

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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Angela Anno, Pastoral Associate
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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

ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH, Cincinnati, Ohio

This Week's Schedule

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

<u>Saturday, November 27</u> - 6:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intentions For the People of the Parish; Readings: Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36 Sunday, November 28– 10:30 a.m. Mass 1st Sunday of Advent;

Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21: 25-28,34-36

<u>Monday, November 29 -</u>No Service; Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11

<u>Tuesday, November 30</u>— No Service; Readings: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22

Wednesday, December 1-11:30 a.m. Mass; Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Isaiah 25:6-10; Matthew 15:29-37

<u>Thursday, December 2</u>–7:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21,24-27

<u>Friday, December 3-</u>No Service; Readings: Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

<u>Saturday, December 4</u> - **6:00 p.m. Mass;** Mass Intentions For the People of the Parish; Readings: Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1.5.6-8

<u>Sunday, December 5</u>– **10:30 a.m. Mass 2**nd **Sunday of Advent;** Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:4-6,8-11; Luke 3:1-6

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 28TH

Lectors – Shirley, Albert **Distributors**- Antonia, Romelio D., Lorena T. **Servers** – Nilda B., Estrella C.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 5TH

Lectors – Jess, Agrippine **Distributors**- Ivy, Marissabel P., Berta M., **Servers** – Paul E., Finn

Please find a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your scheduled ministry assignment.

ST. LEO FOOD PANTRY-

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

November 24th Food Pantry closes at 2:30 p.m. reopens November 29th

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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<u>VISIT US!</u> <u>St. Leo's website:</u> www.saint-leo.org <u>Facebook:</u> 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



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November 28, 2021

Sunday Offerings for November 13th and 14th - \$2,314.50 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. 22.

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

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 Glad House/Tender Mercies.

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

The Lord is near! Am I able to read the signs of the times? What is God asking of me?

LET US PRAY

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. 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=youtu.be OR, https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati-103955481239196/

December 5th Toy and Clothing Drive from 2:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

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 921-1044X22 or email to akleemanstleo@aol.com.

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

First Sunday of Advent- November 28, 2021

From Fr. Jim. . .

Keeping Advent: Advent is a time of beginning and endings. It embraces the end of the world's civil calendar and the beginning of the church's sacred cycle. Nature's changes and the emergence of winter, the passing of the old year, the end of ordinary time through which we read Mark's Gospel. However, a new gospel is opened. This year we will be reading from Matthew. Each week we light another candle on the Advent wreath. "Watching" and "waiting" is balanced by "rejoice" and "fulfillment" as the community moves into winter's darkness with a clear orientation toward the light which is Jesus Christ and in whom all things can be made new.

At this time of the year, more than any other, we need to see society not as a world that is lost but as the world God refused to be lost; (not as a people condemned but a people beholding of God's dwelling place of merciful, saving, redeeming love. Advent is about longing and desire – not for material gifts – though that may be the reality for many- but longing and desire for the full realization of God's kingdom. With the first Christians, we long and wait for that day to come and we live in such a way that will build the kingdom of God on earth as we wait for the kingdom to be fully realized in heaven. We live not as a people who are lost but as a people whom God has refused to be lost. (We live not in darkness, despair and without hope but in light, forgiveness, and abundance of grace.

The official explanation of the season defines the spirit that should mark the life of each believer and of every believing community as "devout and joyful expectation." We can expect that Christ's first coming and presence has changed and challenged the darkness of sin and death and makes clear God's intention to refuse to allow the world to be lost. We can expect Christ's second coming to bring life to fullness and make the victory over sin and death complete. As believers, we wait devoutly and joyfully for signs of God's presence among us in Word and Sacrament, inviting us to become one with the reign of Christ's love. Advent asks us to wait and hope with devotion and joy as we await his return in glory. The waiting that we do has a two-fold nature: "waiting in memory of the first, humble coming of the Lord in our mortal flesh," and the waiting supplication for his final, glorious coming as Lord of History and "universal Judge." (From the Directory of Popular Piety and the Liturgy.)

A Reflection: What if the Season of Advent were commercialized in our stores just like the Season of Christmas? What would it look like? If the stores, radio and television stations were to sell Advent like they do Christmas, what would they sell? What special Advent songs would you hear on the radio? What special programs would air on TV? Who would you interview for Advent? What acts of devout and joyful expectation for being freed from the power of sin and death and for believing that one day you will be completely free from its power, sells you on the Season of Advent this year? How is and will God show you that you are someone who he refuses to be lost? How does the season of Advent speak to pandemic sickness and racial tensions and injustices that we experience today? How can we bring the Good News to others? Do participating in any of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy reveal how Christ has come, is come and will come again? Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Be sure to remember St. Leo's on GIVING TUESDAY which is the largest worldwide day for giving, November 30th, 2021 #iGiveCatholic:

https://www.givecentral.org/location/1284/event/31878

Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry **Monthly Overhead Sponsor for November Anonymous**

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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

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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

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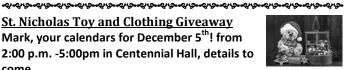
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https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref =wl share. Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2022- January 19th – 22nd in Washington D.C. This trip gives you the full March for Life experience with the march itself, the opportunity to meet with Ohio representatives and opportunities for prayer, processing and learning. We are in need of sponsors for this event, the cost of each student to go on this trip is \$325. If you are interested in sponsoring please call the office at 513.921.1044.

St. Nicholas Toy and Clothing Giveaway Mark, your calendars for December 5th! from 2:00 p.m. -5:00pm in Centennial Hall, details to come.



A Synod on Synodality? Sounds strange, doesn't it? Yet, this is what the Holy Father has called. In its simplest form, synodality represents a collaborative approach by all people of God to address a particular issue for which the Holy Father seeks input. For this synod, he wants to hear from everyone on how the whole Church (not only the bishops and priests) can journey together in bringing the Gospel message to the world. To address this "synodal" approach, he has called for all diocese in the world to hold local consultative meetings to discuss this topic. Currently, our archdiocese is targeting Jan and Feb of 2022 for these meetings. Please carefully consider participating in your local deanery meeting. That opportunity will soon be available on our archdiocesan website.

"Every human being has the right to live with dignity and to develop integrally; this fundamental right cannot be denied by any country. People have this right even if they are unproductive, or were born with or developed limitations. This does not detract from their great dignity as human persons, a dignity based not on circumstances but on intrinsic worth of their being." During Advent, we ask for the grace to recognize and respect each member of the human family.

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