

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

ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH, Cincinnati, Ohio

February 7, 2021

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, February 6- 6:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intention for the People of the Parish; Readings: Hebrews 13: 15-17, 20-21; Mark 6: 30-34

Sunday, February 7- 10:30 a.m. Mass; Special Intentions of Mary Ann Lander; Readings: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23; Mark 1: 29-39

Monday, February 8- No Service; Readings: Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 9- No Service; Readings: Genesis 1:20-2:4; Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 10- 11:30 a.m. Mass; Special Intentions of Linda Kelsey; Readings: Genesis 2:4-9,15-17; Mark 7:14-23

Thursday, February 11-7:00 p.m. Mass; Special Intentions of Ross and Beth Bachman; Readings: Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30

Friday, February 12- No Service; Readings: Genesis 3: 1-8; Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, February 13- 6:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intention for the People of the Parish; Readings: Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10

Sunday, February 14- 10:30 a.m. Mass; Mass Intention for Bernard and Marguerite Schutte; Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45



YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!

Sunday Offerings for January 23rd and 24th - \$2,038.50 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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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

Healing, reconciling, and proclaiming good news: the tasks of Jesus, the task of the church. Does God call you be a healer, reconciler, proclaimer of the good news?

LET US PRAY

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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.

ST. LEO FOOD PANTRY-

Serving Hours: Mon., Wed. and Fri. 1:00-3:30pm

OFFICE AND PANTRY ARE CLOSED FEBRUARY 15th

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.

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 online class referral: CPS: 513-363-6100

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/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. Bernard's Taylor Creek.

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

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/>

February 6th and 7th - Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) commitment weekend

February 15th the office and pantry is CLOSED

February 17th - second collection for Ash Wednesday -The Church of Africa

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>

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time – February 7, 2021

From Fr. Jim . . .

Please consider this: There is a true story about former Prime Minister Menachem Begin’s visit during the Carter administration. Seated in the Oval Office of the White House, Prime Minister Begin asked President Carter about the three telephones on the president’s desk. President Carter responded: one goes to Plains Georgia, so I can keep track of my brother, Billy; one is a hot line to Moscow, which gives me instant communication with the Russians and one is a direct line to God!” “How much does that cost?” asked Begin. “Ten thousand dollars a month but it is worth every cent,” replied the president.

Sometime later, Carter visited Israel and sat with Begin in his office. Seeing three telephones on his desk Carter asked, “Why do you have three phones?” “Well, one is a hot line to Cairo, Egypt, one is my direct line to Parliament, and one is my direct line to God!” Carter asked, “What does your direct line to God cost?” “Ten cents,” Begin responded. “It’s a local call!”

Would you consider your relationship with God a long distant one or a local one? Is God more of a higher power watching over you from a distance or very near to you, one with you and within your reach and grasp? When we pray, is our praying more like making a long distance call or talking to our neighbor from across the back yard fence?

We can’t ever forget that our God is transcendent-always greater than ourselves and more than we can imagine, truly a God of heaven but our God is also incarnate – one with us in our very flesh, a God also of earth. God is as near to us as our very heartbeat and is as real to us as our love for our neighbor and as the Church is the Body of Christ, living its faith into action. Let us call upon the Lord always and often, especially while he is near.

Also please consider this: In Seoul, South Korea, there was a theater manager who thought the Sound of Music was too long of a movie. Therefore, he decided to reduce the running time of the film without doing damage to the plot by removing all the songs! This brings to mind this question: What is truly wrong with this picture?

Although one may be able to understand the plot without the music, arguably the plot was damaged without the songs. Since the movie was a musical, how can you have a musical without music and singing?

This sheds some light on the importance of music and song in the liturgy and why some parts of the mass need to be sung like the Gloria, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen, Holy, Holy, Lamb of God and the Alleluia. This is also why some parts are better when they are sung like the Responsorial Psalm and the Penitential Rite and why there is the option to chant the prayers and the Eucharistic Prayer. Could this also be the reason why some church musicians want to sing all the verses to the hymns?

How about with the liturgy that is our lives and when we leave church each Sunday with the charge: “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord with your life?” Can we glorify the Lord throughout the week without singing the music of the liturgy? When during the week are we aware of God’s presence raising us up or when our focus is truly on the higher things? Would bursting out an Alleluia be appropriate or does humming a Sanctus deepen the plot of our lives with God? What opportunities are we given to pray the psalms with our lives and to sing a familiar refrain? How could softly singing the Lord Have Mercy or the Lamb of God give meaning to the ongoing musical of God living with us in our very flesh and converting us to a spiritual nature? Singing with God and to God in prayer and in the prayer that is our very life makes for a really good, if not great picture!



**Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry
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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 in need of toddler size (1 year, 2T, and 3T) bibs for the Sacrament of Baptism. The church also needs to purchase three new mats for the entrance https://www.amazon.com/WaterHog-Commercial-Grade-Entrance-Outdoor-Matting/dp/B00BTMWW86/ref=sr_1_139?dc_hild=1&keywords=5x6%2Brug%2Bblack&qid=1611329681&sr=8-139&th=1. We also are in



need of gift cards to help with our everyday needs, please consider Staples, Amazon, Kroger, or Home Depot when donating. Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.



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.



This is commitment weekend for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout our archdiocese who are standing local, Catholic ministries serving people right here in our communities. These ministries depend on our help each year!



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2020
If you are itemizing on your tax return and need a contribution statement for your weekly envelope donations, please call the Parish Office at 921-1044.



“The Lord looks for us where we are, he loves us as we are, and he patiently walks by our side. With his word, he wants to change us, to invite us to live fuller lives and to put out into the deep together with him.” ~
Pope Francis






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