

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 22 – 6:00pm Mass;
 Mass Intention for the People of the Parish;
 Readings: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56

Sunday, December 23 – 10:30am Mass; **4th Sunday of Advent**
 Mass Intention for Faith, Hope, Love for All;
 Readings: Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Monday, December 24 – No Service.
 Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Luke 1:67-79

Tuesday, December 25 – 10:30am Mass;
Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord
 Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

Wednesday, December 26 – No Service.
 Readings: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-69; Matthew 17-22

Thursday, December 27 – 7:00pm Mass;
 Mass Intention for Vivian Tillman;
 Readings: 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1, 2-8

Friday, December 28 – No Service;
 Readings: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

Saturday, December 29 – 6:00pm Mass;
 Mass Intention for the People of the Parish;
 Readings: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

Sunday, December 30 – 10:30am Mass;
 Mass Intention for Herb & Margie Gable;
 Readings: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 23

Lectors – Larry, Albert
Distributors – Myles, Epiphany, Berlamino T., Berta M., Kate
Servers – Venyete, Christopher, Joseph

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 30
Lectors – Shirley, Theo
Distributors – Larry, Claudette, Eulallia N., Amanda V., Michael
Servers – Henry, Happy, Laneice

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 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.**

ESL ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES FREE!
 Saturdays, 10:00 – Noon

COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS

N North Fairmount Community Center/Referral Services:
 Linda Klem: 513-921-5842, Housing: 513-921-5889
 Hopple Street Neighborhood Clinic: 513-541-4500
 GED Referral: Roll Hill: 513-542-8333x5
 Literary Network: 513-621-7323

ANGELS' ARMS STORE, 1882 Baltimore Ave. Accepting donations of clothing, kitchen, bath and bedding. Open 9:00-4:00pm, Monday-Friday. Call Linda Klem at 623-9897.

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/channel/UC...)



YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!

Collection for December 16th will be reported next week.
 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 St. Luke's Community Church.

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

Mary received and responded to the Lord's will through the invitation of an angel. Who are God's messengers in your life? Listen to God speaking to you through them.

LET US PRAY

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 24** Christmas Eve/ Office Closed
- December 25** **The Nativity of Our Lord/10:30am Mass**
Office Closed
- December 26** Office Closed
- January 1** Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10:30am Mass/Office Closed
- January 6** Confirmation Class
- January 11-12** Senior High Youth Retreat

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

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Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 23, 2018

From Fr. Jim . . .



Gift Giving at Christmas Time: The best present that we have ever received is the presence of God's coming to us in human form and shape in the birth of God's son, Jesus Christ. Arguably, the best gift that we can give to another at Christmas is the gift of our presence. In her book, Out of the Ordinary 2000, Sr. Joyce Rupp suggests that we consider the "Present of Presence." This primarily involves "being with" someone rather than just "doing" for someone. There are two possible ways to be with another – physically be present with another and be present to another "in spirit" by deliberately sending prayer, compassionate thoughts, and kind feelings toward another person or group. She suggests giving the "Present of Presence" by: being with someone who needs you; being with a person who gives you hope; being with those who live in terror or fear; being with an older person; being with someone who has helped you to grow; being with one who is in pain; being with yourself; being with someone who has written to you; spending time with a child; being with someone who is terminally ill; being with a coworker; being with your loved ones. These are only some. She suggests more. What "Present of Presence" would you add to this list? We can be about "being with" in addition to just "doing for" because of God choosing to share our human form and dwell in us. We have the ability to warm the lives of others with our very presence because of this incredible Gift of Love.

On this note, I want to thank everyone who wants to create this presence through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and through expressions of solidarity with those who are most in need. You are not just providing for their physical and material needs but in ways that you are not fully aware, you are building a spiritual relationship with them. You are treating them as a brother or sister in Christ. You are giving them the present of Christ's presence and love. People know that they are not alone or have not been forgotten or that there are others who really care about them. They know that God is born to them and remains with them. Thank you so very much!

