

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 27 – 6:00pm Mass; Mass Intention for the People of the Parish; Readings: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

Sunday, April 28 – 10:30am Mass; **Second Sunday of Easter**
Mass Intention for Maria Minova;
Readings: Acts 5:12-16; Revelations 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19;
John 20:19-31

Monday, April 29 – No Service.
Readings: Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 30 – No Service
Readings: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7-15

Wednesday, May 1 – No Service
Readings: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

Thursday, May 2 – No Service; **Adoration following Mass**
Mass Intention for Francis Massarella
Readings: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

Friday, May 3 – No Service
Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

Saturday, May 4 – 6:00pm Mass; Mass Intention for the People of the Parish; Readings: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

Sunday, May 5 – 10:30am Mass; **Third Sunday of Easter**
Mass Intention for Frederick and Marie Antoinette Macke;
Readings: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Revelations 5:11-14;
John 21:1-19

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL 28

Lectors – Larry, Theo
Distributors – Shirley, Claudette, Carlos M., Rosaria B., Michael
Servers – Angelica, Pedro, Angela

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MAY 5

Lectors – Diane, Marceline
Distributors – Myles, Antonia, Abolina L., Carina S., Michael
Servers – Martin, Therese, Benediction

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

North Fairmount Community Center/Referral Services:
Linda Klems: 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 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

Facebook: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

St. Leo's YouTube Channel: StLeoTheGreatParish



YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!

Collection for April 21: \$ 5,696.50
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 Westfed Pantry.

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

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's call to priesthood or religious life?

LET US PRAY

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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

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| April 28 | Confirmation practice |
| May 2 | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
National Day of Prayer |
| May 5 | Confirmation, 2:00pm, at the Cathedral
Catholic Relief Services Collection |
| May 19 | Parish Council |
| May 27 | Hunger Walk/Office Closed/Food Pantry Closed |

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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Divine Mercy Sunday- April 28, 2019

From Fr. Jim . . .

There is an old and favorite story that I like to tell and I am sure that many of you have heard me tell it before. It is especially good to tell during the Easter Season. Once there was a mother mouse and she was lining up her brood to take them out into the house through their mouse hole in the wall for the first time. As they go marching out, the house cat that appeared to be sleeping opens one eye and raises one paw. Immediately and instinctively the mother mouse sat back on her haunches and she BARKED! It was louder than any dog could produce and the cat went scurrying away. The mother mouse turns to her brood and says, "You see it pays to know a second language!" The mice continued on their journey in safety.

When it comes to sin and death and journeying in this world to the next one it pays everyone to know well the language of the resurrection. In the readings for the Easter season, we hear the risen Christ teach the apostles, disciples and all creation how to speak this language. The risen Christ speaks this language when he offers the frightened apostles peace and tells them not to be afraid. He speaks it to Thomas when he tells him to touch his wounds and to know that he is risen and alive and to believe in him. He speaks it when he tells the disciples to "Receive the Holy Spirit" and to forgive sin. The language of the resurrection is truly spoken with the virtues of the Holy Spirit as these virtues permeate all of God's creation and fill the hearts of all the faithful. It pays us to know the Lord's language of the Resurrection because this language sent death scurrying away and it keeps death in its place, takes its sting away and diminishes its power over the world. It conquers death and offers eternal life. Jesus speaks this language and he, himself, is the language. It pays us all well to know the Risen Christ.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. God's mercy is the language of Lent and it speaks the language of the Resurrection incredibly well also. Psalm 118, today's responsorial psalm sums this up well. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the Lord say, "His mercy endures forever." ...The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; Let us be glad and rejoice in it. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

And the one simple word that the Church uses that speaks strongly of the Lord's language of resurrection is ALLELUIA! We are truly a people of the Resurrection and Alleluia is our song. Let us join with all of God's creation and with all the saints around the heavenly kingdom and sing it loud and clear. Let us pray that we will learn the language of the resurrection better during these fifty days of Easter. As I have learned from trying to speak Spanish, if I don't use it and keep trying to speak it then I will lose it! Have fun practicing resurrection, speaking its language and rejoicing in the fullness of God's life and love for us all. It truly pays us all to know the risen Lord!

