. Leo, for many years has participated in Operation Rice Bowl. We are again this year. Information and donation boxes are at the doors of church. This is an almsgiving exercise that the whole family can do together.

Based on last week’s Gospel and as our catechumens/The Elect learn to confront sinful ways in their lives and prepare to celebrate the ritual of Scrutiny with us, please try to identify a major temptation in your personal life that could be destructive to you and/or to your family. Focus your energy on it this Lent and pray for a change in your attitude to resist the temptation. Stay in and with the Lord in this and share the victory of God’s love and presence over sin and death. Can you also name a temptation against the “diversity in unity” that characterizes our parish? Are there any jealousies, judgements, prejudices, fears, concerns that could be destructive to our unity as a parish? How can we, as a parish community, stay together with the Lord and in the Lord to address these concerns and continue to be a place and a home that welcomes all people?

I encourage everyone to participate in some forms of prayer, fasting and works of charity. Let’s celebrate the power of God’s love

over sin and death and grow deeper in our relationship with the Lord and each other. What transforming love we have been given and such transforming love we can share!

**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  
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**Youth Program**

**March 10, 17, 24, 31: Homework Help/Tutoring Program**

4:30-7:00pm, Centennial Hall

**First Communion Class:** Mar. 8, 29, April 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



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**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/>.

**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](http://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.

**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>.





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