

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 Rodolfo Coaquira, MCCJ, Pastor

Jenni Lindgren, Business Manager, Food Pantry Administrator
Angela Anno, Pastoral Associate
Amy Kleeman, Development Director
Judie Kuhlman, Youth Minister
Gloria Sweet- Facilities Manager

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, December 17</u>– 6:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intentions For the People of the Parish; Readings: Genesis 49:2,8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

Sunday, December 18–10:00 a.m. 4th Sunday of Advent; Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

Monday, December 19-No Service; Readings: Judges 13:2-7,24-25; Luke 1:5-25

<u>Tuesday, December 20</u> No Service; Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 21-11:00 a.m. Mass; Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: Song of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45

<u>Thursday, December 22-</u> 7:00 p.m. Mass; Mass Intention of the Donor; Readings: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56

<u>Friday, December 23-</u>No Service; Readings: Malachi 3:1-4,23-24; Luke 1:57-66

Saturday, December 24–6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass; Mass Intentions For the People of the Parish; Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Luke 1:67-79

<u>Sunday, December 25</u>– 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass; Mass Intention For the People of the Parish; Readings: Isaiah 9:1-6; Titans 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 18TH

Lectors –Linda H., Agrippine **Distributors**- Ivy P., James Munoz, Arcenia Campos, Emilio and Rosa Campos **Servers**- Paul, Finn, and Liam Ebert

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 25TH- TBD Lectors –Distributors- Servers-

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

UPCOMING CLOSURE- December 23rd- January 4th

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), and photo ID. New rules for the protection and safety of the guests and workers will be enforced 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

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

<u>VISIT US!</u> <u>St. Leo's website:</u> www.saint-leo.org <u>Facebook:</u> St. Leo the Great Catholic Church <u>St. Leo's YouTube Channel</u>: StLeotheGreatParish

December 18, 2022



YOUR GIFT TO ST. LEO IS MOST APPRECIATED!

Sunday Offerings for December 10th and 11th – To Be Announced, 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.

SHOP AT AMAZON SMILE AND SUPPORT ST. LEO:

http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0538556

SHOP AT KROGER'S AND SUPPORT ST. LEO:

https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards Enter St. Leo's #KC265 or search for St. Leo the Great Church.

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. 26.

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 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

Stop asking for a sign and become one. Consider becoming a priest or religious.

LET US PRAY

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into your hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of 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 St. Leo as we 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/

Our Parish office is CLOSED- December 23rd and 26th

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 921-1044.

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

4th Sunday of Advent-December 18, 2022

My Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord,

If you think back on the early days of your life, with an open heart and fresh eyes, you might see in your mind's eye a man whose presence meant everything to you. Why did you look up to him? Was it his quiet strength and dignity, consistent work ethic, faithfulness, devotion to family or to you, or even his sense of humor? I would venture to say he presented an entire package of what it means to be a role model—a true father figure. He was your rock star! And whether he is still living or has passed, he will always remain a part of you and guide the trajectory of your life.

It is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and next week we will celebrate Christmas, as the birth of Jesus Christ enters the hearts of all people who look toward Bethlehem with a shared sense of joy and awe. As a precursor to this blessed event, we reflect today on Matthew's Gospel, which describes a young man, Joseph, whose faith, thoughtfulness, goodness, humility, and consistency of purpose, were the impetus for God to call him to participate in the mystery of the Incarnation of His son Jesus Christ. Because he was an authentic man of faith, St. Joseph, descendent of David and a simple carpenter of Nazareth, he could accept God's plan, not question it, and carry the challenging responsibilities as foster father of Jesus. He is the ultimate role model and father figure for the entire world. St. Francis de Sales has said, "Truly, I doubt not that the angels, wondering and adoring, came thronging in countless multitudes to that poor workshop to admire the humility of him who guarded that dear and divine child, and labored at his carpenter's trade to support the son and the mother who were committed to his care."

And so with us, as we think back fondly on a man or men in our lives who have made such a difference to ours, we might consider comparing their qualities to those of St. Joseph. Are these parallels the reason these men have meant so much to us, and why we might subconsciously emulate their lives? It's certainly something to ponder...

Saint Joseph, our father and lord, is a teacher of the interior life. Place yourself under his patronage and you'll feel the effectiveness of his power. --Saint Josemaria Escriva

Yours in Christ, Father Rudy

You can **read the Sunday bulletin** at: www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin
You can **read Fr. Rudy's letter** at:
www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromthePastor'sDesk



writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious

order priests.

Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry
Monthly Overhead Sponsor for December
In Memory of James and Julia Reddy- Mike, Laura and
Greer Devita-Doyle

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Upcoming Dates to Mark on your Calendar:

December 18th- Festival of Lights – FAMILY NIGHT, please see Judie on how to sign up or use this link

https://forms.gle/28xtZfcu1shwwxE8A

ITEMS NEEDED: The food Pantry has an urgent need for larger diapers size 5 and 6. Don't forget the Food Pantry is in dire need of items we hope you can help! You can see our latest request 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.

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<u>Volunteers Needed-</u>St. Leo's Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to help serve our Community. The Food Pantry is open M-W-F from 1: 00 p.m. -3:30 p.m. and we ask volunteers to arrive around noon to help set-up. If you are interested in volunteering please call 513.921.1044.

JOIN US FOR A PILGRIMAGE TO FOUR RELIGIOUS SITES IN EUROPE-

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June 6-16, 2023 travel from the Benedictine Monastery of Montserrat and the cave at Manresa, to the grotto at Lourdes where St. Bernadette met "the Immaculate Conception," to Lisieux to celebrate the centennial anniversary of St. Therese's beatification, to Tours, home of St. Martin. Please call and schedule an information meeting to answer your questions, contact Greg Niehaus at 513.541.5560.

Congratulations to the Week 16 4 Grand Winners: 124 - Mick Schindler; 332 - Skip Fellinger; 490 - Paul Ebert

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The Ultimate Guide to Advent is HERE!!- Love. Peace. Good tidings. Comfort and joy. This is the dream of Christmas and the promise of an Advent spent preparing for the coming of Jesus.

We love to look back at past Christmas and remember the special moments and the loved ones we shared those moments with. If you want to have a truly unforgettable Christmas you have to prepare for it. The Ultimate Guide to Advent is free, beautiful and filled with stoires that will inspire you and fill you with wonder. A new issue of the Guide is emailed right to your inbox each Sunday during advent. Sign up at the catholictelegraph.com/advent2022.

Another great Toy and Clothing Sale for 2022.... there are so many churches, families, organizations, volunteers, parishioners, donors... the list goes on... to thank for making this event run smoothly every year it couldn't be done without the generosity of everyone!! THANK YOU SO MUCH!! We were able to collect over \$1,350 for the St. Leo Food Pantry!

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