Congratulations to Ben Lotiang'a! Ben was ordained to the Diaconate Saturday morning, April 20th. He has one more year of studies and will function as a deacon on the weekends at St. Leo until he is ordained a priest next May. As a Deacon, Ben has more responsibilities at the altar during Mass. He can also preach at Mass and proclaim the Gospel. He can perform marriages and Baptisms outside of Mass. Ben is diaconating at both of our Masses this weekend and giving the homily. There will be a reception for him after the 10:30am Mass Sunday, April 28. Please stop by and congratulate him and have some light refreshments.

A Special Mass: St. Leo is hosting a Special Mass Monday, April 29, 2019, 7pm. This Mass is in Spanish and Fr. Louis Gasparini is the presider. It is sponsored by the Family Life Office for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. It is a Mass for healing for parents who have lost an unborn child. All are welcome.

Many, many thanks to our Food Pantry
Monthly Overhead Sponsor for April
Paul and Therese Rieger

Join us for a reception to congratulate Ben Lotiang'a on his ordination as a Deacon in Centennial Hall following 10:30 am Mass.



Confirmation practice April 28th
Confirmation is Sunday, May 5th at 2:00pm at the Cathedral. Eight youth and 25 adults will receive the sacrament that day.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, May 2: immediately following 7:00pm mass until 9:00pm.

National Day of Prayer, asking God to bless our city and neighborhoods. Thursday, May 2, Join us at any or all of our prayer caravan stops: 10:00 The Villages at Roll Hill & Childhood Food Solutions, 3691 President Drive; 10:18 Taylor Academy & Millvale Rec Center, 1930 Fricke Rd; 10:36 Hopple Street Health Center & Galilee Baptist Church, 2750 Beekman St.; 10:54 St. Leo Pray Wall & Food Pantry, 2573 St. Leo Pl.; 11:12 North Fairmont School & Willing Spirit Baptist Church, 2001 Baltimore Ave.; 11:30 Talbert House for Women, 1616 Harrison Ave.; 11:48 Sav-a lot Parking Lot, Cincinnati Urban Mission & Shepherd's Heart Church, 2435 Harrison Ave.; 12:06 President Drive Church & Roll Hill School, 2380 Baltimore Ave.

7:00 PM Prayer Walk, begin at Third Presbyterian Church 3358 McHenry Ave and prayer walk to President Drive Church of Christ 3671 President Drive where ice cream sundaes will be served.

Beekman Corridor Celebration!
Saturday, May 4th, 1-3:00 PM, 1814 Dreman Avenue. Celebrate the new coalition. Updates from each committee. Socialize with your neighbors. Potluck style. Bring a dish to share!

Join us on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2019 for the 16th Annual Hunger Walk and 5K Run!

JOIN OUR TEAM: <http://freestorefoodbank.org/hungerwalk-saintleo-join>
DONATE TO OUR TEAM: <http://freestorefoodbank.org/hungerwalk-saintleo-donate>

SPONSOR A STUDENT: St. Leo's Youth Group would like to join the Hunger Walk, but some of our students can't afford the registration fee. Please consider a \$20 sponsorship to allow one of our Youth to participate. If you are willing, please send a \$20 check made out to: St. Leo the Great Church with the note: Youth Group Hunger Walk Sponsorship. Mail to: St. Leo the Great Church, 2573 St. Leo Place, Cincinnati, OH 45225

Guatemalan Film Festival hosted at St. Leo's,
Friday, June 7: 1-4:00 pm, Workshops; 6-7:00 pm, Reception, Food by the bites; 7:00 pm, Voice of A Mountain, by Erik Nj Allen, film screening and special artist talk

Saturday, June 8: 12:00 pm, Cafe opens; 1-4:00 pm Workshops; 6:00 pm, 500 Years, film screening and discussion worksheet
Register at CincinnatiFilm.org, On sale date April 22nd. Exact time of workshops tba. For questions go to info@cincinnatifilmsociety.org

Blessing of St. Leo's Stained Glass Windows
Sunday, June 9, after 10:30 am Mass A reception and light refreshments will follow in Centennial Hall.