

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, December 7** – 6:00pm Mass;  
 Mass intention for the people of the parish;  
 Readings: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8

**Sunday, December 8** – 10:30am Mass; **2nd Sunday of Advent**  
 Mass Intention for the Class of 1950 Living and Deceased;  
 Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

**Monday, December 9** – 7:00pm Mass; **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**; Readings: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

**Tuesday, December 10** – No Service;  
 Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14

**Wednesday, December 11** – No Service  
 Readings: Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

**Thursday, December 12** – 7:00pm Mass;  
 Mass intention for Francis Massarella;  
 Readings: Zechariah 2:14-17; Luke 1:26-38

**Friday, December 13** – No Service.  
 Readings: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

**Saturday, December 14** – 6:00pm Mass;  
 Mass intention for the people of the parish;  
 Readings: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9, 10-13

**Sunday, December 15** – 10:30am Mass; **3rd Sunday of Advent**  
 Mass Intention for Dennis Fieglein  
 Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 8**  
 Lectors – Mariane, Marcelline  
 Distributors – Larry, Antonia, Carlos M., Eulalaia, Kate  
 Servers – Angelica, Jess, Seba, Ebert

**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 15**  
 Lectors – Shirley, Albert  
 Distributors – Ivy, Claudette, Amparo P., Arcenia C., Michael  
 Servers – Henry, Caleb, Liam E.  
*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."*



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

Collection for November 24: \$2,071.50  
 Collection for December 1: to 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>

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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 Gloria Dei Lutheran.

**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**

Who will herald Christ in our world? Consider becoming a priest, brother, or sister.

**LET US PRAY**

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heaven wisdom gain us admittance to his company. 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.

**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. PANTRY CLOSED: DEC. 23, 25, 27, 30**

**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; 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)



**Important Dates to Remember**

- December 8 Toy & Clothing Sale
- December 8 Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
- December 9 Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 7:00pm Mass
- December 9 Office Closed
- December 17 Office Closed 11:00 am
- December 24 Christmas Eve, Office Closed
- December 25 Christmas Day, Office Closed
- December 26 Office 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](mailto:cbetzstleo@aol.com)

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From Fr. Jim . . .



**Retirement Fund for Religious:**

Today is the collection for The Retirement Fund for the Religious. Many of us would not be where we are today in the practice of our faith if it were not for the faith of our parents and the faith of the religious sisters and brothers who have dedicated their lives to

teaching the faith and living the faith in service of so many of God's people. This fund is always a way to show our deep gratitude to them and to show our care and love for them in the needs of their retirement. In a television advertisement for this fund, an elderly sister with a walker is making her way to her chair in the chapel. She is saying that there are many things that she can no longer do because of her age but one thing she will always be able to do is pray. She assures everyone that she is praying for us every day. She calls this her prayer ministry. The advertisement ends by asking the viewer to consider supporting the fund in some way and to remember the retired religious because "you know that they are remembering you." Thank you so much for keeping them in your prayers and for your generosity.

**For Your Advent Prayer and Reflection:**

As the Season of Advent invites us to be awake and aware of the many ways that God has come, is coming and will come into our lives, where do we hunger the most for God's merciful love? Where does our world need it the most? Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come with your saving grace.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, from the moment of her conception, was free to say "Yes" to the presence of the Lord in her life without the effects, limits and conditions of

sin. While we do not live our lives sinless as did Mary, nonetheless, we can, like Mary, choose to do God's will. God comes to us, too. What is God's will for us? To what is God asking us to say, "Yes?"

John the Baptist calls for repentance as we prepare for the Lord to come into our lives. We need to acknowledge our shortcomings and change our ways. We need help in order to say "yes" to God's will fully and completely as Mary models for us. We need God's forgiveness and mercy to keep saying "yes" to God's will and way of Love. Where do we need God's mercy the most? For what do we need forgiveness? Come, Lord, Jesus, quickly come with your saving grace.

**What can I do In Advent to prepare the way of the Lord?**

Simple acts of kindness like holding the door for someone; saying please and thank you; Be kind, courteous and smile; Do works of mercy – feed someone or donate to our food pantry; share clothes with someone or donate to St. Vincent DePaul or Helping Hands in North Fairmount. Perhaps our parish Wish List in the bulletin can offer suggestions to you. Listen to someone; free yourself from distractions like the cell phone and be really present to someone. Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation; come to our weekly Thursday night Mass; Pray a Hail Mary to our Lady of Guadalupe. Learn about St. Nicholas, or St. John the Baptist; Introduce yourself in church to someone you do not know and find out a little bit more about them. Make a family Advent Wreath and light the first two candles. Come, Lord Jesus. Quickly Come!



I recently read this post on Facebook: "While you are waiting for the Lord, do what waiters do – Serve!"

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 December Kind Anonymous Donor**

**FOOD PANTRY CLOSED: December 23, 25, 27, and 30.**

**Youth Program**

**December 22: Youth Group Advent  
January 15<sup>th</sup>: Tutoring Program 4:00-7:00pm**



**St. Leo's Annual Toy and Clothing Sale  
Sun., Dec. 8, 2019 from  
1-3:00pm in Centennial Hall.**



December 7/8 is the annual collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Your gift to the fund offers vital support for necessities, such as medications and nursing care.

Speaking on behalf of our sisters and brothers in the 1,100 mission dioceses, **the archdiocesan Mission Office is very grateful** for the sacrifices you made for the World Mission Sunday annual appeal to the Holy Father's Pontifical Mission Society. If you would like more info, contact Dr. Mike Gable at [mgable@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:mgable@catholiccincinnati.org), or 513-263-6680.

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 no later than December 30, 2019.

*"Now begins a time of consolation and hope, the time of Advent: a new liturgical year begins, which brings with it the novelty of our God, who is the 'God of all consolation.'" -- Pope Francis*



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(See Luke 2:1-16) 12-19-2014

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