

St. Leo The Great Parish

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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

Judie Kuhlman, Youth Minister

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: ages 4 to completion of 2nd grade/First Communion, year-round, during Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Mass.

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, February 29 – 6:00pm Mass;

Mass intention for the people of the parish;

Readings: Isaiah 58:9-14; Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, March 1 – 10:30am Mass; **1st Sunday of Lent**

Mass Intention for Dennis Fieglein;

Readings: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Monday, March 2 – No Service;

Readings: Leviticus: 19:1-2, 11-18, Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 3 – No Service;

Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 4 – No Service;

Readings: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, March 5 – 7:00pm Mass; **Adoration after Mass;**

Mass intention for Leonard Minges;

Readings: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, March 6 – No Service.

Readings: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday, March 7 – 6:00pm Mass;

Mass intention for the people of the parish;

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday, March 8 – 10:30am Mass; **2nd Sunday of Lent**

Mass Intention for Bill Hartman;

Readings: Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 1

Lectors – Shirley, Marceline

Distributors – Myles, Antonia, Abolina L., Carina S., Michael

Servers – Mawo, Angela, Patience

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 8

Lectors – Marianne, Albert

Distributors – Larry, Epiphanie, Hilda L., Juan B., Ivy

Servers – Paul, Finn, Caleb

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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. CLOSED for inclement weather** when Cincinnati Public Schools are closed.

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

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Facebook: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

St. Leo's YouTube Channel: [StLeoTheGreatParish](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCStLeoTheGreatParish)



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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 Manna Food 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

This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand. Let us reform our lives and believe in the Good News.

LET US PRAY

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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.

WELCOME GUESTS!

If you are visiting with us today, we want you to know how welcome you are! 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.

Important Dates to Remember

Fridays during Lent	Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm
March 3	Homework Help, 4:30-7:00pm
March 5	Adoration following Mass
March 5	Health Day sponsored by Su Casa
March 8	Hispanic Center, 11:00-3:00pm
March 24	First Communion Class
	The Light Is On For You, 7-9:00pm

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

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1st Sunday of Lent – March 1, 2020

From Fr. Jim . . .

Lenten Reflection: I have a piece of art by a Mexican artist who makes sculptures out of clay and then paints them with bright colors – yellow, orange, blue, red, purple, green. All of the sculptures he calls “The Tree of Life.” Many of these sculptures have secular themes and many have biblical themes that image the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden and tell the story of creation and salvation.

The piece that I have, as it keeps its shape of a tree, tells the story of Noah’s ark. In the midst of all the beautiful flowers, fruit and abundant life, animals are safely on the ark enjoying the life of salvation and there are animals climbing up the side of the ark to get into the boat of life and salvation. It’s as if the life in the Garden of Eden is being restored for all creatures and things are returning to the way they were at the beginning of creation.

Jesus suffered, died and rose for all of us that we might know the salvation of God and join with all creation in being restored to a fullness of life with God. We are in the boat of salvation. God wants and desires for us through Jesus and with their Spirit to live in union with the life of God now and forever.

The forty days of Lent can be like a retreat for the whole church where the people of God examine this reality and grow together more deeply in understanding and appreciating the life, love and salvation that God so generously shares with us. As we understand and accept this reality, Lent becomes a time when we strive to live more closely in union with what we believe and with the life we know God is giving us.

God has given us a promise that God will never push us out of the boat and that we always have a place in it no matter what. When we feel otherwise, more than likely, the attractions of the world and selfishness have lured us back into the troubled waters of sin and death or we are blinded to see the place that God has prepared for us or deaf to God’s call to take our rightful place.

Lent, then, is a wonderful opportunity for us to repent and to seek God’s forgiveness and mercy, to turn away from sin and remain as faithful to the Gospel as we possibly can. It is a time for us to walk with catechumens and candidates for full communion with the church and to examine our lives and our faith journey together with the Lenten Gospels. It is a time for prayer, fasting and giving alms (works of mercy and charity). We do all of this not to earn our place back onto the boat of salvation or to convince God to keep us on the boat but solely as a response to being saved and to being in union with the life of God. Quite frankly, this is what is expected of us as branches on the Tree of God’s Life. We pray, fast, forgive, and live in charity with one another because God has truly saved us from sin and death.

So, what do we want to do this Lent in order to celebrate our place on the Tree of God’s life? How will living with God’s forgiveness and mercy, prayer and the rituals of the church, fasting and giving alms help us to do this? The boat is sailing. Praise God that there is a place for us.

The Light Is On for You: “The Light Is On for You” is an initiative of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to invite all Catholics, especially those Catholics who have not received this sacrament for a long time, to experience the love and mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to turn away from our sinfulness and to experience the grace of reconciliation with God and with others in our lives. In the Archdiocese of Cincinnati every parish will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation by offering private confessions on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Every parish church will have their doors open for you.

Parish Communal Reconciliation Service: March 21, Saturday, 1pm at St. Leo there will be a Communal Reconciliation Service in Spanish. There will be five Spanish speaking priests, including me, to

hear confessions. We will begin with a prayer service that includes a Liturgy of the Word and preaching and/ or teaching on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, examination of conscience and act of contrition. Then the priests will hear individual confessions. English speakers are more than welcome. The priests are bi-lingual.

Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 17 Farragut Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45218 is hosting a parish reconciliation service, Saturday, March 7, at 10am in Spanish. I will be one of the confessors there and St. Susanna Parish is having a parish reconciliation service in Spanish on Saturday, March 28 at 10am and I also will be there. Everyone is welcome at any of the three services.

Fridays of Lent there is the Way of the Cross at St. Leo in church, 7pm. Everyone, all languages, welcome.

RCIA/RCIC: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children has been in process for most of last year and ongoing to the present. There are thirteen adult catechumens who are seeking Baptism and full initiation into the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil this year and two candidates who have been baptized in other faiths and are seeking full communion with the Catholic faith also at the Easter Vigil. This Sunday (today) at our 10:30 am Mass there is the Rite of Sending to the Archbishop for the Rite of Election – being chosen by God through the Church to celebrate the Easter Sacraments at 7:30pm Sunday, March 3, 2020 (today). There will be other rituals that we will celebrate with them at our 10:30 Mass throughout Lent as they prepare to receive these Sacraments. We journey together with them as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter.

**Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry
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Youth Program

Teen Bible Study: Feb. 23, Mar. 1

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Homework Help/Tutoring Program
4:30-7:00pm, Centennial Hall

First Communion Class: Mar. 8, 29, April 5th Rehearsal

First Communion: Sunday April 19, 2020

We are looking for a secretary/clerk for the office to begin as soon as possible. Hours are 2 or 3 days a week, 9am-3pm, answering phones and working on office projects involving computer/typing and some bookkeeping. Since the hours will be less than 20 per week, the position does not include benefits. It is an opportunity to be involved directly in the mission of St. Leo’s. If you or anyone you know is interested, please send information to stleocinti@aol.com or call Stephanie at 921-1044x20.

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when Cincinnati Public Schools are closed.



Health Day at St. Leo’s

Sponsored by Su Casa Hispanic Center

Thursday, March 5, 2020

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

All services are free and open to the public.

UC Health Mammography Mobile screening services for insured women age 40 and up. To register, call 513-672-3731.

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