

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/JULY 16, 2023

## ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH



### 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.



## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

He spoke to them at length in parables, saying:  
"A sower went out to sow."

Matthew 13:3

## 15<sup>o</sup> Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Usando comparaciones o parábolas. Les decía:  
"El sembrador salió a sembrar."

Mateo 13, 3

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The Sower and the Sunset, by Vincent Van Gogh, 1888

### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Rodolfo Coaquira, MCCJ, Pastor

Rev. Luca Roso, MCCJ, Parochial Vicar

Jenni Lindgren, Business Manager, Food Pantry Administrator

Nicole Cummings, Development Director

Amanda Randolph, Administrative Assistant

Angela Anno, Pastoral Associate

Judie Kuhlman, Youth Minister

Gloria Sweet, Facilities Manager

Burundi Ministry: contact Parish Office

Hispanic Ministry: contact Parish Office

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass in Spanish: 6:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM

Wednesday Mass: 11:30 AM

Thursday Mass: 7:00 PM

Reconciliation: Sunday at noon after Mass or by appointment.

Baptisms and Weddings: Call the Parish Office

**Watch Sunday Masses Live Streamed at  
[Facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati](https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati)**

### OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKEND MASS TIMES

#### Holy Family

Saturday 4:00 PM English

Sunday 11:00 AM Bilingual

#### St. Joseph

Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

English

#### St. Boniface

Saturday 4:00 PM English

6:00 PM Spanish

Sunday 9:00 AM Spanish

11:00 AM English

12:30 PM Spanish

#### St. Thérèse Little Flower

Saturday 4:30 PM English

Sunday 10:00 AM English

5:00 PM Spanish

Tues, Wed, Thurs 8:30 AM English

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**Masses and Readings for the week of July 16, 2023**

**Saturday, July 15** *Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33  
6:00 pm For the people of the Parish

**Sunday, July 16** *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
10:30 AM Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23  
Intention of the Donor

**Monday, July 17** No Service— Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday, July 18** No Service— Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday, July 19** *Wed. of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time*  
11:30 AM Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27  
Intention of the Donor

**Thursday, July 20** *Thursday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time*  
7:00 PM Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30  
Intention of the Donor

**Friday, July 21** No Service — Ex 11:10—12:14; Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday, July 22** *Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene*  
6:00 pm Sgs 3:1-4b; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
Intention of the Donor

**Sunday, July 23** *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
10:30 AM Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43  
For the people of the Parish  
Intention of the Donor

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Sunday, July 9, 2023**

Total .....\$3,484.00

**Online Giving Available.** Go to [www.saint-leo.org/donate-now](http://www.saint-leo.org/donate-now) and click on “Donate Now.”

**Shop Kroger and Support St. Leo.** Go to [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards) and enter St. Leo’s #KC265 or search for St. Leo the Great Church.

**Leave a legacy** by remembering St. Leo the Great in your will. For more information, contact Jenni Lindgren, 513-921-1044x20 or [JenniL@saint-leo.org](mailto:JenniL@saint-leo.org).

**Drop off Sunday offerings** in the slot in the back door of the rectory, or mail it to St. Leo the Great, 2573 St. Leo Place, 45225.

***Thank you for your support!***

**Help us Heat Our Church: Fundraising for a New Boiler**

Our current goal is to raise funds for the installation of a new boiler in our church. We are looking into a split system to add air conditioning as well!

*Together, let’s make our church a place of warmth and inspiration. Donate today and help us create a welcoming space for all.*

**“The Parable of the Sower and the Seed”**

**My Sisters and Brothers of the Risen Lord,**

We live in a complex world, yet if you think about it, all human history has been filled with distractions, upheavals, and confusion; it is the nature of what surrounds us in each moment of time—it often seems so hard (doesn’t it?), as it was and is for mankind throughout history.

During Jesus’s lifetime and ministry, Scripture tells us bystanders were intrigued by his miracles and teachings, but on many occasions, they rejected him outright. His message of faith, hope, and love did not resonate with them because it was not what they were expecting to hear. They turned their heads and hearts away from him because their brains were hot-wired to accept only what they had been told years before his birth. Their kingdom of God was not the kingdom Jesus was describing to them, and thus, they could not assimilate or even understand his message. Can you not think of times in your own life when you ignored an idea because of your preconceived notions and prejudices?

It is the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and Jesus describes for his observers, a story about the Kingdom of God using a simple narrative, featuring a sower of grain and the seeds he plants upon the earth. This story is called a parable, a means of communication Jesus used throughout his life for the purpose of comparison, using concepts recognized by his audience to explain a deeper truth or a tenet of his ministry. A parable is a revelation through illustration, so that an audience might unknowingly begin to accept a message from a simple expression of everyday life. In this example, the sower (God) plants his seeds (the message) upon the earth (us), and these seeds will grow, ultimately, only on fertile and committed ground. In this parable, seeds are thwarted by birds (those who hear but are unfocused and lose the message), rocky ground (those who are initially enthusiastic but give up when times are difficult), or an overgrowth of thorns (those who are overwhelmed and thus consumed by earthly pursuits).

