

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, January 4** – 6:00pm Mass;

Mass intention for the people of the parish;  
Readings: 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

**Sunday, January 5** – 10:30am Mass;

Mass Intention for special intention;  
Readings: Isaiah 60\_1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

**Monday, January 6** – No Service;

Readings: 1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday, January 7** – No Service;

Readings: 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44

**Wednesday, January 8** – No Service

Readings: 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52

**Thursday, January 9**– 7:00pm Mass;

Mass intention for Rev. Francis Massarella;  
Readings: 1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22

**Friday, January 10** – No Service.

Readings: 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16

**Saturday, January 11** – 6:00pm Mass;

Mass intention for the people of the parish;  
Readings: 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

**Sunday, January 12** – 10:30am Mass;

Mass Intention for Leonard Minges;  
Readings: Issiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY 5**

Lectors – Larry, Marceline

Distributors – Kate, Pierre, Edilma M., Romelia D., Becky

Servers – Martin, Joseph, Leonie

**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY 12**

Lectors – Tom, Albert

Distributors – Shirley, Antonia, James M., Edilma P., John T.

Servers – Angelica, Hassan, Benediction

*Communion Distributors please place a hand on the shoulder or on the head of those who approach at communion who cross their arms across their chest and say, "God bless you and God be with you."*

**ST. LEO FOOD PANTRY**

**Serving Hours: Mon., Wed. and Fri. 1:00-3:30pm**

**Pantry Requirements:** Serving North Fairmount, English Woods, Roll Hill Apts., and Millvale once 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. 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. **Plan ahead: Children must be supervised while at our Food Pantry. CLOSED for inclement weather** when Cincinnati Public Schools are closed.

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES**

**FREE! Saturdays, 10:00 – Noon**

**COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS** North

Fairmount Community Center/Referral Services: Linda Klems: 513-921-5842,

Housing: 513-921-5889; Literary Network: 513-621-7323

Hopple Street Neighborhood Clinic: 513-541-4500

GED Referral: Roll Hill: 513-542-8333x5

**ANGELS' ARMS STORE**, 1882 Baltimore Ave. Accepting donations of clothing, kitchen, bath and bedding. Open Mon-Wed-Fri 9-3:00 and Tues-Thurs. 10-3:00. All Items Free! Call Linda Klems at 623-9897.

**VISIT US!** St. Leo's website: [www.saint-leo.org](http://www.saint-leo.org)

**Facebook:** St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

**St. Leo's YouTube Channel:** [StLeoTheGreatParish](http://StLeoTheGreatParish)



**YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!**

Collection for December 22: \$1,819.65  
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 Casey Betz at 513-921-1044 ext. 30.**

**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 Our Lady of Lourdes.

**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**

The astrologers brought gold, frankincense, and Myrrh. What treasures do I have to give to the Lord? Is he calling me to be a priest, brother, or sister?

**LET US PRAY**

May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Important Dates to Remember**

- January 5 Children's Christmas Celebration
- January 12 Teen Bible Study/First Communion Class
- January 19 Teen Bible Study
- January 23,24,25 High School Trip/March for Life
- January 26 First Communion Class

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 Casey at 921-1044X30 or email to [cbetzstleo@aol.com](mailto:cbetzstleo@aol.com)

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**Sign up to receive St. Leo's Monthly Newsletter:** call the office at 513-921-1044, email your name and address to: [cbetzstleo@aol.com](mailto:cbetzstleo@aol.com) or sign up online at: <http://saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoMonthlyNewsletter.aspx>

# Feast of the Epiphany – January 5, 2020

*From Fr. Jim . . .*



This Feast celebrates another aspect of the Incarnation: Christ's coming into the whole world as light and salvation for all. In the darkness of winter, we can celebrate that our light has come to us. The love of Christ is light for the world's darkness. The familiar story of the three kings following the star to the manger and presenting gifts to the Christ-child signifies that the light of God's love shines on all people. No one is to live in darkness anymore. Where do we still need to "see" Christ in the world today? What part of our lives needs to be "illuminated" by Christ's love? What gifts/talents do we have that we can place before our king in order to celebrate and acknowledge his presence with us through whom the light of Christ's love will shine?

On the Feast of the Epiphany, the blessing of homes has been traditional custom in various ethnic groups, and a fine reminder that Christ is incarnate in the love and care we manifest to each other in our ordinary, daily lives. One custom is to trace crosses, the initials of the "kings" and the numerals of the year over the doorway with chalk, 20 +C+M+B +20. Legend names the kings, Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar. However, the initials were long ago reinterpreted by northern European Protestants who love the custom but not the legend. CMB became Christus mansionem benedicat. This is Latin for: "May Christ bless this House." This prayer of blessing for a home is taken from the Book of Blessings, the Roman Ritual, p.685:

*Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live in it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

Let us ask the Lord to bless the house that is our parish family! Let us ask the Lord to bless the houses that are our partner parishes and the universal church. Let us ask the Lord to bless the houses and families of all nations.



Thanks to Mikel Rice 04-01-1998  
I DON'T KNOW WHY THE SONG SAID TO TELL THIS TO THE MOUNTAIN, BUT HERE GOES "JESUS CHRIST IS BORN"

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My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. This we pray.

**WELCOME GUESTS!** If you are visiting with us today, we want you to know how welcome you are, whether you have come from another parish here in the Archdiocese, from across the river, or from further reaches. Thank you for praying with us. Feel free to join us as often as you can! **REGISTER PLEASE!** If you are attending St. Leo regularly and consider us "your parish," please register yourself and your family. Call the office at 513-921-1044 to register.

**Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry Monthly Overhead Sponsor for January Kind Anonymous Donor**

**Youth Program**

**Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>: Homework Help/Tutoring Program Begins**  
Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-7:00pm, Centennial Hall  
To sign up: contact Judie Kuhlman at judiekuhlman@gmail.com

**Teen Bible Study:** Jan. 12, 19, Feb. 2, 9, 23, Mar. 1  
**First Communion Class:** Jan. 16, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 24, Mar. 8, 29  
April 5<sup>th</sup> Rehearsal  
To sign up: contact Judie Kuhlman at judiekuhlman@gmail.com

**First Communion:** Sunday April 19, 2020

We are looking for someone to take over Sue's responsibilities in the office beginning in January. The position is 2 or 3 days a week, 9am-3pm, answering phones and working on office projects involving computer/typing and some bookkeeping. Since the hours will be less than 20 per week, the position does not include benefits. However, as most of the staff agree, it is an opportunity to be involved directly in the mission of St. Leo's. If you or anyone you know is interested, please send information to [stleocinti@aol.com](mailto:stleocinti@aol.com) or call Stephanie at 921-1044x20.



**TODAY**  
**Children's Christmas Celebration**

**Snow NEWS!**

Check out the following stations for St. Leo cancellations:  
WCPO-Channel 9, WKRC-Channel 12, WXIX-Channel 19



**Be sure to pick up your Sunday Contribution Envelopes and your 2020 Calendars** from the back of church. If you need envelopes, call the office at 921-1044.



**St. Leo Food Pantry will be CLOSED for inclement weather** when Cincinnati Public Schools are closed.

Include your deceased loved one in the list of memorials on the back page of the bulletin. The cost is \$55.00 per name and all names will remain in the bulletin for one year. If interested, make your check out to Diocesan, list the name of your loved one, along with your name, address, phone # and email address and return it to the office.