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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: Cancelled until further notice.



ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH, Cincinnati, Ohio

December 5, 2021

This Week's Schedule

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

Saturday, December 4 - 6:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intentions For the People of the Parish; Readings: Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1,5,6-8

Sunday, December 5- 10:30 a.m. Mass 2nd Sunday of Advent; Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:4-6,8-11; Luke 3:1-6

Monday, December 6 -No Service; Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 7- No Service; Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 8-7:00 p.m. Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception; Readings: Genesis 3:9-15,20; Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, December 9-7:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, December 10- No Service; Readings: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday, December 11- 6:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intentions For the People of the Parish; Readings: Sirach 48:1-4,9-11; Matthew 17:9,10-13

Sunday, December 12- 10:30 a.m. Mass 3rd Sunday of Advent; Mass Intention of Angela Dunaway; Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 5TH

Lectors – Jess, Agrippine **Distributors-** Ivy, Marissabel P., Berta M., **Servers** – Paul E., Finn

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 12TH

Lectors – Marianne, Theo **Distributors-** Shirley, Claudette, Elsa M. **Servers** – Bryan V., Milleyvi D.

Please find a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your scheduled ministry assignment.



YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!

Sunday Offerings for November 20th and 21st - \$2,724.50 , and the second collection for the CHD was -\$701.22 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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<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. 22.

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

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 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 made ready the way of the Lord. Who will make ready the way today?

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 gain 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, God, for ever and ever.

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.

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>

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 8th Parish Office is CLOSED

December 12th Second Collection for Retirement Fund

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 921-1044X22 or email 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>

Second Sunday of Advent– December 5, 2021

From Fr. Jim. . .



Retirement Fund for Religious: Next Sunday is the 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 Virgin 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!"

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Wednesday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at St. Leo is 7:00 pm.

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.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin

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

www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim

We are in need of clothing racks for the upcoming toy and clothing drive. We would love to receive gift cards to help with our everyday needs, please consider Staples, Amazon, Kroger, or Home Depot when donating. You can see our latest needs on our Amazon Wish List Link

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref_=wl_share. **Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**

MARCH FOR LIFE 2022- January 19th – 22nd in Washington D.C. This trip gives you the full March for Life experience with the march itself, the opportunity to meet with Ohio representatives and opportunities for prayer, processing and learning. We are in need of sponsors for this event, the cost of each student to go on this trip is \$325. If you are interested in sponsoring please call the office at 513.921.1044.

St. Leo's Annual Toy and Clothing Sale

Mark, your calendars for December 5th! Help make Christmas Memories for those in need.

Our annual Toy and Clothing Sale is **Sunday December 5th from 2:00 p.m. -5:00pm in Centennial Hall.** We could also use help on the

day of the sale, Sunday December 5th, help 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

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