

A SAVIOR IS BORN!

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.*

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.

UN SALVADOR
HA NACIDO

ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH, Cincinnati, Ohio

December 19, 2021

This Week's Schedule

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

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 4th Sunday of Advent; Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Monday, December 20 -No Service; Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38

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

Wednesday, December 22-NO Mass; Mass Intentions for Joe Minges; Readings: 1 Samuel 24-28; Luke 1:46-56

Thursday, December 23-NO Mass; Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Malachi 3:1-4,23-24; Luke 1:57-66

Friday, December 24-No Service; Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Luke 1:67-79

Saturday, December 25- 10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass; Mass Intentions For the People of the Parish; Readings: Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

Sunday, December 26- 10:30 a.m. Mass Feast of the Holy Family; Mass Intention of Joe Minges; Readings: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 19TH

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

Servers – Adela, Leonie

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 25TH – TO BE SCHEDULED

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 26TH

Lectors – Shirley, Agrippine **Distributors**- Pierre, Juan B. Hector V.

Servers – Angela B., Benediction

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 December 4th and 5th - \$2,642.50 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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<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0538556>

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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 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. 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 set out in haste, carrying the good news of God's great love. Wherever you go today, take God with you.

LET US PRAY

Pour fourth; we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. 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 CLOSED- DECEMBER 22nd - JANUARY 3rd

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

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/>

Food Pantry Closed- December 22nd – January 3rd
Parish Office Closed- December 24th, 27th, and 31st

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>

Fourth Sunday of Advent- December 19, 2021

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. Our Church is open to everyone this year. Invite a friend and bring family or anyone who may be visiting you from out of town. Again, if you have not been fully vaccinated, for your care and care for others, please wear a mask. It will be good to have a full church again to celebrate this great Feast.

At St. Leo: Mass on Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25 is 10:30am (NO 6:00 pm Mass). No Mass on Christmas Eve. Mass on Sunday December 26, Feast of the Holy Family is at 10:30am.

At St. Boniface: Masses on Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm and midnight in English (Fr. Jim) 6:00 pm in Spanish (Fr. Rudy). Mass on Christmas Day – 1:00 pm in Spanish (Fr. Rudy) and 11:00 am in English (Fr. Pat). No 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm o'clock Masses on Christmas Day. Masses on Sunday, December 26, Feast of the Holy Family, 9:00am and 12:30pm, Spanish (Fr. Rudy) and 11am, English (Fr. Pat).

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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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

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

www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim

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.- 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.

Register today for 2022 Spring classes for Master's Degree, Graduate Certificates, and Certificates at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and School of Theology at: www.athenaeum.edu/apply



Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sister, brothers, and religious order priests.

Holiday Mass Schedule for St. Leo and St. Boniface

St. Leo:

No Christmas Eve Mass; Christmas Day 10:30 am; Sunday December 26th 10:30 am.

St. Boniface:

Christmas Eve 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm (Spanish), Midnight; Christmas Day 11:00 am, 1:00 pm (Spanish); Sunday December 26th 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish).

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