

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 Rodolfo Coaquira, MCCJ, Pastor
Jenni Lindgren, Business Manager, Food Pantry Administrator
Angela Anno, Pastoral Associate
Amy Kleeman, Development Director
Judie Kuhlman, Youth Minister
Gloria Sweet- Facilities Manager

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

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 three weeks in advance

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, November 26</u>– **6:00 p.m. Mass;** Mass Intentions For the People of the Parish; Readings: Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36

<u>Sunday, November 27</u>– **10:00 a.m. 1**st Sunday of Advent; Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

Monday, November 28-No Service; Readings: Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11

<u>Tuesday, November 29</u>- No Service; Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

<u>Wednesday, November 30-</u>11:30 a.m. Mass; Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22

<u>Thursday, December 1-</u> 7:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21,24-27

<u>Friday, December 2-</u>No Service; Readings: Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

<u>Saturday, December 3</u>– **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

<u>Sunday, December 4</u>– **10:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday of Advent;** Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 27TH

Lectors – Danya, Spes **Distributors**- Edgar Valesquez, Kate M., Arcenia Campos, Linda H., Eulalia Noscalo Gasper **Servers**- Jason and Nilda Bernardo

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 4TH

Lectors –Marianne, Theo **Distributors**- Shirley C., Milleybe De Leon, Marina Solis, Juan Bernardo, Berta Morales **Servers**- Claudette, Joseph, and Blessing

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

Parish Office is CLOSED December 8th

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), and photo ID. New rules for the protection and safety of the guests and workers will be enforced until further notice.

<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 <u>St. Leo's YouTube Channel</u>: StLeotheGreatParish



YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!

Sunday Offerings for November 12th and 13th -\$2,945.50, Thank you for generously supporting your parish!

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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. 26.

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 Glad House/Tender Mercies.

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

Stay awake! Be ready! God needs you to make known his imminent presence.

LET US PRAY

Almighty ever —living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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 St. Leo as we 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/

Parish Office is CLOSED December 8th

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 921-1044X26 or email to akleemanstleo@aol.com.

Sign up to receive St. Leo's Quarterly Newsletter: call the office at 513-921-1044, email your name and address to: akleemanstleo@aol.com or sign up online at: http://saintleo.org/Publications/StLeoMonthlyNewsletter.aspx

1st Sunday of Advent-November 27, 2022

My Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord,

Hope... The dictionary definition is "to cherish a desire with anticipation: to want something to happen or be true," and in this first week of Advent, as we await the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, our hearts are filled with the joys of what is to come. It is the time of beginnings, as we look forward to a new liturgical year and turn the page onto the season we love to celebrate—Christmas Day and the birth of the Christ Child. However, we must prepare our hearts and our lives to receive such a wondrous gift, so let us begin to think about what we must do to be truly ready.

In his apostolic letter for the celebration year of the new millennium, St. Pope John II, declared a central theme, restated from Hebrews 13:8: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. These same words appeared as the Vatican's official logo for the jubilee year, and they are especially poignant when we consider our own relationship with Christ in terms of this Advent season. Matthew's gospel today, interestingly, reflects not on Christ's birth but upon his second coming. Jesus asks us to be prepared, stay awake, and realize there will be no advance warning when He comes again. Time is irrelevant; faith is the only constant.

Yet, human beings seem to love to organize themselves around time periods and calendar events: years, months, seasons, holidays, and many other representations of beginnings and endings. Yet Jesus Christ is continuous throughout time, and our readiness to see Him again should be steadfast, true, and something time can never exhaust. We should always be ready and looking forward to our ultimate home with the Lord.

As we begin this first week in Advent and start our preparations for the Christmas season, let us focus on how we can faithfully accomplish what Jesus is asking us to do in this Gospel. As you scurry around in preparation for the secular doings of Christmas, such as buying gifts and attending get togethers, could you also make haste in preparing yourself for the promise of Christ and the extraordinary presence of God in your life? Just begin... The most important thing is this: Jesus will come again to earth in a most glorious, triumphant and final sense, and we must prepare to meet Him.

The exhortation to be watchful resounds many times in the liturgy, especially in Advent, a season of preparation not only for Christmas, but also for Christ's definitive and glorious coming at the end of time. It therefore has a distinctly eschatological meaning and invites the believer to spend every day and every moment in the presence of the One 'who is and who was and who is come' (Revelation 1:4), to whom the future of the world and of man belongs. This is Christian hope!" —Saint Pope John Paul II Yours in Christ,

Father Rudy

You can read the Sunday bulletin at: www.saintleo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin You can read Fr. Rudy's letter at: www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromthePastor'sDesk

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Congratulations to our parishioners from Elder High School for making honors first quarter: Jenrui Velasquez-Arreaga, and Randy Velasquez-Arreaga.

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Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry **Monthly Overhead Sponsor for November Anonymous**

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Upcoming Dates to Mark on your Calendar:

November 19th – Retreat – All Youth Groups December 3rd and 4th- Toy and Clothing Sale **December 18**th - Festival of Lights – FAMILY NIGHT, more information to follow



ITEMS NEEDED: The food Pantry has an urgent need for plastic bags. Don't forget the Food Pantry is in dire need of items we hope you can help! You can see our latest request on our Amazon Wish

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.

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We are in need of clothing racks and storage bins for the upcoming toy and clothing drive. We would love to receive gift cards to help with our everyday needs, please consider Meijer, Walmart, Staples,

Amazon, Kroger, or Home Depot when donating. You can see our latest needs on our Amazon Wish List Linkhttps://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3TZJXLXNPGPQM?ref_=wl

share. Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.

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Volunteers Needed- St. Leo's Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to help serve our Community. The Food Pantry is open M-W-F from 1: 00 p.m. -3:30 p.m. and we ask volunteers to arrive around noon to help set-up. If you are interested in volunteering please call 513.921.1044.

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June 6-16, 2023 travel from the Benedictine Monastery of Montserrat and the cave at Manresa, to the grotto at Lourdes where St. Bernadette met "the Immaculate Conception," to Lisieux to celebrate the centennial anniversary of St. Therese's beatification, to Tours, home of St. Martin. Please call and schedule an information meeting to answer your questions, contact Greg Niehaus at 513.541.5560.

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www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give."

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Toy and Clothing Drive

Mark, your calendars for December 4th! From 1:00 p.m. -4:00pm in Centennial Hall! This is meant to be adult shopping only, please try and leave your children at home.



"Holiness is not a process of struggles and renunciations. It is above all the experience of being loved by God, of freely receiving his love, his mercy." ~~ Pope Francis



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