

# 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

Reverend James R. Schutte, Pastor  
Reverend Rodolfo Coaquira, MCCJ, Parochial Vicar  
Jenni Lindgren, 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

## 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 12, 2021

This Week's Schedule

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

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent;** Mass Intention of Angela Dunaway; Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

**Monday, December 13 -No Service;** Readings: Psalms 24:2-7,15-17; Matthew 21:23-27

**Tuesday, December 14- No Service;** Readings: Zephaniah 3: 1-2,9-13; Matthew 21:28-32

**Wednesday, December 15-11:00 a.m. Mass;** Mass Intentions for Joe Minges; Readings: Isaiah 45:6-8,18,21-25; Luke 7:18-23

**Thursday, December 16-7:00 p.m. Mass;** Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30

**Friday, December 17- No Service;** Readings: Genesis 49:2,8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

**Saturday, December 18- 6:00 p.m. Mass;** Mass Intentions For the People of the Parish; Readings: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25

**Sunday, December 19- 10:30 a.m. Mass 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent;** Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

## **MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**Lectors** – Marianne, Theo **Distributors-** Shirley, Claudette, Elsa M.

**Servers** – Bryan V., Milleyvi D.

## **MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**Lectors** – John h., Spes **Distributors-** Kate, Anatacio V., Emilio C.

**Servers** – Adela, Leonie

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

## **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.

## **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

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**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>



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

Sunday Offerings for November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> - \$2,017.50 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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<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](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

### **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 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**

"What ought we to do?" the crowds ask John, and he sends them to fulfill their calling. Doing the ordinary extraordinarily well is a step toward welcoming Jesus.

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

# Third Sunday of Advent- December 12, 2021

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. 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.

**Beacons of Light:** It is official. Last Sunday, at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr, Archbishop of Cincinnati, promulgated and made final the families of parishes, ending the first phase of Beacons of Light. Beacons of Light is the process of planning for the future to become parishes with renewed mission and purpose of evangelizing, building the kingdom of God, and actively living the faith. We are in the South Deanery and our family of parishes is St. Theresa, the Little Flower, St. Joseph, Ezzard Charles Drive, Holy Family, St. Leo the Great, and St Boniface. The next phase of Beacons of Light, the implementation of the new Families of Parishes, begins on July 1, 2022. Until then, the priests personnel board with the archbishop, will be calling all priests and discussing assignments of pastors and parochial vicars for the new families of parishes. Assignments will be determined and named sometime in March and start July 1, 2022. The Comboni Missionaries will be providing a pastor and two parochial vicars for our family of parishes which will be determined and announced hopefully in March. These are challenging and exciting times and, with Archbishop Schnurr, let us pray for each other and the process to be open to the Spirit and embrace the call to become new. Thank you so much for your prayers and participation so far.

Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry Monthly Overhead Sponsor for December Custom Electronic Design INC, and Ohio Valley Audio East

**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**  
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You can **read the Sunday bulletin** at: [www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin](http://www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin)  
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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](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 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> in Washington D.C.- SPONSORSHIP NEEDED:** 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.

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 "This is the attitude of a true apostle: to go confidently forward, preferring the uncertainty of unexpected situations rather than force of habit. This courage is born from confident trust in God's greatness who loves to work through our lowliness." ~ Pope Francis

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