

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/JUNE 25, 2023

## ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH



### 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."  
Matthew 10:32

### 12<sup>o</sup> Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Al que se ponga de mi parte ante los hombres, yo me pondré de su parte ante mi Padre de los Cielos."  
Mateo 10:32

### 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.

### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Rodolfo Coaquira, MCCJ, Pastor

Rev. Luca Roso, MCCJ, Parochial Vicar

Jenni Lindgren, Business Manager, Food Pantry Administrator

Nicole Cummings, Development Director

Amanda Randolph, Administrative Assistant

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**

### OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKEND MASS TIMES

#### **Holy Family**

Saturday 4:00 PM English

Sunday 11:00 AM Bilingual

#### **St. Joseph**

Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

English

#### **St. Boniface**

Saturday 4:00 PM English

6:00 PM Spanish

Sunday 9:00 AM Spanish

11:00 AM English

12:30 PM Spanish

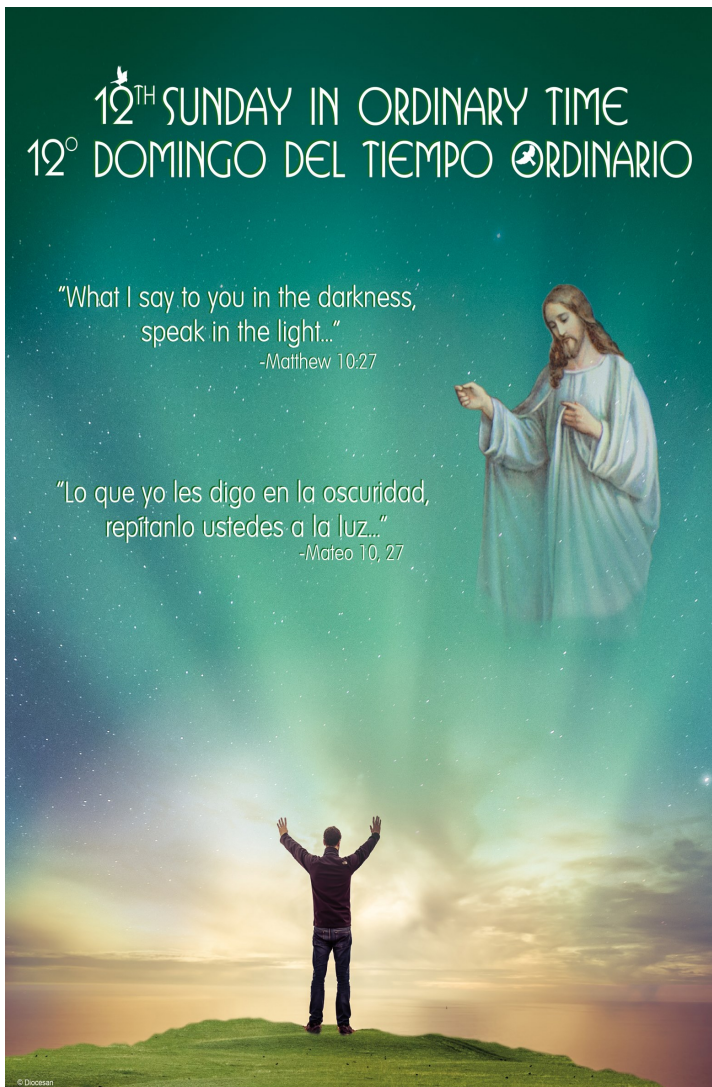
#### **St. Thérèse Little Flower**

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 June 25, 2023

**Saturday, June 24** Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist  
6:00 PM Jer 1:4-10; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17  
For the Intention of the Donor

**Sunday, June 25** Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 AM Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33  
For The People of the Parish

**Monday, June 26** No Service— Gn 12:1-9 ; Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday, June 27** No Service— Gn 13:2, 5-18 ; Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday, June 28**  
11:30 AM Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 ; Mt 7:15-20  
Intention of the Donor

**Thursday, June 29**  
7:00 PM Acts 3:1-10 ; Gal 1:11-20 ; Jn 21:15-19  
Intention of the Donor

**Friday, June 30** No Service — Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 ; Mt 8:1-4

**Saturday, July 1** Saturday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time  
6:00 pm Gn 18:1-15 ; Mt 8:5-17  
For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, July 2** Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 AM 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a ; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 ; Mt 10:37-42  
For the Intention of the Donor

## STEWARDSHIP

**Sunday, June 11, 2023**

Total .....\$2,825.00

**Online Giving Available.** Go to [www.saint-leo.org/donate-now](http://www.saint-leo.org/donate-now) and click on "Donate Now."

