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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

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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 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

Monday, March 26 – No Service

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 27 – No Service.

Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6, John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, March 28 – No Service.

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9; Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, March 29 – 7:00pm Mass, **Holy Thursday**

Mass Intention Vivian Tilmman;

Readings: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;

John 13:1-15

Friday, March 30 –7:00pm, **Good Friday**

Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, March 31 – 8:30 pm **Easter Vigil**

Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:2, Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1, Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7

Sunday, April 1– 10:30am Mass, **Easter Sunday**

Mass Intention for Marguerite & Bernard Schutte;

Readings: Acts 10:43, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 25

Lectors – Paul R., Albert

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Lectors – Shirley, Friedence

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

 **SEWING CLASSES** Cancelled until further notice.

 **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES FREE!**

Thursdays, 9:30am – 12:30pm.

Saturdays, 10:00, 10:00 - Noon

 **COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS**


North Fairmount Community Center/Referral Services:

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Hopple Street Neighborhood Clinic: 513-541-4500

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

Literary Network: 513-621-7323

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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 Pastoral Care Staff.

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

Blest are they who come in the name of the Lord! Pray for those who are called to priesthood and religious life.

LET US PRAY

Loving God, help us to live truthfully before you as servant leaders, ready to do your will rather than ours.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 25** Palm Sunday
- March 29** Holy Thursday 7:00pm service
- March 30** Good Friday, 7:00pm service
Collection for Christians in the Holy Land.
Food Pantry Closed
Office Closed
- March 31** Easter Vigil, 8:30pm service
- April 1** Easter

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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Palm Sunday - March 25, 2018

From Fr. Jim . . .



Today, Holy Week begins. Mass starts with the blessing of palm branches, proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and a procession by the assembly into church. For

the Liturgy of the Word, the gospel selection is the Passion from Mark's Gospel. Holy week begins on Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion and we are all invited to enter into and participate in the Passion of Christ as it unfolds throughout all of Holy Week in the liturgies and rituals that we celebrate. This is especially true with the Three days that we call the Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

This is the greatest week of prayer for the Church. Our liturgy throughout the year moves us to this week and climaxes in the three days of the Triduum and the celebration of Easter. "If we die with the Lord then we will truly rise with Him." There is no greater love than this than to lay down one's life for one's friends." This is what we believe, pray and live in this holiest of weeks.

As the church gathers all over the world to celebrate the liturgies of Holy Week as they have been given to us throughout the ages to be prayed, we grow together as the church, the Body of Christ, brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ. This is especially evident because this is an important time to initiate new members and to renew our baptismal promises. This holiest of weeks and the way that the Church of God is invited to pray sees itself as one with God, through Jesus and in their Spirit and one with each other in Christ.

As we enter into the prayer of Holy Week, can we do so with open hearts and with a genuine desire to let this greatest week of prayer in the church really change us? If the prayer of this week is about the continual formation of the whole church in the love and image of Christ then it, too, provides great formation for us, as St. Leo, to be formed into the Body of Christ, especially with our many and wonderful diversities. It is important for all of us to come together and pray this week of prayer. Each of the Triduum liturgies will try to engage the full participation of one assembly with different cultures.

Washing each other's feet, processing to adore the cross, baptisms at the Easter Vigil, renewing our baptismal promises together, and communing on the Lord's body and blood; people of every race, language and way of life being formed in the very image of Christ and receiving the promise and hope of eternal glory together is the formation that we need to be the church universal and the church of God at St. Leo. May God bless our every effort to enter with him into his passion this week.

William Arthur Ward, American author, teacher and pastor, 1921-1994, wrote: Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them. Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of life. Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of light. Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God. Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify. Fast from discontent; Feast on patience. Fast from anger; Feast on patience. Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism. Fast from worry; Feast on Divine order. Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation. Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives. Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer. Fast from hostility; Feast on non-resistance. Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness. Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others. Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal truth. Fast from discouragements; Feast on hope. Fast from facts that depress; Feast on verities that uplift. Fast

from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm. Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire. Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity. Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence. Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that strengthens.

May our fasting lead us to the great love of Holy Week and the incredible glory of Easter!

A Reflection on the Palm Branch: Hold the palm branch that you received at the liturgy, this weekend and notice how supple it is. What shape will you give it? Will you braid it into a cross? Where will you put it? When you look at it, what comes to mind? Do you enter into prayer? Do you praise God for the gift of salvation and sing quietly to yourself a Hosanna for how much God loves you?

Throughout the year, notice how brittle the palm is becoming. Just to look at it could cause it to break in half and one must be extra careful when touching it so as not to have it crumble apart. Will you still enter into prayer? Will you be thankful to the Lord because there is truly "no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends?" How is this love forming you and shaping you more into a child of God's kingdom? Can you see how dying leads to resurrection? Where is the old becoming new in you? Again, it is time to quietly sing a Hosanna in praise of our Savior.

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

YOUTH PROGRAM
for students 10-12 years and 13-18 years
Sunday: April 8, 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
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.

Golden Anniversary Mass 2018 Married couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2018 are invited to attend a Golden Anniversary Mass, Aug. 4, 2018, 4:30pm, St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Archbishop Dennis M. Schnutt, Celebrant.



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