

# 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.*

## 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

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

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

**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; 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**Monday, December 21- No Service;** Readings: Songs of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45

**Tuesday, December 22- No Service;** Readings: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56

**Wednesday, December 23- No Service;** Readings: Malachi 3: 1-4,23-24; Luke 1: 57-66

**Thursday, December 24- Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass;** Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14,16; Luke 1: 67-79

**Friday, December 25- Christmas Day 10:30 a.m. Mass;** Readings: Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3: 4-7; Luke 2: 15-20

**Saturday, December 26- 6:00 pm Mass;** Mass Intention for the People of the Parish; Readings: Acts of the Apostles 6: 8-10, 7: 54-59; Matthew 10: 17-22

**Sunday, December 27- 10:30am Mass; Feast of the Holy Family;** Mass Intention for Robert Jones; Readings: Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2: 22-40



**YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!**

Sunday Offerings for December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> - \$1,712.51  
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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.

**YOU CAN MAKE YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING AT:**

[www.saint-leo.org/DonateNow](http://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

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

**December 23<sup>rd</sup> - January 3<sup>rd</sup> - 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: 513-921-5889

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

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**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>

**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. Luke's Community Church .

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

**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**

Mary received and responded to the Lord's will through the invitation of an angel. Who are God's messengers in your life? Listen to God speaking to you through them.

**LET US PRAY**

O God, eternal majesty, whose ineffable Word the immaculate Virgin received through the message of an Angel and so became the dwelling-place of divinity, filled with the light of the Holy Spirit, grant, we pray, that by her example we may in humility hold fast to your will. 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 24<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> -Office is 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](mailto:akleemanstleo@aol.com)

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**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](mailto:akleemanstleo@aol.com) or sign up online at: <http://saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoMonthlyNewsletter.aspx>

## Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 20, 2020

From Fr. Jim . . .



### Gift Giving at Christmas Time:

The best present that we have ever received is the presence of God’s coming to us in human form and shape in the birth of God’s son, Jesus Christ. Arguably, the best gift that we can give to another at Christmas is the gift of our presence. In her book, *Out of the Ordinary 2000*, Sr. Joyce Rupp suggests that we consider the “Present of

Presence. This primarily involves “being with” someone rather than just “doing” for someone. There are two possible ways to be with another – physically be present with another and be present to another “in spirit” by deliberately sending prayer, compassionate thoughts, and kind feelings toward another person or group. She suggests giving the “Present of Presence” by: being with someone who needs you; being with a person who gives you hope; being with those who live in terror or fear; being with an older person; being with someone who has helped you to grow; being with one who is in pain; being with yourself; being with someone who has written to you; spending time with a child; being with someone who is terminally ill; being with a coworker; being with your loved ones. These are only some. She suggests more. What “Present of Presence” would you add to this list? We can be about “being with” in addition to just “doing for” because of God choosing to share our human form and dwell in us. We have the ability to warm the lives of others with our very presence because of this incredible Gift of Love.

On this note, I want to thank everyone who wants to create this presence through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and through expressions of solidarity with those who are most in need. You are not just providing for their physical and material needs but in ways that you are not fully aware, you are building a spiritual relationship with them. You are treating them as a brother or sister in Christ. You are giving them the present of Christ’s presence and love. People know that they are not alone or have not been forgotten or that there are others who really care about them. They know that God is born to them and remains with them. Thank you so very much!

**Welcome, Welcome and again Welcome!** As the angels sang, “Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to all,” they announced the coming of God to everyone. All of heaven and earth is joined together now as God has taken on our flesh. No one is excluded from God’s salvation, no one. We can not celebrate as fully as we have in the past because of the pandemic but we can still celebrate. Please join us on live stream or in person in church. I apologize that we are not able to accommodate as many people who would want to come because of the need to social distance. Our space is limited and wearing masks and washing hands is still very much necessary. For Christmas Eve and Christmas day only, Centennial Hall will have limited seating with live-stream and the availability to receive communion. Once the church and the Hall have reached maximum capacity at safe distancing, then it will not be safe to allow others to enter. The obligation to attend Mass is still dispensed so to help prevent overcrowding and unsafe environments, you may want to consider attending Mass during the week. Wherever we are and with masks and safe distancing we can still be bearers of the Good News: Joy to the world the Lord has come, let earth receive her king. Glory to God in the highest and on earth Peace!

Mass on Christmas Day, Friday, December 25 is 10:30am.

Mass on Christmas Eve, December 24, 6pm in Spanish. On behalf of our entire staff, I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and the blessing and gift of Christ’s presence and peace for a joyous New Year. May the Lord be present to you in new, exciting and profound ways. May you experience God’s love and mercy like you never have before. God is truly with us! All Glory and praise be to God.



Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry  
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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/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin](http://www.saintleo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin)  
You can read **Fr. Jim’s letter** at:  
[www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim](http://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.



**Thanks for Giving!** “We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for the Religious each year,” says a Catholic sister. “Support from the fund has been tremendous blessing to our retired sisters.” Thank you for donating to last week’s second collection, Retirement Fund for Religious.



### 2021 Contribution Envelopes and Calendars

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.



*Best Wishes for a Blessed and Merry Christmas, and may the peace and the joy and the love of that wonderful night be with you always.*



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