

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / MAY 21, 2023

ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH

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.

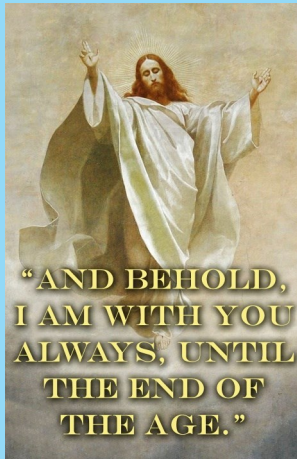
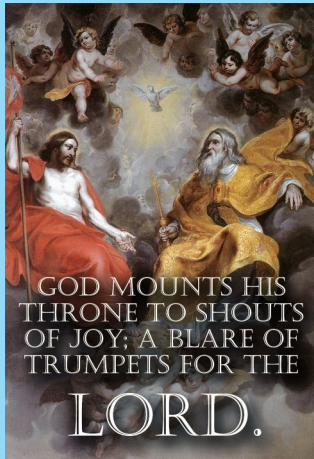
We behave as brothers and sisters in the Lord, as God's family.

It is a privilege to serve God's kingdom.

We embrace the cross in joy.

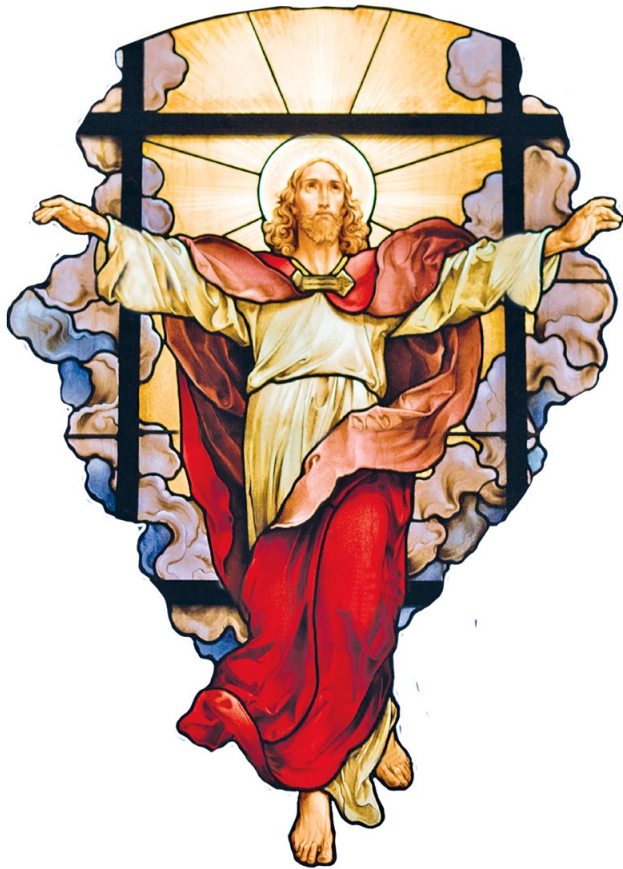
We will succeed when we follow these strategic anchors:

- grow a welcoming and diverse environment.
- become pioneers of leadership for running a diverse parish.
- invest and value collaborating partners.



ASCENSION

OF THE LORD



PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Rodolfo Coaquira, MCCJ, Pastor

Rev. Luca Roso, MCCJ, Parochial Vicar

Jenni Lindgren, Business Manager, Food Pantry Administrator

Nicole Cummings, Development Director

Angela Anno, Pastoral Associate

Judie Kuhlman, Youth Minister

Gloria Sweet, Facilities Manager

Burundi Ministry: contact Parish Office

Hispanic Ministry: contact Parish Office

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass in Spanish: 6:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM

Wednesday Mass: 11:30 AM

Thursday Mass: 7:00 PM

Reconciliation: Sunday at noon after Mass or by appointment.

Baptisms and Weddings: Call the Parish Office

Watch Sunday Masses Live Streamed at
[Facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati](https://www.facebook.com/RCC-St-Leo-Church-Cincinnati)

OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Holy Family

St. Boniface

Saturday 4:00 PM English

6:00 PM Spanish

Sunday 9:00 AM Spanish

11:00 AM English

12:30 PM Spanish

St. Joseph

St. Thérèse Little Flower

Saturday 4:30 PM English

Sunday 10:00 AM English

5:00 PM Spanish

Tues, Wed, Thurs 8:30 AM English

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Masses and Readings for the week of May 21, 2023

Saturday, May 20 *Vigil of the Sixth Saturday of Easter*

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

6:00 PM Intention of the Donor

Sunday, May 21 *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Acts 1:1-11;p Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

10:30 AM For the People of the Parish

Monday, May 22 Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

No Service

Tuesday, May 23 Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

No Service

Wednesday, May 24 Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

11:30 AM Intention of the Donor

Thursday, May 25 Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

7:00 PM Intention of the Donor

Friday, May 26 Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

No Service

Saturday, May 27 Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

6:00 PM For the People of St. Leo Parish

Sunday, May 28 *The Ascension of the Lord*

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

10:30 AM Intention of the Donor

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Total\$2,988

Online Giving Available. Go to www.saint-leo.org/donate-now and click on "Donate Now."

Shop Kroger and Support St. Leo. Go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards and enter St. Leo's #KC265 or search for St. Leo the Great Church.

Leave a legacy by remembering St. Leo the Great in your will. For more information, contact Jenni Lindgren, 513-921-1044x20 or JenniL@saint-leo.org.

Drop off Sunday offerings in the slot in the back door of the rectory, or mail it to St. Leo the Great, 2573 St. Leo Place, 45225.

Thank you for your support!

