

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent



ST. LEO CHURCH
A Jesuit Parish



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LITURGY
SCHEDULE

Saturday vigil - 5:00 PM ✠ Sunday - 9:30 AM ✠ 4th Sunday of the Month - 11:30 am
(Native American Mass) Sunday - 1:30 PM (Multilingual Filipino Mass)

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 12:10 PM ✠ Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturdays 4 to 4:30PM
to add someone to our prayer list, please contact cmulligan710@gmail.com

Para información en Español, por favor llame al teléfono (253) 272-5136

Just a reminder: If you have an item for the bulletin please send it to bulletin@stleoparish.org no later than **Wednesday at noon**

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Daily Scripture Readings

20 March 2023 – Monday

St. Joseph

Second Samuel 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Romans 4: 13, 16-18, 22

Matthew 1: 16, 18-21, 24

21 March 2023 – Tuesday

Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12

John 5: 1-16

22 March 2023 – Wednesday

Isaiah 49: 8-15

John 5: 17-30

23 March 2023 – Thursday

St. Toribio De Mogrovejo

Exodus 32: 7-14

John 5: 31-47

24 March 2023 – Friday

Wisdom 2: 1a, 12-22

John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

25 March 2023 – Saturday

Annunciation of the Lord

Isaiah 7: 10-14; 8: 10

Hebrews 10: 4-10

Luke 1: 26-38

26 March 2023 – Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Third

Scrutiny of the Elect

Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Romans 8: 8-11

John 11: 1-45



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Main communication channel

stleoparish.org

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Several posts every week with season reflections and more

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Weekly newsletter with upcoming events information

Sign-up from our website,

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Sacred Heart Parish

LITURGY SCHEDULE

English: *Friday - 8AM ✠ Sunday - 10AM*

Spanish: *Jueves & Sábado - 7PM ✠ Domingo - 8AM, 12PM & 5PM*

"In the end the blind man attains to faith. This is the greatest grace that Jesus grants him: not only to see, but also to know Him, to see in Him "the light of the world." May we, like the blind man who was healed, come to the light, go forward towards the light and be reborn to new life."

~ Pope Francis

Cover art: Ethiopian icon "The Man Born Blind"

March 26 Paolo Laraño, Barbara Schlotfeldt, Rafael Zepeda

March 27 Jan Cochran, Daeli Colleran, Brittany DeWitt, Cathy Hill, Kenneth Johnson, Bill Kogut

March 28 Jared Gasper, Gina McCarthy, Jack McQuade, Mike Valentine, Jimmy West

March 29 Wilford Augustin, Perry Colombini, Mary Haynie, Nelly Martinez, Kenny May, Meera Penalver, Mary Peterson, Stephen Raynolds

March 30 Ainsley Fitzgerald, Greta Jaecklein, Isaac Molina, Timothy Osborne, Estefani Santiago, Beth Stone

March 31 Avila Breneman,, Catherine Fontenot, Kylease Harmon, Carol Norbeck, Elaine Wilson

April 1 Fredy Arevalo-Juarez, Connie Gale, Pat Lamie, Seana Rutledge, Audrey Welch

March 19, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers-

I hope that you had a delightful St. Patrick's celebration.

I want to let you to know that St. Leo has hired Kelsey Johnson as our new office/admin assistant. Kelsey comes to St. Leo with a lot of experience in non-profit organizations and with a Jesuit education from Gonzaga University. She brings to our community a great deal of passion and energy. Please extend a warm welcome when you meet her.

As you read the items in our bulletin, you will see the most recent developments of the Apostolic Planning of Jesuits West. You can review the **Apostolic Directions** and **Questions** that emerged from phase 1 of the planning in the bulletin. St. Leo's Staff and the Parish Council will reflect on the directions provided there and we will provide added feedback to the Province as it continues to discern the direction of Jesuits West. If you wish to participate in this process, as some of you did in the past, let me know via email, and I will share with you how you can be part of this planning process. The deadline to submit feedback is May 1st. This invitation is also open to the parish commissions. The planning process will conclude in June 2023 with a meeting at Loyola Marymount University. A couple of members of our parish will be participating in the meeting.

On April 19th and 27th, the Archdiocese of Seattle will have a zoom meeting for those who wish to take part in the Partners in the Gospel process. If you would like to participate, a signup sheet will be made available soon.

The Archdiocese and the Jesuit Province will have more information in the coming months regarding their plans. In the meantime, should we be having a conversation about this? I been pondering this question and I will continue to think about it as more information is provided and a focus for our conversation becomes clearer.

