

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

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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.

EUCCHARIST

Saturday Vigil Mass in Spanish: 6:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM

Wednesday Mass: 11:30 AM

Thursday Mass: 7:00 PM

EXPOSITION: Cancelled until further notice.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5:00-5:30 PM,

or by appointment

BAPTISMS: Call three weeks in advance

WEDDINGS: Call six months in advance

ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH, Cincinnati, Ohio

December 13, 2020

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses will be Lived Streamed at [Facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati](https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati)

Saturday, December 12- 6:00 pm Mass; Mass Intention for the People of the Parish; Readings: Zechariah 2: 14-17; Luke 1: 26-38
Sunday, December 13- 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
Monday, December 14- No Service; Readings: Numbers 24:27,15-17; Matthew 21: 23-27
Tuesday, December 15- No Service; Readings: Zephaniah 3: 1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21: 28-32
Wednesday, December 16- 11:30am Mass; Special Intentions of Beth Bachman; Readings: Isaiah 45: 6-8,18,21-25; Luke 7: 18-23
Thursday, December 17- 7:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intention for John DePaoli, Jr.; Readings: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1: 1-17
Friday, December 18- No Service; Readings: Jeremiah 23: 5-8; Matthew 1: 18-25

Saturday, December 19- 6:00 pm Mass; Mass Intention for the People of the Parish; Readings: Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25; Luke 1: 5-25
Sunday, December 20- 10:30am Mass; 4th Sunday of Advent; Mass Intention for the Health of All; Readings: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5,8-12,14,16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1: 26-38

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

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES FREE!

Cancelled until further notice.

COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS North Fairmount Community

Center/Referral Services: Linda Klems: 513-921-5889
Housing: 513-921-5889; Literary Network: 513-621-7323
Hopple Street Neighborhood Health and Community Center: 513-517-2000

GED Referral: Roll Hill: 513-542-8333x5

ANGELS' ARMS STORE, 1882 Baltimore Avenue Accepting donations of clothing, kitchen, bath and bedding. All Items Free! Call for Hours: 513-407-7902.

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)

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 Gloria Dei Lutheran.

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 28th and 29th - \$3,142.75

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.

SHOP AT AMAZON SMILE AND SUPPORT ST. LEO:

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

SHOP AT KROGER'S AND SUPPORT ST. LEO:

<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 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

Rejoice; never cease praying. Let us never cease praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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

Join Fr. Jim as he livestreams Sunday Mass at 10:30am at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ON7eJ2CwNM&feature=youtu.be> OR, <https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati-10395481239196/>

December 13th - second Collection- Retirement Fund for Religious

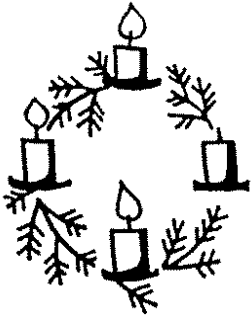
Bulletin information is always welcome! Articles must be in the office by 10am the Monday prior to publication, provided there is still room. Please call Amy at 921-1044X30 or email to akleemanstleo@aol.com

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

Sign up to receive St. Leo's Monthly Newsletter: call the office at 513-921-1044, email your name and address to: akleemanstleo@aol.com or sign up online at: <http://saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoMonthlyNewsletter.aspx>

Third Sunday of Advent – December 13, 2020

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. Although our activities are restricted this year because of the Covid, Cell phone, Facetime, Zoom, text messages and creative thinking are necessary to bridge the gap of separation from our families and friends and to show and share the kindness and joy of God's coming to us. Pray creatively, think creatively, Act creatively and safely.

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:

RCC St. Leo Church Cincinnati:

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

You can read the Sunday bulletin at:

www.saintleo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin

You can read Fr. Jim's letter at:

www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim

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.

THANK YOU to everyone who was able to make the toy and clothing drive a great success! We truly appreciate all the donations, and the numerous volunteers that were able to help!



Make a difference. "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

2021 Contribution Envelopes

We have prepared the [2021 contribution envelopes](#) and calendars. Since many of you are joining mass through Live Stream, please contact the office if you would like your envelopes to be mailed. If you have not received envelopes in the past, and would like to receive them please let us know. If you would like to make your contribution online instead please contact Amy Kleeman at 513-921.1044 ext. 30.

"Advent is the Season in which we remember God's nearness, that He came down toward us." ~Pope Francis

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