My Sisters and Brothers of the Risen Lord,

We have all lost someone whom we've loved through death, and initially, we are left with no words to help us through our grief. That person, that life--someone who has meant everything to us, who helped guide our path, was a role model for our life, and whose presence brought comfort, smiles, inspiration, and moved us beyond ourselves in such a way that we have become better people for having known them. Gone... In these moments of great loss, how do we eventually move forward? I would venture to say, in time, we try to live our lives by emulating theirs, with a hope of honoring their memory and the deep and abiding relationship we shared. We might have doubts about how to do this, but we know in our hearts we are armed with their love.

It is the Seventh Sunday of Easter, The Ascension of our Lord, and forty days have passed since Jesus walked with his disciples after his resurrection. For the apostles, it has been a challenging time in assuaging their grief and attempting to understand Christ's continued presence in their lives after his crucifixion. Everything was so unalterably different. Can you imagine their questions, doubts, fears, conversations about the future, and, undoubtedly, their great hope that somehow they could return to the days gone by? What was to happen, and what now was their role amid these great uncertainties?

And yet, Jesus, in all his grace and glory, provided an answer for them and for all mankind. Jesus gave himself to his disciples (and to us all) in a new way; thus, rather than walking beside them in the flesh, he was now dwelling in each one of them, along with the saving power of the Holy Spirit. He was bound to each of them in an intimate way, so they could move out of their fears to become one with him with great joy.

Today we celebrate this Great Commission, and our mission to actively contribute to the kingdom of God by our love, service to others, and dedication to his life, by following his teachings and his directive to proclaim his word to the entire world. The sting of death, now transformed, allows us to recognize, understand, and find solace in his final words in the last chapter of Matthew: "And behold, I am with you always until the end of the age." In human terms, just like losing a treasured loved one, we carry on his legacy and appreciate all that it means and has meant to our lives.

"God will put someone in your path today who doesn't necessarily need you...but who desperately needs Christ in you." (Father Mike Schmitz)

Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

FOUR GRAND CLUB: WEEK 38 WINNERS

Congratulations to this weeks winners:
Nola Tolle, Paul Wostenberg Mark Crosby!

FOOD PANTRY

Serving hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1:00–3:30 PM. Serving North Fairmount, English Woods, Roll Hill Apts., and Millvale every 30 days. See website: www.saint-leo.org or call (513-921-1044) to see if your street is covered. Current proof of residence and photo ID is required.



PROTECT
THEM BOTH

HELP PROTECT

THE DIGNITY OF LIFE IN OHIO

Life in its earliest and most vulnerable stages is threatened by groups proposing an amendment to the Ohio Constitution for the November 2023 ballot to expand and enshrine abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. The Catechism of the Catholic Church proclaims that “human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception.” The Church accompanies and supports women facing unexpected pregnancies and mothers through programs such as Walking with Moms in Need and the services of Catholic Charities.

The bishops of Ohio strongly encourage Catholics statewide to unite in prayer and work to defeat this proposed amendment and its grave consequences for women and preborn children in Ohio. Starting this week, the following **Protect Them Both** materials about the proposed amendment are available in Ohio parishes:

- **Protect Them Both Prayer Card:** Unite with Catholics across Ohio in asking God to strengthen us as we defend and accompany mothers and preborn children.
- **Dignity of Life Threatened in Ohio Flyer:** Learn more about the proposed amendment and what you can do now.

These are the first of many resources that will be available to help defeat the proposed amendment. Learn more about the **Protect Them Both** campaign and access resources at: ohiocathconf.org/protect.



All materials created by the Catholic Conference of Ohio (CCO), in collaboration with the dioceses across Ohio. CCO is the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on public policy, advocating for the dignity of life at all stages, immigrants, Ohioans in need, and Catholic education. www.ohiocathconf.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 29 Hunger Walk
June 4 Server Training, Noon to 1PM
June 7 Youth Group-Art For All People, 12:30-3:30 PM
June 12-16 Youth Group Horse Camp, 8-2PM
June 28 Youth Day with Good Shepherd Church, 9-12:30PM
June 30 Youth Group Cincinnati Zoo
June 20 World Refugee Day
July 8 St. Leo Festival, Noon to 10PM
July 12 Youth Group Summer Fun 9am-12:30
July 14 Youth Group Great Outdoor Expo 9AM –3PM
July 26 Youth Group Movie Day
August 9 Youth Group Summer Fun Day
August 12 Day of HOPE
August 13 Youth Group Kings Island-Teen Service Celebration

Announcement:

*** Teen Volunteering at the Food Pantry
 Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 12:30-3:30 PM
 Please use Sign Up Genius***
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49ADAE28A46-stleosummer1>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



GET INVOLVED IN

ST. LEO'S PARISH LIFE

Our parish is our spiritual home!
 Let's keep her beautiful and prospering! Contact Nicole at the Parish Office or at nicolec@saint-leo.org to volunteer in these ways:

- Be a Mass lay minister: reader, Communion minister, server, usher, greeter, musician, or sing in the choir.
- Clean the sacristy and sanctuary once a month.
- Assist our Administrative Assistant on Monday mornings for 2 hours.
- Help with grounds control: remove debris from hill.
- Manage our social media accounts.
- Teach children songs for our Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass once a month.



HUNGER WALK ST. LEO'S LIGHTING THE WAY

Walk with us or sponsor a student to walk. Go to www.cincinnatihungerwalk.org. Click on Teams to find St. Leo. Monday, May 29



PAPERWORK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Aid with paperwork is available every second and fourth Thursday of the month, from 4:30–6:30 PM. in the church. Get help with mail and filling out forms!

A VOCATION VIEW: Through His death, resurrection and ascension, Christ showed us the path to eternal life. Know that the Lord is with you always, through your struggles and triumphs, and that he will hear your prayers.