

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
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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

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

ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH, Cincinnati, Ohio

December 11, 2022

This Week's Schedule

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

Saturday, December 10– 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 11– 10:00 a.m. 3rd Sunday of Advent; Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6,10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Monday, December 12-No Service; Readings: Zechariah 2:14-17; Luke 1:26-38

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

Wednesday, December 14-11:30 a.m. Mass; Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Isaiah 45:6-8,18,21-25; Luke 7:18-23

Thursday, December 15– 7:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30

Friday, December 16-No Service; Readings: Isaiah 56:1-3,6-8; John 5:33-36

Saturday, December 17– 6:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intentions For the People of the Parish; Readings: Genesis 49:2,8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

Sunday, December 18– 10:00 a.m. 4th Sunday of Advent; Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 11TH

Lectors –Tom M., Albert **Distributors**-Linda H., Karina Solis, Anastacio Valesques, Ablino Lopez, Kate M. **Servers**- Norma, Mileybe and Johnny Sanchez

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 18TH

Lectors –Linda H., Agrippine **Distributors**- Ivy P., James Munoz, Arcenia Campos, Emilio and Rosa Campos **Servers**- Paul, Finn, and Liam Ebert

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

UPCOMING CLOSURE- December 23rd - January 4th

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.

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)



YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!

Sunday Offerings for December 3rd and 4th - \$2,912.50, 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.

SHOP AT AMAZON SMILE AND SUPPORT ST. LEO:

<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. 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 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

Be Patient until the Lord comes. Be patient and listen; ask the Lord what he wants of you.

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 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 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/>

DECEMBER 11th - Special Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

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://saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoMonthlyNewsletter.aspx>

3rd Sunday of Advent-December 11, 2022

My Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord,



Today is the Third Sunday of Advent as we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, a Latin word translated in English to mean *Rejoice*. And so today, we boldly embrace our joyfulness as we await the good news of Jesus' birth in two weeks' time, on Christmas Day. On Gaudete Sunday we light a pink candle and place it within our Advent wreath, and we notice the color of our celebrant's vestments in a rosy hue, both to highlight the joy that is about to enter all our lives. There is nothing on earth that can compete with the arrival of Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Yes, we can experience happiness on earth, but our true joy resides in our Savior. Author Samuel Dickey Gordon makes an important distinction between earthly happiness and joy, of which he says joy "is distinctly a Christian word and a Christian thing. It is the reverse of happiness. Happiness is the result of what happens of an agreeable sort. Joy has its springs deep down inside. And that spring never runs dry, no matter what happens. Only Jesus gives that joy. He had joy, singing its music within, even under the shadow of the cross." And our joy is manifested today in the Lord's incarnation and his return at the end of time.

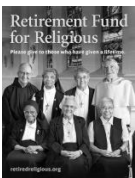
In our Gospel today, we also reflect upon prophet John the Baptist, who remains an important figure in the Advent story. Dressed in sack cloth, he literally and symbolically cries out in the wilderness that the Messiah is at hand. Yet, when John is imprisoned by Herod, he asks his followers to pose to Jesus this question: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" There are differing opinions as to why a true believer John the Baptist would be the one to ask such a question. Was it because he was experiencing doubt as he suffered in prison, or was he artfully reinforcing Jesus' role as the Messiah, to those who might later question his authenticity? However one interprets it, John's direct question has great relevance for us today, as we measure the strength of our own faith against troubled times, personal struggles, or complete suffering without relief in sight. It's difficult to reconcile our thoughts, our faith, with a loving Father, amid all the suffering we see in this world. God asks us to trust Him, believe in Him, love Him, and realize it's all in His loving hands.

Saint John Bosco perhaps said it best: "God will provide."

Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

You can **read the Sunday bulletin** at: www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin

You can **read Fr. Rudy's letter** at:
www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromthePastor'sDesk



Special Collection this weekend- **Help Aging Religious-** Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others- educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

Many thanks to our **St. Leo Food Pantry**
Monthly Overhead Sponsor for December
In Memory of James and Julia Reddy- Mike, Laura and Greer Devita-Doyle

Upcoming Dates to Mark on your Calendar:

December 18th - Festival of Lights – FAMILY NIGHT, please see Judie on how to sign up or use this link
<https://forms.gle/28xtZfcu1shwwxE8A>

ITEMS NEEDED: The food Pantry has an urgent need for larger diapers size 5 and 6. 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 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.**

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.

JOIN US FOR A PILGRIMAGE TO FOUR RELIGIOUS SITES IN EUROPE-

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.

Congratulations to the Week 15 4 Grand Winners:

28 - Martha D Rauen; 214 - Constance Widmer; 284 - Sue Hartman



The Ultimate Guide to Advent is HERE!!- Love.


Peace. Good tidings. Comfort and joy. This is the dream of Christmas and the promise of an Advent spent preparing for the coming of Jesus.

We love to look back at past Christmas and remember the special moments and the loved ones we shared those moments with. If you want to have a truly unforgettable Christmas you have to prepare for it. The Ultimate Guide to Advent is free, beautiful and filled with stories that will inspire you and fill you with wonder. A new issue of the Guide is emailed right to your inbox each Sunday during advent. Sign up at the catholictelegraph.com/advent2022.

"God conceals himself in the most ordinary situations of our lives. He does not come in extraordinary events, but in everyday things : our daily work, a chance encounter, someone in need ... That's where the Lord is, who calls to us and inspires our actions." #AdventSeason ~~ Pope Francis



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