

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION DOMINGO DE RAMOS "DE LA PASIÓN DEL SEÑOR"

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

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.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, March 27- 6:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intentions For the People of the Parish; Readings: Ezekiel 37: 21-28; John 11:45-56

Sunday, March 28- 10:30 a.m. Mass Palm Sunday; Mass Intention For Jack Habernathy; Readings: Mark 11:1-10; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

Monday, March 29- No Service; Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 30 - No Service; Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday, March 31-11:30 a.m. Mass; Special Intentions For Joe Minges; Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9; Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, April 1-7:00 p.m. Mass Holy Thursday; Readings: Exodus 12:1-8,11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

Friday, April 2- 7:00 p.m. Mass Good Friday; Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 3- 8:45 p.m. Mass Easter Vigil; Mass Intentions For the People of the Parish; Readings: Genesis 1:1-22; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah 55:1-11; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7

Sunday, April 4- 10:30 a.m. Mass Easter Sunday; Mass Intention For Carol Fritz; Readings: Acts of the Apostles 10:34,37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9



YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!

Sunday Offerings for March 13th and 14th - \$1,803.50 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

Food Pantry and Parish Office is CLOSED April 2nd and 5th

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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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 Pastoral Care Staff.

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

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

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

Blest are they who come in the name of the Lord. Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother, or sister?

LET US PRAY

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. 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=youtu.be> OR, <https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati-103955481239196/>

April 2nd - Second Collection for Holy Land Shrines
April 2nd and 5th - Food Pantry and Parish Office CLOSED

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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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion– March 28, 2021

From Fr. Jim . . .



Holy Week: Unlike last year, we can have an assembly to celebrate the Triduum -Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil this year. But limited seating with safe distancing, the wearing of masks, washing hands must continue because of the virus. We will be live streaming the services and the obligation to attend Sunday Mass even for Easter is dispensed. For Palm Sunday, I with a minister will begin at the front doors. The people are at their seats, standing and holding unblessed palm branches that they will receive when

they enter church. I will bless the palm and proclaim the Gospel of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the minster, and I will process in. The gospel selection is the Passion of St. Mark's Gospel. For Holy Thursday because we cannot do it like we always do it safely this year, with all the restrictions and precautions, we will not have the foot washing. Good Friday, there will be eleven petitions instead of ten. One has been added for the Pandemic. Also, when we reverence the cross, we must do so without touching it. Bowing, genuflecting, kneeling and then bowing is most appropriate. Easter Vigil, there will be an Easter Fire but only me and the ministers will process. There will be no candles for the people. We have no one elected for the Easter Sacraments this year. Water will return to the Baptistry and the holy water fonts, Song Books and Missalettes have already returned to the pews.

This is the greatest week of prayer for the Church. Our liturgy throughout the year moves us to this week and climaxes in the three days of the Triduum and the celebration of Easter. "If we die with the Lord then we will truly rise with Him." There is no greater love than this than to lay down one's life for one's friends." This is what we believe, pray and live in this holiest of weeks.

As the church gathers all over the world to celebrate the liturgies of Holy Week as they have been given to us throughout the ages to be prayed, we grow together as the church, the Body of Christ, brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ. This holiest of weeks and the way that the Church of God is invited to pray sees itself as one with God, through Jesus and in their Spirit and one with each other in Christ.

As we enter into the prayer of Holy Week, can we do so with open hearts and with a genuine desire to let this greatest week of prayer in the church really change us? If the prayer of this week is about the continual formation of the whole church in the love and image of Christ then it, too, provides great formation for us, as St. Leo, to be formed into the Body of Christ, especially with our many and wonderful diversities. It is important for all of us to come together and pray this week of prayer in person, if possible, or at home with live stream.

For your reflection and prayer: William Arthur Ward, American author, teacher and pastor, 1921-1994, wrote: Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them. Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of life. Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of light. Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God. Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify. Fast from discontent; Feast on patience. Fast from anger; Feast on patience. Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism. Fast from worry; Feast on Divine order. Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation. Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives. Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer. Fast from hostility; Feast on non-resistance. Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness. Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others. Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal truth. Fast from discouragements; Feast on hope. Fast from facts that depress; Feast on verities that uplift. Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm. Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire. Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity. Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence. Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that strengthens.

May our fasting lead us to the great love of Holy Week and the incredible glory of Easter!

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.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin

You can read Fr. Jim's letter at: www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim

Now that Spring is here we are in need of a new Lawn Mower!!

<https://www.homedepot.com/p/Toro-Lawn-Boy-21-in-Rear-Wheel-Drive-Gas-Walk-Behind-Self-Propelled-Lawn-Mower-with-Bagger-17752/315052423>



Please consider donating Plastic Easter Eggs, and Easter Candy to fill the eggs. Toddler size (1 year, 2T, and 3T) bibs for the Sacrament of Baptism. We also are in need of gift cards to help with our everyday needs, please consider [Staples](#), [Amazon](#), [Kroger](#), or [Home Depot](#) when donating.



You can see our latest needs on our Amazon Wish List Link

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref_=wl_share. **Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**



Good Friday April 2nd Collection- Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and preserve the sacred shrines. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit <https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday/>.

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.

Serving the Suffering Christ- As we enter Holy Week and celebrate Palm Sunday, let's reflect on how our Lord suffered from our indifference: those who proclaimed him king of Jerusalem were the same who called to crucify him. We recognize we are all one human family. Are we contributing to the suffering of our sisters and brothers with our indifference to their realities? How does our faith inspire us to care for them and share the gifts that God has bestowed on us? Visit csricebowl.org to learn more.



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