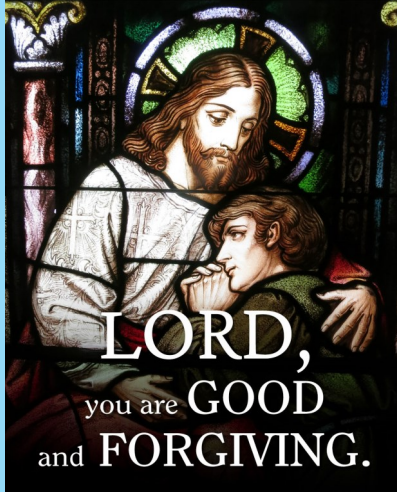


ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH



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.



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 23, 2023

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

Monday, July 24 No Service— Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 25 No Service— Mt 12:38-42; Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday, July 26 *Memorial of Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 11:30 AM Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9
 Intention of the Donor

Thursday, July 27 *Thursday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time*
 7:00 PM Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17
 Intention of the Donor

Friday, July 28 No Service — Ex 20:1-1; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday, July 29 *Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus*
 6:00 pm Ex 24:3-8; Jn 11:19-27
 Intention of the Donor

Sunday, July 30 *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 10:30 AM 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, July 16, 2023

Total including festival donations were over \$20,000.00!

Online Giving Available. Go to www.saint-leo.org/donate-now and click on “Donate Now.”

Shop Kroger and Support St. Leo. Go to 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.

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!

Father Joe Robinson, retired Pastor from St. Boniface, passed away Monday July 17th. Father’s funeral arrangements have been made and are as follows:

We will receive Fr. Joe’s body at 7PM on Monday, July 24 at St. Boniface, 1750 Chase Ave. Visitation will be from 7pm - 9pm. An additional visitation will be on Tuesday morning from 9am - 1030 at St. Boniface. Mass of Christian Burial at 1030am. There will be a reception in the school cafeteria following the burial at Spring Grove Cemetery.

“Jesus tells us it is not for us to judge”

My Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord,
 During these two weeks, both last week and today, we are discussing a parable about the Sower and the Seed and the necessity for good soil for seed to grow and thrive. Today, in Matthew’s Gospel, we listen to another parable about the sower, but this time with a twist, one that introduces the concept of weeds that might ultimately damage his crop. The Parable of the Weeds is focused on total yield and the ultimate harvest ahead. The sower, who planted his seeds on good soil initially, is later plagued with weeds that grow among his crop and attempt to overtake the wheat he has implanted. The parable also discusses the time in which the weeds might be extracted from the crop; he decides it should be done not immediately but when the crop is ultimately harvested. Symbolically in this parable, Jesus is the sower; the world is the field; we (as the children of God) are the good seed; the devil is the evil one and his children are the weeds; the final judgment of man is the harvest; and the angels are the harvesters.

There is an important concept in this Gospel on which to reflect: not only on how we live our lives, and through our choices, might damage our salvation, but also and possibly more importantly, the way in which we are inclined to judge others whom we might disagree with, find fault with, or criticize. Judging the hearts, minds, and motives of other people falls under the sin of pride, and it surely wounds our souls as well as those around us. As it is pointed out in Jesus’s parable, we are not to judge others, as difficult as that may be to embrace; God is the ultimate judge, and he will let earthly life run its course among “the weeds” to be adjudicated at the end of time at his sole discretion. There will be a judgment day, but it is not for us to weigh in on the matter.

How many families are estranged because someone doesn’t agree with another family member’s lifestyle, decisions, opinions, behavior, or at times, just the way they part their hair? It’s that superficial—“Your way is not my way”—and thus the rift is provoked, established, and often irreparable. The result: grandparents don’t see grandchildren, brothers distance themselves from sisters, lifelong friends walk away. What good comes of it, except wounded and damaged people? Yes, we might have stood our ground and yanked out the presumed weed, but the crop, oh, the crop fails regardless. What a shame. “Those who look well after their own consciences rarely fall into the sin of judging others.”

—St. Francis de Sales

Yours in Christ,
 Fr. Rudy

FOUR GRAND CLUB: WEEK 47 WINNERS
 Congratulations to this week's winners:
 Rebecca Sims, SVdP Memory of Kathleen Sonderman, Bud & Jenny Elsen

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 23, 2023
 "The Spirit too helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought." Do you approach the Lord in prayer with the confident strength given by the Holy Spirit asking that He make known your unique vocation?

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 Monthly Overhead Sponsor
July
Ron & Anna Bisher



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

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 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, by appointment only. Laura Marsan is a longstanding member of St. Leo, fluent in Spanish, and she can help. Please call 513-921-1044.

Sponsor of the Week
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 Please patronize our sponsors. Tell them you saw their add in our bulletin.

DO YOU want to know more about the Christian Catholic faith? Are you thirsting for a good refresher review on the Christian Catholic faith? If so, we invite you to sign up for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you would like to join a group for this faith journey, baptized or not baptized, our series of weekly sessions will begin in the fall and run through spring. For more information, please contact Little Flower's Director of Faith Formation, Greg Niehaus at gniehaus@littleflower-church.org or at 513-541-5560 or 513-598-8880, or Deacon Dennis Edwards at defirst@aol.com or at 513-741-3070.

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>

GET INVOLVED IN ST. LEO'S PARISH LIFE
 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 to volunteer in these ways:



- 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 13th, 2023 from 11:00am-1:00pm
Tuesday, July 11th, 2023 from 11:00am-1:00pm
Tuesday, August 8th, 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