Welcome, Welcome and again Welcome! As the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to all," they announced the coming of God to everyone. All of heaven and earth is joined together now as God has taken on our flesh. No one is excluded from God's salvation, no one. In this spirit, we invite you and whomever you wish to invite, to be with us to celebrate the great feast of Christmas. This is a good time to invite someone who may feel alienated from the church to come with you. Extend an invitation and welcome them. If you see it as appropriate, help others find the songs in the hymnals and the responses to the liturgy and missalettes. For the celebration of this great feast, full active participation by everyone is our greatest response to the coming of the Lord. Also, welcoming others and extending the hospitality of the Eucharist is a great response. This is one of our best virtues at St. Leo. Thanks be to God. Let's give this as our Christmas gift to others in honor of the One who has made a home with us and among us.

Mass on Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25 is 10:30am. On behalf of our entire staff, I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and the blessing and gift of Christ's presence and peace for a joyous New Year. May the Lord be present to you in new, exciting and profound ways. May you experience God's love and mercy like you never have before. God is truly with us! All Glory and praise be to God.

Best Wishes for a Blessed and Merry Christmas, and may the peace and the joy and the love of that wonderful night be with you always.



Confirmation Class, January 6, following Mass.



YOUTH PROGRAM

January 11-12 High School Retreat
January 13, All Youth Meeting

Volunteer Needed! Help keep St. Leo's church and rectory neat and tidy! 3-4 hours a week vacuuming and dusting the offices and meeting spaces, and cleaning the restrooms and kitchen. If you would like to help out, please call 513-921-1044 ext. 20.

Bayley, a non-profit ministry of the Sisters of Charity, now offers Home Services, "Anytime Care in Your Home", for Seniors living on our campus or in the community. Perhaps you have provided personal care or companionship to family members or Seniors in your neighborhood. Interested Caregivers and State Tested Nurse Aides are invited to join the Bayley team. For more information, visit our website at www.bayleyle.org or call 347-5458.

Snow NEWS!

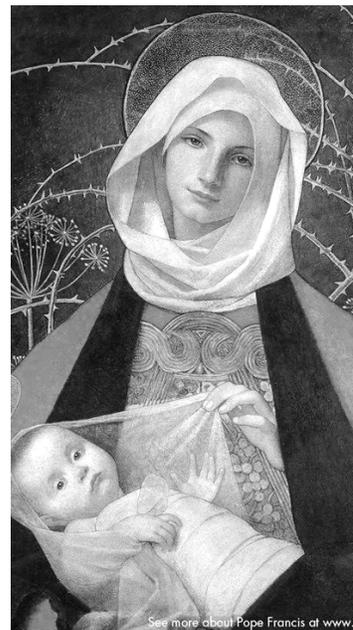
Check out the following stations for St. Leo cancellations:
WCPO-Channel 9, WKRC-Channel 12, WXIX-Channel 19



Be sure to pick up your Sunday Contribution Envelopes and your 2019 Calendars from the back of church. If you need envelopes, call the office at 921-1044.

Amicus Children Learning Centers, 2569 St. Leo Place (Next Door to Church / A lado de la Iglesia) Hours/Horas: Before or After School / Antes ó Despues de la Escuela 2:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. Year-round Services And School Breaks / Servicios todo el Año y Vacaciones Escolares, Vouchers Accepted / Aceptamos Resguardos Assist with applying for Vouchers / Ayúdamos aplicar para Resguardos Please Call / Ms. Mabel at 513.518.1001

Dear friends of the community, Cincinnati Film Society is looking for your volunteer support. CFS will be presenting a Guatemalan Film Festival that will showcase films from Guatemalans around the world at St. Leo the Great parish. We are looking for teens, 13-18 interested in making a film. To learn more and sign up please email us at Info@cincinnatifilmsociety.org



"This Christmas, let us ask Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, to help us see in our neighbor the face of Jesus, God made man."

POPE FRANCIS

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