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
Sr. Tracy Kemme, SC, Pastoral Associate for Adult Formation
Amy Kleeman, Development Director
Judie Kuhlman, Youth Minister
Burundi Ministry: contact Parish Office ~ Hispanic Ministry: contact Parish Office

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church is a diverse and welcoming Eucharistic Community living out our mission through liturgy, prayer, and outreach via the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

We exist because the Lord has called us to receive and share the good news with all of God's people.

We behave as brothers and sisters in the Lord, as God's family. It is a privilege to serve God's kingdom.

We embrace the cross in joy.

We will succeed when we follow these strategic anchors: grow a welcoming and diverse environment.

become pioneers of leadership for running a diverse parish. invest and value collaborating partners.

EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil Mass in Spanish: 6:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM
Wednesday Mass: 11:30 AM
Thursday Mass: 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5:00-5:30 PM,
or by appointment
BAPTISMS: Call three weeks in advance
WEDDINGS: Call six months in advance

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.

December 6, 2020

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses will be Lived Streamed at Facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati

<u>Saturday, December 5</u>- 6:00 pm Mass; Mass Intention for the People of the Parish; Readings: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1. 5:6-8

<u>Sunday, December 6</u>– 10:30am Mass; 2nd Sunday of Advent; Mass Intention for Guy Langenbrunner; Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

Monday, December 7 – No Service;

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5: 17-26

Tuesday, December 8-7:00 pm Feast of the Immaculate

Conception; Readings: Genesis 3: 9-15,20; Ephesians 1: 3-6,11-12; Luke 1: 26-38

Wednesday, December 9–11:30am Mass; Mass Intention for Jo Ann Murphy; Readings: Isaiah 40: 25-31; Matthew 11: 28-30

<u>Thursday, December 10</u>– 7:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intention for Edward Ulmer; Readings: Isaiah 41: 13-20; Matthew 11: 11-15

<u>Friday, December 11</u> – No Service; Readings: Isaiah 48: 17-19; Matthew 11: 16-19

<u>Saturday, December 12</u>- 6:00 pm Mass; Mass Intention for the People of the Parish; Readings: Zechariah 2: 14-17; Luke 1: 26-38 <u>Sunday, December 13</u>- 10:30am Mass; 3rd Sunday of Advent; Mass Intention for Anna, Angie, and Bill Hartmann; Readings: Isaiah 61: 1-2,10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8,19-28

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:
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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.

December 23rd – January 3rd- Food Pantry is CLOSED

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

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<u>VISIT US!</u> <u>St. Leo's website:</u> www.saint-leo.org <u>Facebook:</u> St. Leo the Great Catholic Church <u>St. Leo's YouTube Channel</u>: StLeotheGreatParish

CDC's Official Website for COVID-19 Updates:

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

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. Leo Food Pantry.

You are invited to join our entire parish community to pray together virtually every day at Noon and 6:00pm.



YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!

Sunday Offerings for November 21st and 22nd - \$1,176.75 Second collection for the Campaign for Human Development-\$402.00

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.

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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 Amy Kleeman 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.

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

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

John the Baptizer appeared in the desert proclaiming the Lord. Who will proclaim him in this generation?

LET US PRAY

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heaven wisdom grain us admittance to his company. 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

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/

December 6th – Toy and Clothing Drive

December 8th – Feast of the Immaculate Conception – 7:00 pm Mass, Parish 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 Amy at 921-1044X30 or email to akleemanstleo@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 or send your email address to akleemanstleo@aol.com

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Second Sunday of Advent - December 6, 2020

From Fr. Jim . . .



Retirement Fund for

Religious: Next Sunday December 13th, there is a collection for The Retirement Fund for the Religious. Many of us would not be where we are today in the practice of our faith if it were not for the faith of our parents and the faith of the religious sisters and brothers who have dedicated their lives to teaching the faith and living the faith in service of so many of God's people. This fund is always a way to show our deep gratitude to them and to show our

care and love for them in the needs of their retirement. In a television advertisement for this fund, an elderly sister with a walker is making her way to her chair in the chapel. She is saying that there are many things that she can no longer do because of her age but one thing she will always be able to do is pray. She assures everyone that she is praying for us every day. She calls this her prayer ministry. The advertisement ends by asking the viewer to consider supporting the fund in some way and to remember the retired religious because "you know that they are remembering you." Thank you so much for keeping them in your prayers and for your generosity.

For Your Advent Prayer and Reflection: As the Season of Advent invites us to be awake and aware of the many ways that God has come, is coming and will come into our lives, where do we hunger the most for God's merciful love? Where does our world need it the most? Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come with your saving grace.

The Blessed Virgen Mary, from the moment of her conception, was free to say "Yes" to the presence of the Lord in her life without the effects, limits and conditions of sin. While we do not live our lives sinless as did Mary, nonetheless, we can, like Mary, choose to do God's will. God comes to us, too. What is God's will for us? To what is God asking us to say, "Yes?"

John the Baptist calls for repentance as we prepare for the Lord to come into our lives. We need to acknowledge our shortcomings and change our ways. We need help in order to say "yes'" to God's will fully and completely as Mary models for us. We need God's forgiveness and mercy to keep saying "yes" to God's will and way of Love. Where do we need God's mercy the most? For what do we need forgiveness? Come, Lord, Jesus, quickly come with your saving grace.

What can I do In Advent to prepare the way of the Lord? Simple acts of kindness like holding the door for someone; saying please and thank you; Be kind, courteous and smile; Do works of mercy – feed someone or donate to our food pantry; share clothes with someone or donate to St. Vincent DePaul or Helping Hands in North Fairmount. Perhaps our parish Wish List in the bulletin can offer suggestions to you. Listen to someone; free yourself from distractions like the cell phone and be really present to someone. Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation; come to our weekly Thursday night Mass; Pray a Hail Mary to our Lady of Guadalupe. Learn about St. Nicholas, or St. John the Baptist; Introduce yourself in church to someone you do not know and find out a little bit more about them. Make a family Advent Wreath and light the first two candles. Come, Lord Jesus. Quickly Come!

I recently read this post on Facebook: "While you are waiting for the Lord, do what waiters do – Serve!"

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

The Catholic faithful who reside in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and all other Catholics in the archdiocese continue to be dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. Those who are at risk or fearful that they or their family might become sick are encouraged to stay home and join the Church by viewing live-streamed Masses.

Sunday Mass: 10:30am, limited seating available, or join Fr. Jim as he livestreams Sunday Mass at 10:30am at:

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You can read the Sunday bulletin at:

www.saintleo.org/Pulications/StLeoSundayBulletin You can **read Fr. Jim's letter** at: www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim

Mark, your calendars for December 6th! Help make Christmas Memories for those in need. Our annual Toy and Clothing Sale is Sunday December 6th from 2:00 p.m. -5:00pm in Centennial Hall. We could also use help on the day of the sale, Sunday December 6th, help to set-up, move product and clean-up will help make the sale more successful and easier for all



involved. If you would like to volunteer on either day please email Judie Kuhlman at judiekuhlman@gmail.com

St. Leo's is looking for two area rugs, one 9x12, and 8x10 for two employee offices. We are also in need of Amazon Gift Cards for our wish list items and office needs. Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.

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Help our Elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift on <u>December 13th to the Retirement Fund for Religious</u> helps provide medications, nursing care and other necessities. Look for our second collection next Sunday.

Congratulations!!! to our parishioners from St. Xavier High School who made first and second honors for the first quarter.

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