

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, May 2 – Live Stream Mass; facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati; Readings: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

Sunday, May 3 – 10:30am Live Stream Mass; Mass Intention for the people of the parish; Readings: Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

Monday, May 4 – No Service; Readings: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18

Tuesday, May 5 – No Service; Readings: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 6 – No Service; Readings: Acts 12:24-13:5; John 12:44-50

Thursday, May 7 – 7:00pm Live Stream Mass, facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati; Readings: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20

Friday, May 8 – Live Stream Service; Readings: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

Saturday, May 9 – Live Stream Mass; facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati; Readings: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

Sunday, May 10 – 10:30am Live Stream Mass; facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati; Mass Intention for the people of the parish; Readings: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

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."

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. New rules for the protection and safety of the guests and workers will be enforced until further notice.

- Call 921-1044 each day to be certain the pantry is open.
- You will be expected to wait outside.
- NO CHILDREN ALLOWED IN THE PANTRY, unless they are in a carrier.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES FREE!

Canceled until further notice.

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

Facebook: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

St. Leo's YouTube Channel: StLeoTheGreatParish

CDC's Official Website for COVID-19 Updates:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

You are invited to join our entire parish community to pray together virtually every day at Noon and 6:00pm.



YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!

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.

Do you need to take a Minimum Required Distribution from your IRA? Please consider a tax-deductible gift to St. Leo's.

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.

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

Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. May God raise up good shepherds in our midst.

LET US PRAY

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Important Dates to Remember

All events, meetings, classes canceled until further notice.

Join Fr. Jim as he livestreams Sunday Mass at 10:30am at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ON7eJ2CwNMs&feature=youtu.be>

or, <https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati-103955481239196/>

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

To receive the parish weekly bulletin by e-mail, go to www.DiscoverMass.com and search St. Leo in Cincinnati, OH. Under bulletin, click on sign-up for e-mail notification. Enter your user name and e-mail address.

Sign up to receive St. Leo's Monthly Newsletter: call the office at 513-921-1044, email your name and address to: cbetzstleo@aol.com or sign up online at: <http://saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoMonthlyNewsletter.aspx>

Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 3, 2020

From Fr. Jim . . .

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is unofficially known as Good Shepherd Sunday because in all three cycles of readings the Good Shepherd is mentioned. My dog, Clancy (God rest his soul) was a Border Collie mix. Border Collies come from Ireland and are working dogs that have been trained to herd sheep. Although Clancy was certainly domesticated and I have no idea if he had learned to herd sheep, occasionally he showed me what I believe is a herding instinct. At those times, he reminded me of the Good Shepherd.

I think Clancy's herding instincts came out when I ran the vacuum sweeper. As soon as I turned it on, no matter where he was, even if he was sleeping, he ran. At first, I thought he was afraid and that he was running away from something that may hurt him. But he never ran away or too far. He ran past me and then circled back and watched me attentively with his head turned slightly and his ears straight up at attention. When I changed direction and came toward him, again he moved quickly past me and circled back once more to take a watchful and alert position.

It seemed that he was on guard to protect me from something that may want to hurt me! When I finished vacuuming, I made a point to pet him, affirm him and thank him for his protection and concern for me from something that appeared to him to be a dangerous undertaking. That's my boy!! Even when he wrote in his column in the Newsletter that I didn't always feed him right or take him for walks, (I do believe someone was putting words into his mouth!) he never held this against me. Even if these were true and he would remember these things, I believe he would remain faithful to his task and be right by my side to protect me from harm's way. Again that's my boy!

In the Good Shepherd Gospels, we are told that a shepherd knows his sheep's voice and the sheep know his shepherd's voice. The sheep hear the shepherd's voice and they follow the shepherd. (This was true with Clancy and me, some of the time!) The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep and will guard the sheep from being snatched up by the wolf (or the vacuum sweeper). If the sheep are good or bad or lost or among the fold or of another fold, the Good Shepherd remains faithful to being good and offering protection and keeping guard and giving his life to all the sheep, no matter what.

The Good Shepherd image is a great one to describe the Resurrected Christ. In the Resurrected Christ we can easily see how the Lord lays down his life for all the sheep in order to take it up again. We clearly see how the lost are found and how the Good Shepherd is the gate that all the sheep pass through for eternal life. In this way, the Shepherd knows each and every one of us and each and every one of us knows the Risen Christ as our Good Shepherd. In this way, the Lord protects, guards, and saves all the sheep from the effects of sin and death. In this way, the Lord came that everyone may have life abundantly. Alleluia, Jesus Christ has risen indeed and his care for us never ends. Move and herd us together, O Good Shepherd, into life with God and each other with the very life that moved you to lay down your life so that others may live. Give us life with you that never ends and hold onto us tightly until you bring us safely home. "The Lord is our Shepherd, there is nothing more that we shall ever want."

"At times in life we distance ourselves from the Lord and lose the freshness of the first call. Let us ask for the grace to always go back to that first encounter, in which He looked at us, spoke to us, and placed in us the desire to follow Him." ~ Pope Francis



**Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry
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All events, classes, and meetings at St. Leo's are canceled until further notice.

Join Fr. Jim as he livestreams Sunday Mass at 10:30am at:
RCC St. Leo Church Cincinnati:
https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rcc%20st%20leo%20church%20cincinnati&epa=SEARCH_BOX
You are invited to visit St. Leo Church to pray in the sanctuary, or to use the computers in Centennial Hall by appointment only. Fr. Jim is happy to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment only. Please call the office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 10:00am and 1:30pm to make your appointment.

You can **read the Sunday bulletin** at:
www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin
You can **read Fr. Jim's letter** at:
www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim
You can **make your Sunday Offering** at:
www.saint-leo.org/DonateNow
or, you can drop off your Sunday Offering in the slot in the back door of the rectory, or you can mail your Sunday offering to: St. Leo the Great Church 2573 St. Leo Place, Cincinnati, OH 45225.

For more information: visit our website at: www.saint-leo.org
Or visit our Facebook page at: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church.
Food Pantry hours are Mon. Wed. and Fri. 1 to 3:30pm
Parish members are encouraged to visit the pantry if needed.
Special considerations have been implemented at the Food Pantry.
• Call 921-1044 each day to be certain the pantry is open.
• You will be expected to wait outside.

Due to the current viral outbreak, please know that...**the Ordination of Benson Lotiang'a Lokidiriyo on May 16th 2020 at 11:00am**
Will take place – **viewed via video feed only.**
www.stpeterinchainscathedral.org

Your prayers will be appreciated on this day.
Benson's Mass of Thanksgiving and Reception are postponed – new date to be determined. If you wish to send best wishes or a gift for Benson's Ordination it may be mailed – care of: Ed Colina, 142 Palisades Poine #5, Cincinnati, OH 45238

Hunger Walk is going VIRTUAL this year!
Support St. Leo Food Pantry by supporting the 2020 Hunger Walk
JOIN OR DONATE TO OUR TEAM at:
fsb.convio.net/site/TR/HungerWalk/HungerWalk2020?team_id=11540&pg=team&fr_id=1430
or, cincinnatihungerwalk.org. Be sure to look for St. Leo Church Pantry

or, make your check payable to: Freestore Foodbank Hunger Walk
Be sure to designate St. Leo Church Pantry as your recipient.
Mail to: Freestore Foodbank Hunger Walk
1141 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Your support is VERY important! ALL money designated for St. Leo Food Pantry goes to our account. This is our "money in the bank." Due to your generosity last year, we currently have a balance in our account. Our goal this year is to have enough money at the FreeStore FoodBank to last us until the 2021 Hunger Walk! With your help we can do it!

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