



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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Amy Kleeman, Development Director
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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

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

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ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH, Cincinnati, Ohio

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

<u>Saturday, February 27</u>- 6:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intention For the People of the Parish; Readings: Deuteronomy 26: 16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday, February 28-10:30 a.m. Mass Second Sunday of Lent;

Mass Intention For Janet Ahren; Readings: Genesis 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

Monday, March 1 – No Service; Readings: Daniel 9:4-10; Luke 6:36-38

<u>Tuesday, March 2</u>– No Service; Readings: Isaiah 1:10,16-20; Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 3–11:30 a.m. Mass; Special Intentions of Sue and Alan Prieshoff; Readings: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

<u>Thursday, March 4</u>–7:00 p.m. Mass; Lenten Intentions Adoration following Mass; Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

<u>Friday, March 5-</u> Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.; Readings: Genesis 37:3-4,12-13,17-28; Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

<u>Saturday, March 6</u>- 6:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intention For the People of the Parish; Readings: Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Luke 15:1-3,11-32 <u>Sunday, March 7</u>- 10:30 a.m. Mass Third Sunday of Lent; Mass Intention For Antoinette and Frederick Macke; Readings: Exodus

ST. LEO FOOD PANTRY-

17:3-7; Romans 5: 1-2,5-8; John 4:5-42

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

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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES FREE!

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<u>COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS</u> 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

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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 St. Leo's YouTube Channel: 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 Westwood First Presbyterian.

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 February 13th and 14th -\$1,845.70 Thank you for generously supporting your parish!

EASY ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE:

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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

Peter, James, and John saw the Lord transfigured before their eyes and heard, "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 our glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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/

Fridays during Lent- Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm

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 Amy at 921-1044X30 or email to akleemanstleo@aol.com

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Second Sunday of Lent-February 28, 2021

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.

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, let us learn to confront sinful ways in our lives. 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!

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

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You can **read Fr. Jim's letter** at:

www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim

One way to help with Lenten Almsgiving is to Donate!! 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-

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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.

2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from St. Leo's who has supported the 2021 CMA. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. For more information or to donate online, please visit www.AOCstewardship.org

Better Meals in Madagascar- half of all Children are undernourished. That means 50% of kids won't grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in your life? How can you help those who lack access to enough nutritious food. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more!



Join Us for Healing the Racial Divide, on March 14th from 2:30 p.m. — 4:00p.m. We will hear from two individuals about their experience with racism. This special **Zoom Listening session** is hosted by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Anti-Racism Task Force and our covenant partner parish Our Lady of the Visitation. To Register follow this link: https://tinyurl.com/SL-OLV-Listening-Session

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