**Shop Kroger and Support St. Leo.** Go to [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://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](mailto: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!**

## "We Are Called To Be Action Figures"

### My Sisters and Brothers of the Risen Lord,

With increasing frequency, it is clear that we live in a secular world, where the mere mention of God many times causes our fellow Christians to back away out of fear of reprisals and repercussions. Many of us in the face of expressing our religious views often stay silent because we are afraid our faith might be a personal affront to someone else's disparate and more vocal views. We prevaricate by saying we are Christians, and we are here to love each other. Yet, does this commitment to love and acceptance disqualify us from proclaiming the mission of Christ as he has commissioned us to do?

In these disquiet moments, when we wring our hands, look downward, and decide if we should speak or stay silent, Jesus has said, "Fear no one." Yes, silence is not always golden; sometimes it's the gray, colorless matter we express to concede to the loud voices who do not wish for us to be heard. We operate out of fear as we relinquish the grace and strength given to us by Jesus Christ. We acquiesce, we fold, we sit on our hands, and we allow attitudes of secularity to take a stronger hold on our society.

On this Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, in this last week of June, let us reflect on Matthew's Gospel that continues Jesus's discourse to his apostles, written to coincide with the persecution of the early Christian communities who pursued their faith in the face of great opposition. In Matthew's brief verses, the phrase, "Do not fear," appears three times. Jesus declares, "What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna" (Matthew 10:27-28).

We must continue to pray for the courage and persistence to pursue a course in life that honors Jesus's love and his sacrifice to the world for our salvation. We might want to live in a bubble and not react to the events around us that seem to celebrate the unseemly side of life, yet we are called to be action figures who fight for the faith. We must put into practice what we profess and believe, despite our inclination to promote love and forgiveness. These virtues do not eliminate the need for accountability.

*"Do not fear the conflict, do not flee it, where there is no struggle, there is no virtue, where faith and love are not tempted, it is not possible to be sure whether they are really present. They are proved and revealed in adversity."*—St. John Chrysostom

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Rudy

## FOUR GRAND CLUB: WEEK 43 WINNERS

Congratulations to this weeks winners:  
**Joe Ruter, Carol Hays, & Bill Hartmann!!**

## 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](http://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.

## Food Pantry Monthly Overhead Sponsor

**June**

### In Memory of Ann & Jack Ellis

If you would like to sponsor the food pantry, please contact Nicole at [nicolec@saint-leo.org](mailto:nicolec@saint-leo.org) or 513-921-1044



## Help us Heat Our Church: Fundraising for a New Boiler

Our current goal is to raise funds for the installation of a new boiler in our church. We have successfully collected 72% of the required funds, which amounts to \$40,000. However, we still need an additional \$15,000 to reach our target.

*Together, let's make our church a place of warmth and inspiration. Donate today and help us create a welcoming space for all.*

## ESL CLASSES

Our English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are thriving! You are welcome to join us for an enriching learning experience every Saturday, from 10am to 12pm, held in the church rectory. Feel free to become a part of our inclusive and supportive community as we embark on this language-learning journey together.

## PAPERWORK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Get help with mail and filling out forms! Laura Marsan is a longstanding member of St. Leo, fluent in Spanish, and she can help. Please call 513-921-1044. **By appointment only!**

## Peter's Pence Collection

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression & disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.obolodisapietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisapietro.va/en.html).

**Brogan Hesketh Formal Wear**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**June 28** Youth Day with Good Shepherd Church, 9-12:30PM  
**June 30** Youth Group Cincinnati Zoo

**July 8** St. Leo Culture 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 2** Youth Group-Art For All People, 9:30 AM-1 PM  
**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](mailto:nicolec@saint-leo.org) to volunteer in these ways:

- We are actively seeking sponsors for our culture festival on July 8th, call 513-921-1044
- 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.
- Teach children songs for our Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass once a month.

## Parish Family Communication Corner



## Walk up Produce Pantry

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, 745 Ezzard Charles Dr.**

**2nd Tuesday of every month**

TEFAP Eligibility Guidelines: Household income at or below 200% the federal poverty line.

**Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 11:00am-1:00pm**

**Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 11:00am-1:00pm**

**Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 11:00am-1:00pm**

- Picture ID and current piece of mail necessary for registration.
- Please bring help or cart to carry food

**For more information or to volunteer  
call 513-672-3720**