

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, March 21 – 6:00pm Mass;

Mass intention for the people of the parish;

Readings: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, March 22 – 10:30am Mass; **4th Sunday of Lent**

Mass Intention for Annie Reynolds;

Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14;

John 9:1-41

Monday, March 23 – No Service;

Readings: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 24 – No Service;

Readings: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 25 – No Service; Solemnity of the Annunciation

of the Lord; Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10;

Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, March 26 – No Service;

Readings: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47

Friday, March 27 – No Service.

Readings: Wisdom 2:1, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 28 – No Service;

Readings: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

Sunday, March 9 – 10:30am Mass; **5th Sunday of Lent**

Mass Intention for Annie Reynolds;

Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 22

Lectors – Tom, Theo

Distributors – Kate, Claudette, Berta M., Marina S., Shirley

Servers – Jess, Liam, Seba

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 29

Lectors – Gary, Marceline

Distributors – Myles, Pierre, Edgar V., Marisabel P., Jon T.

Servers – Angelica, Benediction, Amelia

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."



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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.

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 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

God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son. What can we give in return?

LET US PRAY

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, you Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

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.** New rules for the

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

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

Important Dates to Remember

Youth Group meetings, events, canceled

Wednesday Tutoring canceled.

Thursday night Mass canceled.

Friday, Way of the Cross, canceled.

Saturday, 6pm Mass and prayer meeting afterward canceled.

Communal Reconciliation Service, March 21, canceled,

Light is on for you, March 24, canceled.

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>

From Fr. Jim . . .

This Week's Scrutiny: Those who are the Elect for the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil this year celebrate the Second Scrutiny. We pray with and for all the Elect throughout the world and we examine our lives with them on these Sundays of Lent against the Gospels as we prepare to renew our Baptismal Promises at Easter.



The Gospel for the Rite of Second Scrutiny is from the Gospel of John: The Man Born Blind. The issue that this Gospel story addresses is sight – physical versus spiritual or seeing with faith. It is very clear that those with physical sight are the ones who are blind spiritually. They have trouble seeing that Jesus is the Messiah and they have great difficulty in believing in him as their Lord and Savior. On the other hand,

the man who was born blind and has no physical eyesight can see because of his faith. His spiritual seeing is perfect 20/20 vision. He has little difficulty in allowing the Lord to use his physical weakness to show that Jesus is the Light of the world and he is very willing to be a disciple of the one who has given him both physical and spiritual sight. He was able to give good testimony and witness to his cure to the ones who questioned him and eventually rejected him.

Again this is a story about conversion. It shows that although sin does not make us physically blind it does blind us from seeing spiritually sometimes. It also tempts us into pretending that we can see when we really can't see at all.

Under the light of this great Gospel, how well do we see? Where might we just be pretending to see when we really can't see at all? For what do we need healing? How will the Lord use our blindness to show us and others that he truly is the light of the world? Can we pray for a deeper conversion of faith and a more active faith life? Is our Lenten fasting, prayer and acts of charity improving our spiritual vision? Is Lent leading us to see more clearly how to live our baptismal commitment?

Lord God, open our eyes that we might see your face in the faces of all people and those who may be known as enemies to us. Help us see our way to your peace and help us see more clearly to be your faithful disciples. Amen.

For your Lenten Prayer and Reflection: In *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis writes: "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." Sinful humanity falls into sin (sometimes the same one) again and again. But God never disheartens, and God continues to wait and watch for us to "come to our senses," as the prodigal son did and return to him. Do our Lenten practices help us "come to our senses" and return to the Lord for mercy? We are at the half-way point of Lent, is there anything that we would like to do differently for the second half of Lent? Can we pray or keep praying more for perseverance in the way of mercy, repentance, and forgiveness?

CRS Rice Bowl Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in roughly 45 different countries each year. 25% of all donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.

Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry Monthly Overhead Sponsor for March Generous Anonymous Donor

A letter from Archbishop Schnurr:

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, We find ourselves in a time of confusion, fear, and tension. The range of thoughts and concerns which weigh upon each of us is vast, knowing that the pattern of our lives has quickly become very different than it was mere days ago. In the midst of all of this uncertainty, the Catholic bishops in the state of Ohio, in consultation with the Governor and public health officials, have made the very painful decision to suspend the celebration of all public Masses throughout Ohio at least through Holy Week and Easter. . .

Read the entire letter on our website: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/>

All events, classes, and meetings at St. Leo's are canceled through Easter.

You can live stream mass at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish at: Or at St. Peter In Chains Cathedral at:

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.

We are taking all necessary precautions to keep our Food Pantry functioning in a healthy and safe environment.

Food Pantry hours are Mon. Wed. and Fri. 1 to 3:30pm **Parish members are encouraged to visit the pantry if needed.**

New Rules at the Food Pantry 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.
- NO CHILDREN ALLOWED IN THE PANTRY, unless they are in a carrier.

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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