Today and in our past, communicators in all forms of media have been employing the genre of parables to communicate a truth or a noble idea to an audience. From Aesop’s fables; to Hans Christian Anderson’s fairy tales; to Walt Disney’s cartoons; to George Orwell or C.S. Lewis’ seminal novels; to Arthur Miller’s plays; to 60’s folk singers’ ballads; to Stephen Spielberg’s ET and other films, creatives often use simple stories to bring truth to life. My question today is this: what simple yet creative methods do you use to keep our Lord close at hand and the main character in your own unique storyline?

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Rudy

**FOUR GRAND CLUB: WEEK 46 WINNERS**

Congratulations to this week's winners:

**Ellen Mayer, Mary Ellen Yetter, Anna Henkel**

**Announcement:**

\*\*\* Teen Volunteering at the Food Pantry  
Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 12:30-3:30 PM  
Please use Sign Up Genius\*\*\*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49ADAE28A46-stleosummer1>

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**July 26 Youth Group Movie Day**  
**August 2 Youth Group-Art For All People, 9:30 AM-1 PM**  
**August 9 Youth Group Summer Fun Day**  
**August 12 Day of HOPE**  
**August 13 Youth Group Kings Island-Teen Service Celebration**

*Food Pantry Monthly  
Overhead Sponsor*

*July*

**Ron & Anna Bisher**



If you would like to sponsor the food pantry, please contact Nicole at [nicolec@saint-leo.org](mailto:nicolec@saint-leo.org) or 513-921-1044

**ESL CLASSES**

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are thriving! You are welcome to join us for an enriching learning experience every Saturday, from 10am to 12pm, held in the church rectory. Feel free to become a part of our inclusive and supportive community as we embark on this language-learning journey together.

**FOOD PANTRY**

Serving hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1:00–3:30 PM. Serving North Fairmount, English Woods, Roll Hill Apts., and Millvale 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. Current proof of residence and photo ID is required.

**PAPERWORK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Aid with paperwork is available every second and fourth Thursday of the month. Laura Marsan is a longstanding member of St. Leo, fluent in Spanish, and she can help. Please call 513-921-1044. By appointment only!

**Sponsor of the Week**  
**Lutz Flowers**

Please patronize our sponsors. Tell them you saw their add in our bulletin.

**BIG THANK YOU TO COMBONI MISSIONARIES!**

All of us here at St. Leo would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Comboni Missionaries, our gold sponsor for this year's Culture Fest. We extend our sincere thanks to the entire team at Comboni Missionaries for their unwavering support of St. Leo's. For more than 150 years, the Comboni Missionaries have traveled to nearly every corner of the world, sharing the good news of Christ and working to protect the dignity of all people. Founded in 1867 by St. Daniel Comboni, the Comboni Missionaries are an international Catholic organization dedicated to ministering to the world's poorest and most abandoned people, often working in an unstable political climate, in the midst of extreme poverty. Today they serve in 41 countries around the world. We are incredibly thankful to have such a strong organization linking arms with us, supporting the mission of St. Leo's. We deeply appreciate their partnership and commitment to our community.



**GET INVOLVED IN**

**ST. LEO'S PARISH LIFE**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



Our parish is our spiritual home! Let's keep her beautiful and prospering! Contact Nicole at the Parish Office or at [nicolec@saint-leo.org](mailto:nicolec@saint-leo.org) to volunteer in these ways:

- **Interested in becoming a Festival Sponsor?** Contact Nicole at [nicolec@saint-leo.org](mailto:nicolec@saint-leo.org) or call 513-921-1044.
- Be a Mass lay minister: reader, Communion minister, server, usher, greeter, musician, or sing in the choir.
- Clean the sacristy and sanctuary once a month.
- Assist our Administrative Assistant on Monday mornings for 2 hours.
- Teach children songs for our Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass once a month.

*Parish Family Communication Corner*



**Walk up Produce Pantry**  
**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 745 Ezzard Charles Dr.**

**2nd Tuesday of every month**

TEFAP Eligibility Guidelines: Household income at or below 200% the federal poverty line.

**Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 11:00am-1:00pm**  
**Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 11:00am-1:00pm**  
**Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 11:00am-1:00pm**

- Picture ID and current piece of mail necessary for registration.
- Please bring help or cart to carry food

**For more information or to volunteer  
call 513-672-3720**