

First Sunday of Lent
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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.

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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church is a diverse and welcoming Eucharistic Community living out our mission through liturgy, prayer, and outreach via the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

We exist because the Lord has called us to receive and share the good news with all of God's people.

We behave as brothers and sisters in the Lord, as God's family.

It is a privilege to serve God's kingdom.

We embrace the cross in joy.

We will succeed when we follow these strategic anchors:

grow a welcoming and diverse environment.

become pioneers of leadership for running a diverse parish.

invest and value collaborating partners.

EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil Mass in Spanish: 6:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM
Wednesday Mass: 11:30 AM
Thursday Mass: 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5:00-5:30 PM,
or by appointment
BAPTISMS: Call three weeks in advance
WEDDINGS: Call six months in advance

EXPOSITION: Cancelled until further notice.

ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH, Cincinnati, Ohio

February 21, 2021

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses will be Lived Streamed at Facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati

Saturday, February 20- 6:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intention for the People of the Parish; Readings: Isaiah 58:9-14; Luke 5: 27-32

Sunday, February 21- 10:30 a.m. Mass First Sunday of Lent; Special Intentions of Kenny Stoll; Readings: Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 12-15

Monday, February 22- No Service; Readings: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday, February 23- No Service; Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6: 7-15

Wednesday, February 24-11:30 a.m. Mass; Mass Intention for John and Virginia Gahl; Readings: Jonah 3: 1-10; Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, February 25 -7:00 p.m. Mass; Special Intentions For Peace and Justice; Readings: Esther: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7: 7-12

Friday, February 26- No Service; Readings: Ezekiel 18: 21-28; Matthew 5: 20-26

Saturday, February 27- 6:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intention for the People of the Parish; Readings: Deuteronomy 26: 16-19; Matthew 5: 43-48

Sunday, February 28- 10:30 a.m. Mass Second Sunday of Lent; Readings: Genesis 22: 1-2,9,10-13,15-18; Romans 8: 31-34; Mark 9: 2-10



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Sunday Offerings for February 6th and 7th - \$2,263.52 Thank you for generously supporting your parish!

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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 Amy Kleeman 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.

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

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.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES FREE!

Canceled until further notice.

COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS North Fairmount Community

Center/Referral Services: Linda Klems: 513-921-5889

Housing: 513-921-5889; Literary Network: 513-621-7323

Hopple Street Neighborhood Health and Community Center: 513-517-2000

GED online class referral: CPS: 513-363-6100

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VISIT US! St. Leo's website: www.saint-leo.org

Facebook: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

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

CDC's Official Website for COVID-19 Updates:

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

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 St. Antoninus.

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

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.

Important Dates to Remember

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/>

Fridays during Lent- Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm

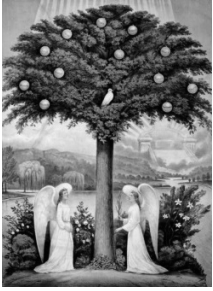
Bulletin information is always welcome! Articles must be in the office by 10am the Monday prior to publication, provided there is still room. Please call Amy at 921-1044X30 or email to akleemanstleo@aol.com

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First Sunday of Lent- February 21, 2021

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 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. Amid 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 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.

Hunger in Our World: Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger- it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. *What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world?* Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more!

Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry
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Sunday Mass: 10:30am, limited seating available, or 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 can read the **Sunday bulletin** at:
www.saintleo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin
You can read **Fr. Jim’s letter** at:
www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim

St. Leo’s is in need of toddler size (1 year, 2T, and 3T) bibles for the Sacrament of Baptism. The church also needs to purchase three new mats for the entrance https://www.amazon.com/WaterHog-Commercial-Grade-Entrance-Outdoor-Matting/dp/B00BTMWW86/ref=sr_1_139?dc_hild=1&keywords=5x6%2Brug%2Bblack&qid=1611329681&sr=8-139&th=1. We also are in need of gift cards to help with our everyday needs, please consider Staples, Amazon, Kroger, or Home Depot when donating. Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.



The Catholic faithful who reside in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and all other Catholics in the archdiocese continue to be dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. Those who are at risk or fearful that they or their family might become sick are encouraged to stay home and join the Church by viewing live-streamed Masses.

2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) We thank everyone who has participated in the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our generous gifts let us impact the stories of thousands through six important Catholic ministries right here in our Archdiocese. Additionally 50% of all pledges in excess of our parish goal will go to support our ministries here at St. Leo’s, so please be as generous as you can. Visit www.AOCstewardship.org for your donation. Thank You!



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2020
If you are itemizing on your tax return and need a contribution statement for your weekly envelope donations, please call the Parish Office at 921-1044.

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.

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