## FIRST SUDDAY OF LENT

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## 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
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Sr. Tracy Kemme, SC, Pastoral Associate for Adult Formation
Amy Kleeman, Development Director
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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

**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, March 5</u>– **6:00 p.m. Mass;** Mass Intentions for Maria Candalaria Diez Vasquez; Readings: Isaiah 58:9-14; Luke 5:27-32

<u>Sunday, March 6</u>– **10:30** a.m. Mass; **1**<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent; Mass Intention of Doug Robinson; Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

Monday, March 7-No Service; Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18; Matthew 25:31-46

<u>Tuesday, March 8</u> – No Service; Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15

<u>Wednesday, March 9</u> **11:30 a.m. Mass;** Mass Intention of Living and Deceased members of St. Mary's Ladies Society; Readings: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32

<u>Thursday, March 10</u> 7:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intention of Mary Barlage; Readings: Esther C;12,14-16,23-25; Matthew 7:7-12

<u>Friday, March 11</u>-No Service; Readings: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26

<u>Saturday, March 12</u>– 6:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intentions for Maria Candalaria Diez Vasquez; Readings: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

<u>Sunday, March13</u>– 10:30 a.m. Mass; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent; Mass Intention of Living and Deceased members of St. Mary's Ladies Society; Readings: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36

#### MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 6TH

**Lectors** – Diane S., Albert **Distributors**- Claudette M., Leonel Guzman, Juan Bernardo **Servers** – Esdras Lopes, Amae, Velasquez

#### **MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 13TH**

**Lectors** – John H., Agrippine **Distributors**- Larry B., Romelia Diaz, Mayber Roblero **Servers** – Patience, Joseph

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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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<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

#### March 6, 2022



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Sunday Offerings for FebruaryT19th and 20<sup>th</sup>- \$2,767.50 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 Trinity Hill UCC.

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 my beloved Son, hear him. Take some time to hear the beloved Son speaking to you. What does he say?

#### LET US PRAY

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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/

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 Quarterly 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 Lent-March 6, 2022

#### 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.



"Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war." ~~ Pope Francis

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

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR- March 23- April 20, 2022- Do you want to experience God's love, power and presence? The Life in the Spirit Seminar is a life-transforming experience where you will discover Christ's personal and unconditional love for YOU. Listen to dynamic teachings where you can encounter Christ personally and also experience the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This seminar will take place on 5 consecutive Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. at Saint Ignatius Parish in Loyola Hall, located at 5222 North Bend Road. For more information or to register call Mary Ann at 513.378.4431 or visit www.LRC1.org

Cincinnati Right to Life is hosting the annual Hearbeats for Life 5K to support life in Greater Cincinnati. This provides an opportunity to meet like-minded individuals and support the incredible work of Cincinnati Right to Life. Please visit CincinnatiRightToLife.org to purchase tickets and find out more!

<u>GARDEN RENOVATION</u> – This spring/summer we are looking to renovate our community garden to a Mary/Mediation Garden to allow the vegetable beds to rest for a year. We are looking for volunteers to help prep the garden, weed, plant flowers, clean, restructure as well as maintain the area. If this is something that interest you please send an email to akleemanstleo@aol.com

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The Pillars of Lent —As we begin our Lenten Journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are "elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity." How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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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

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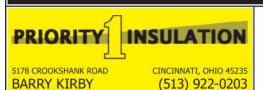
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