



FEAST OF THE  
*Holy Family*

## 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

Reverend James R. Schutte, Pastor  
Reverend Rodolfo Coaquira, MCCJ, Parochial Vicar  
Jenni Lindgren, Business Manager, Food Pantry Administrator  
Angela Anno, Pastoral Associate  
Sr. Tracy Kemme, SC, Pastoral Associate for Adult Formation  
Amy Kleeman, Development Director  
Judie Kuhlman, Youth Minister

Burundi Ministry: contact Parish Office ~ Hispanic Ministry: contact Parish Office

### 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.

FIESTA DE LA Sagrada Familia

**This Week's Schedule**

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

**Saturday, December 25- 10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass;** Mass Intentions For the People of the Parish; Readings: Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

**Sunday, December 26- 10:30 a.m. Mass Feast of the Holy Family;** Mass Intention of Joe Minges; Readings: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52

**Monday, December 27 -No Service;** Readings: 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1-8

**Tuesday, December 28- No Service;** Readings: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

**Wednesday, December 29-NO Mass;** Readings: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

**Thursday, December 30-7:00 p.m. Mass;** Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40

**Friday, December 31-No Service;** Readings: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

**Saturday, January 1- 10:30 a.m. New Years Day Mass;** Mass Intentions For the People of the Parish; Readings: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

**Sunday, January 2- 10:30 a.m. Mass; Epiphany of the Lord;** Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**Lectors** – Shirley, Agrippine **Distributors-** Pierre, Juan B., Hector V. **Servers** – Angela B., Benediction

**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**Lectors** –Linda H., Theo **Distributors-** Antonia, Claudette, Abelino L. **Servers** – Anael V., Sina P.

*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**  
**PANTRY CLOSED- DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> - JANUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Pantry Requirements:** Serving North Fairmount, English Woods, Roll Hill Apts., and Millvale once every 30 days. See website: [www.saint-leo.org](http://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

**ANGELS' ARMS STORE,** 1882 Baltimore Avenue Accepting donations of clothing, kitchen, bath and bedding. All Items Free! Call for Hours: 513-407-7902.

**VISIT US! St. Leo's website:** [www.saint-leo.org](http://www.saint-leo.org)

**Facebook:** St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

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

**CDC's Official Website for COVID-19 Updates:**

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



**YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!**

Sunday Offerings for December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> - \$2,352.50; second collection for Retired Religious- \$664.00 Thank you for generously supporting your parish!

**EASY ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE:**

Go to <http://saint-leo.org/DonateNow.aspx> and click on the Donate Now Button.

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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](http://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 Santa Maria.

**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**

Jesus was born into a Holy Family, not a storybook family. Today, pray for married couples and for parents, who strive to remain faithful to their commitments in a changing and challenging world.

**LET US PRAY**

O' God who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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/>

**Food Pantry Closed- December 22<sup>nd</sup> - January 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Parish Office Closed- December 24<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>**

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](mailto:akleemanstleo@aol.com).

## Feast of the Holy Family- December 26, 2021

From Fr. Jim . . .



Please let me say thanks for all the ways you have gifted me and the pastoral staff this holy season with prayers, presents, cards, blessings and well wishes. Thank you so much.

Also, I want to thank all of you for your generous giving of your time, talent, and treasures to allow our parish to be and become the parish that

God is calling us to be. God is truly uniting us in our diversity through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and through the Eucharist. Our prayer is strong and beautiful when we are all together and participating as fully as we can. Thanks for your welcome of each other and the sharing of your faith. Thanks for supporting the work we do here and for considering this faith community as not just "my parish" but "our parish."

We are all members of God's family. We are brothers and sisters in the Lord. Today, on this Feast of the Holy Family, we celebrate the joy of God taking on our flesh and dwelling in us and how we are made aware of this incredible gift in and through our families. Our nature is and can be a holy one. As God shares in our nature, we share God's holiness. As God used the Holy Family for the growth, development, and nurturing of God's merciful love, our Lord Jesus Christ, then all our families are most holy because all our families are places where God's mercy reigns – where mercy is received and given. I am so grateful for God's family that we are called to be and that we are truly becoming.

The Lord was born in human nature to bring the divine light of love to the whole world and to unite everyone with holiness and grace. As the shepherds accepted the Lord's welcome of them, they were no longer marginal people but members of God's family. As the kings, representing the nations of the world, followed the star and paid the Christ-child homage, God's mercy, holiness, and grace was to reign in the hearts of all people. Jesus was born to claim all of us as God's own family and to bring us together.

My brothers and sisters in the Lord, I truly believe that God is calling our family of parishes to be holy – that is to live together as brothers and sisters, to open our hearts to all others with genuine hospitality, to value each other, to respect differences, welcome diversity, to accept that we are all parts of the same body, the same family of the Lord and to appreciate that one part is never better or more important than any of the other parts. Also, we must acknowledge that one part cannot say to any other part, "You are not needed." "You are not wanted." We need each other to be church, to be God's family and striving to live as one family under God, we accept God's call to be holy and to be places where God's mercy reigns and God's unconditional love binds us as one.

As we celebrate the joy of Christ's birth, let us pray for ourselves and all the families of parishes to accept God's call to holiness by living together as God's family. How can we learn to pray Eucharist better and together welcome and respect the diversity that blesses our family of parishes? How can we better become the Body of Christ; live as the Body of Christ together? What will separate us? Where do we want God's mercy to reign? How are we to receive it and give it? How is God born in your life right now? How can we bear his presence to someone in our family?

May the angel's announcement to the Shepherds be more a reality for us in our planning and in our longing to live as God's parish family: "Peace on earth, good will (and holiness) to all!"

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

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You can read the Sunday bulletin at: [www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin](http://www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin)

You can read Fr. Jim's letter at:

[www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim](http://www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim)

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**MARCH FOR LIFE 2022- January 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> in Washington D.C.- SPONSORSHIP NEEDED:** 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.

**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](mailto:akleemanstleo@aol.com) or sign up online at: <http://saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoMonthlyNewsletter.aspx>

**Mass and Healing Service-** On Wednesday January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7: 30 p.m. at St. Ignatius Church located at 5222 North Bend Road. This event is sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center, for more information please call 513.471.LITE.

**2022 Cincinnati Men's Conference-** "Actor Jim Caviezel (*Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ*) and Raymond Arroyo (*EWTN/ FOX News*) are coming to Cincinnati April 2, 2022 to speak at the Cincinnati Men's Conference. Go to [www.CincinnatiMensConference.com](http://www.CincinnatiMensConference.com) to get tickets. Give the gift of spiritual uplift this Christmas season, your men will thank you!"





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