

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
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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

EXPOSITION: Cancelled until further notice.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5:00-5:30 PM,

or by appointment

BAPTISMS: Call three weeks in advance WEDDINGS: Call six months in advance

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ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH, Cincinnati, Ohio

March 14, 2021

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

<u>Saturday, March 13</u>- 6:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intentions For the People of the Parish; Readings: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

<u>Sunday, March 14</u>– 10:30 a.m. Mass Fourth Sunday of Lent; Mass Intention For our Dedicated Volunteers; Readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

Monday, March 15 – No Service; Readings: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4: 43-54

<u>Tuesday, March 16</u> – No Service; Readings: Ezekiel 47:1-9,12; John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 17–11:30 a.m. Mass; Special Intentions for World Peace; Readings: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30

<u>Thursday, March 18</u>–7:00 p.m. Mass; Special Intentions for the Sick and Homebound; Readings: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47;

Friday, March 19- Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.; Readings: 2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16; Matthew 1:16,18-21,24

<u>Saturday, March 20</u>- 6:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intentions For the People of the Parish; Readings: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53 <u>Sunday, March 21</u> – 10:30 a.m. Mass Fifth Sunday of Lent; Mass Intention In Gratitude for our Parish Benefactors; Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34: Hebrews 5:7-9: John 12:20-33

ST. LEO FOOD PANTRY-

Serving Hours: Mon., Wed. and Fri. 1:00-3:30pm

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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES FREE! Canceled until further notice.

<u>COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS</u> 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

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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 Trinity Hill UCC.

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!

Sunday Offerings for February 27th and 28th -\$2,425.50 Thank you for generously supporting your parish!

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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

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 he gave us his only Son. What can we give in return?

LET US PRAY

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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=y outu.be OR, https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati-103955481239196/

Fridays during Lent- Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm March 14th – Daylight Savings Time

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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Fourth Sunday of Lent-March 14, 2021

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. As part of their preparation, they celebrate with their parish community at Sunday mass, the Rite of Scrutiny on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent. Although we don't have any adults who are the Elect for this year, 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 Second Scrutiny is based on a Gospel passage from the Gospel of John about the Man Born Blind. In this Gospel, 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? 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 be the light by which we can see. Amen.

Another reflection: In light of our Lenten journey, can you name any fear in your life that may be keeping you from living your faith more deeply? Is there any despair that may be keeping you from the Hope that the promises of God offer? What selfishness prevents us from receiving and giving God's unconditional love? Can we bring these to the Light of God's love and grace? And so we pray, Change our hearts, O Lord, change our hearts!

Lenten Prayer: Steadfast God, we stand before you as people ready to change. Take the fear that holds us captive, and give us faith enough to risk being vulnerable. Take the despair that weighs down our soul, and replace it with hope that lifts our spirits. Take the self-centeredness that limits our vision and efforts, and fill us with your love so that we may love ourselves and others. We ask for hearts that will change into sanctuaries for your presence in our lives. Amen. (Written by Mary Cummins-Wlodarski.)

Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child's growth and future. Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive? Visit CRSRICEBOWL.org

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

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

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You can **read Fr. Jim's letter** at:
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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.

We <u>HOPE</u> you can <u>Join Us</u> for Healing the Racial Divide TODAY!!, <u>March 14th from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00p.m.</u> We will hear from two individuals about their experience with racism. This special <u>Zoom</u> <u>Listening session</u> is hosted by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Anti-Racism Task Force and our covenant partner parish Our Lady of the Visitation. To Register follow this link: <u>https://tinyurl.com/SL-OLV-Listening-Session</u>

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