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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

Rev. James R. Schutte, Pastor

Stephanie Sepate, Business Manager, Food Pantry Administrator

Angela Anno, Pastoral Associate

Casey Betz, Development Director

Mary Beth Basch, Parish Nurse

Judie Kuhlman, Youth Minister

Obed Nkuriragenda, Burundi Interpreter/Community Health Worker

Luz Ruvalcaba-Alvarez, Hispanic Interpreter/Community Health Worker

Burundi Ministry: contact Parish Office ~ Hispanic Ministry: contact Parish Office

MISSION STATEMENT PRAYER

Lord, God, in your infinite wisdom and love, you are inviting us to be a welcoming Catholic community, grounded in Eucharistic prayer, celebrating our diversity, and sharing your love through ministries of serving and being present, in our urban neighborhoods, while focusing on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Help us to accept your invitation to be church, and to generously live together this mission statement. Teach us your works of mercy and unite us as your people, who serve our urban neighborhoods with your presence and grace. Let your works of mercy be common, holy ways for celebrating our diversity, and for leaving the Eucharistic table, heeding your command to "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." With those whom you entrust to our care and among ourselves, may we see you when you are hungry and thirsty, and recognize you when you are naked or a stranger, or sick or in prison, and then welcome you, feed you, clothe you and visit you. With those whom you entrust to our care and among ourselves, bless us with your works of comforting, consoling, forgiving and patiently forbearing. We ask this always through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil Mass in Spanish: 6:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM

Thursday Mass: 7:00 PM

EXPOSITION: First Thursday of the month
following 7:00 PM Mass until 9:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5:00-5:30 PM,

or by appointment

BAPTISMS: Call three weeks in advance

WEDDINGS: Call six months in advance

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 17 – 6:00 pm Mass in Spanish

Mass Intention for the People of the Parish

Readings: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

Sunday, March 18– 10:30am Mass, **5th Sunday of Lent**

Mass Intention for Jerry Robert Bruser;

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

Monday, March 19 – No Service

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12, 16; Mark 1:16, 18-21, 24

Tuesday, March 20 – No Service.

Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 21 – No Service.

Readings: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42

Thursday, March 22 – 7:00pm Mass,

Mass Intention Vivian Tilmman;

Readings: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

Friday, March 23 –7:00pm **Way of the Cross**

Readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

Saturday, March 24 – 6:00 pm Mass in Spanish

Mass Intention for the People of the Parish

Readings: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

Sunday, March 25– 10:30am Mass, **Palm Sunday**

Mass Intention for Anna Mae Bruser;

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7; Phillipians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1 – 15:57

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 18

Lectors – Marianne, Yvone

Distributors – Mark S., Epiphany, Hilda L., Juan B., Shirley

Servers – Mawo, Dandy

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 25

Lectors – Paul R., Albert

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Servers – Therese, Vanessa



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Thursdays, 9:30am – 12:30pm.

Saturdays, 10:00, 10:00 - Noon



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Linda Klem: 513-921-5842, Housing: 513-921-5889

Hopple Street Neighborhood Clinic: 513-541-4500

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Literary Network: 513-621-7323



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YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!

Collection for March 11: \$1,815.00

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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 Mercy West Park.

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

Untie him, and let him go free. It is a humbling privilege to shout those words in the name of Jesus. You, too, can offer freedom and life to those bound in death. Consider giving life through ministry as a priest sister or brother.

LET US PRAY

Lord, help me open my heart to your grace and the sacrifices it will ask of me.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 18** Lenten Soup Lunch and Music Program
- March 20** Lenten Penance Service at Our Lady of the Visitation, Seminarian Ben to lead reflection
- March 22** **NO Thursday evening Mass**
- March 23** Way of the Cross 7:00pm
- March 25** Palm Sunday
- March 29** Holy Thursday 7:00pm service
- March 30** Good Friday, Collection for Christians in the Holy Land. 7:00pm service
- March 31** Easter Vigil, 8:30pm service

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

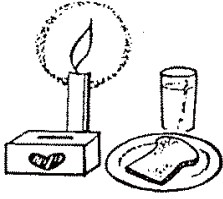
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Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 18, 2018

From Fr. Jim . . .

PRAY
FAST
SHARE



Lenten Reflection:
We are only one week away from Holy Week. Let us continue to pray for those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. The Third Scrutiny is celebrated with them today. They reflect on their lives and

their call to faith in light of the great Gospel of the Raising of Lazarus from the Dead. "If only you had been here, Lord, then our brother would not have died." Where would we be today, right now, without the Lord in our lives? How can we live in this world without faith? How does faith assist us on the journey through this world to the next one? Can you see your faith growing or what invitations have you received from the Lord to grow in faith in this Lenten time?

In parishes where the Rite of Scrutiny is not being celebrated, the Cycle B readings are used. The gospel states that "The man, who loves his life, loses it while the man who hates his life in this world preserves it to life eternal." How is a less selfish life the better life worth living? What needs to die yet within me in order to produce fruit for the kingdom of God? In the Gospel, Jesus talks about the kind of death that he is going to die. How are your prayer, fasting, and acts of charity of Lent announcing that you are dying to yourself? With a life of selflessness, can you begin to see the glory of the resurrection and Easter?

forgive
US OUR TRESPASSES
+ AS WE
forgive
THOSE WHO TRESPASS
AGAINST US

Whether the Cycle A readings or the Cycle B readings are read today, we, who are preparing to renew our baptismal promises at Easter, journey with those who are coming into God's church and together we examine our lives in the light of the Scriptures for Lent. Whether we will be baptized soon, recently baptized or baptized for a long time, conversion is a continual and lie-long process. As we learn to

reject evil, grow in our relationship with the Lord, accept mercy and forgiveness, love God and neighbor with all of our heart, mind and strength, we die with the Lord only to live with the Lord now and forever.

Our Lady of Visitation Parish is having a Parish Reconciliation Service, Tuesday, March 20, 7pm. St. Leo's is invited to attend. Ben, our seminarian intern will be preaching and I will be one of several confessors.

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HOLY WEEK

- March 25: Palm Sunday Mass, 10:30am
- March 29, Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00pm
- March 30, Good Friday, Service 7:00pm
- Mach 31, Easter Vigil, Service and Mass, 8:30pm
- April 1, Easter Sunday Mass, 10:30 am



YOUTH PROGRAM

for students 10-12 years and 13-18 years

Sunday: April 22 and 29, May 6



Volunteer Drivers Needed Volunteers are needed to provide rides to and from church so that folks in need can be present for Sunday mass. Would you be willing to assist a family that lives on your way? Please call the office if you can help: 513-921-1044.



Volunteers are needed to help us show kindness to persons in need at the St. Leo Food Pantry: Coordinator for Fridays, noon-4/4:30, to act as point person for other volunteers. Assistant Administrator about 9-12 hours a week, to tend to ordering,

organizing the inventory, and conveying to coordinators/volunteers what's up. Please call at 513-921-1044.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! 4 or 5 or 6 volunteers are needed to fold, tab and label our monthly newsletter. Usually needed the third week of the month for 3-4 hours if 3 or 4 people help out. The more hands, the faster the job gets done! Call Casey at 513-921-1044 ext. 30



Join us for a Lenten musical celebration of God's mercy, goodness, forgiveness, and love **today.** A simple soup lunch after the 10:30 am Mass will be followed by a time of reflection through music provided by the Burundi women's choir, Bill Tonnis of our partner parish Our Lady of Visitation, and other musicians and groups from St. Leo's. The event is not a performance but an opportunity to spend time with God reflecting on God's presence with us and great love for us. The event will be coordinated by our newly formed youth group and provide an opportunity for youth to share their gifts with St. Leo's and the community. The youth will be working on making a sawdust carpet—called alfombras de aserrin—a traditional Lenten practice in Guatemala.



Santa Maria Community Services **Family Health Fair. Sunday April 8th 12-3:00pm** at Price Hill Recreation Center at 959 Hawthorne Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45205. Free Health Screenings! Blood Pressure, BMI, Depression, Cholesterol, Glucose, A1C, Hearing, Vision, STI, Pregnancy Tests, and more! Kids' Health Zone! Refreshments. To schedule a mammogram or for info call 513-557-7249.



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION – Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education, and preserve the sacred shrines.



Experience Jesus' love at the **HEALING SERVICE with MASS on Wed, April 4, 2018 at 7:30 pm** in St. Ignatius Church, 5222 North Bend Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio. You can receive prayer for yourself or your loved ones. Sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center. For more info call 513-471-LITE (5483) or visit www.LRC1.org



"No matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great." This isn't to downplay the role of sacrifice during the Lenten season. "Lent is a good time for penance and self-denial. These activities must truly enrich others." --Pope Francis





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