When I think about the St. Leo's community, I remember the feedback that many of you provided a year and a half ago when we had our Town Hall meeting. I also keep reflecting on the perspectives you provided for the synod, and the synthesis of the synodal sessions of the Archdiocese of Seattle. As a Jesuit parish, we have the four Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Jesuits and the apostolic directions that came from their Apostolic Planning. While we cannot address every challenge, we do have a strong sense of direction. As you think about what St. Leo should be doing or is already doing, these processes should be guiding us.

Have a Blessed Laetare Sunday,

Fr. Elias Puentes

PARKING OPTIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION

Our new roof construction started Tuesday March 14 and is progressing. As the removal of the old roof and new roof construction moves forward, there will be some loss of parking spaces in our parking lot. The rectory driveway, and about 4-6 spaces between the Church NE side and the St. Leo School (CCS) building will not be available this week. In the coming weeks the spaces between the NE side of the church and the school building will be progressively less available. Note on weekdays that the driveway into the parking lot from 13th street may occasionally be blocked for a few hours at a time. Please see the parking map below for alternate parking lots that are available for your use as follows:

- **Bates lots at the corner of 12th (Earnest S. Brazill) and Yakima Saturday and Sunday (not available on weekdays)**
- **CCS lot on 13th and I Street weekends and weekdays.**





Sick: Angela Firman, Lucille Pruett, Mary Van Elk, Kathy Brewer, Anabella Brocke, and Alan Dreyer.

Parish Reconciliation Service

Our parish communal Lenten Reconciliation service will take place in the church on **Tuesday March 21 at 7 pm**. On this Lenten journey, we pray,

“Change our hearts, O Lord, help us to see.”

You are invited to reflect and pray on the Scripture of the Blind Man. There will be 4 priests available for individual confession and a listener available to pray with you if you wish. All are welcome.



MARCH 21	LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE 7:00 PM
MARCH 25	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM
MARCH 26	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MASS 9:30 AM (LIVE STREAMED)
MARCH 26	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MULTILINGUAL MASS 11:30 AM
MARCH 26	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - KATERI 1:30 PM
MARCH 31	LENTEN SOUP AND BREAD SUPPER 6:00 PM (BISCHEL HALL)
MARCH 31	LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:00 PM (IN THE CHURCH)

A head-and-shoulders portrait of Dr. Susan M. Gorman, a woman with short brown hair and bangs, smiling. She is wearing a dark, sleeveless top with a colorful floral pattern and a gold necklace with a circular pendant. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Please visit the [Ignatian Spirituality Center](#) website scroll down and complete the interest form to be notified when registration opens.

St. Leo's Social Justice Page

Advocating for a Just and Sustainable Farm Bill from the 118th U. S. Congress

After the 5:00pm and 9:30am masses NEXT WEEK - **March 25th & 26th** we will be conducting the last postcard writing campaign for the U.S. Farm Bill 2023. The focus will be on supporting a robust Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) and solid support for a robust international food aid component. In the light of House of Representatives trying to cut spending on the "backs of the poor" and the international food crisis due to Russia aggression against Ukraine we need to act!!!

Update: Critical County Council Vote Regarding Housing for Low-Income Citizens

The Pierce County Council will vote on Ordinance 2022-81s on Tuesday, March 21, at their 3pm meeting. A positive vote will release 1/10 of 1% of sales tax revenue to create affordable housing and related services within the County. We are so close to this major victory, but need the help of everyone with the final advocacy push. Please note this tax revenue is an entirely separate issue from the recent outcry over the proposed location of a Community First Village.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION by as many of the following actions as you can:

1. Email the Pierce County Council by Monday, March 20, at PCCOUNCIL@piercecounty.gov, stating that you are in support of Ordinance 2022-81s; share any personal stories you may have as to why you are supportive of the measure.

A sample message:

Dear Pierce County Council Members,

As you undoubtedly realize, our county and greater region are suffering from an affordable housing crisis. Lack of housing is our number one economic development challenge. Our county severely lacks locally dedicated funds to help build affordable housing and related services. For our most vulnerable residents, Pierce County needs 1,200 new permanent supportive housing units over the next 10 years. Every county except Pierce and Mason on the Puget Sound has passed this valuable revenue source. These funds will leverage significant outside funds, yet only cost each of us an additional penny on a \$10 purchase. Please vote yes now so we can begin investing these valuable funds and house people in desperate need of affordable housing.

Sincerely,


Your Name

2. Public Comment (Virtual or in Person) at the final public hearing on Tuesday, March 21 at 3pm. Strong, supportive testimony is needed. Zoom link: piercecountywa.zoom.us/j/97661787423. In person is more effective, however. Go to 930 Tacoma Avenue, 10th floor. The ordinance will be first on the docket and includes a public hearing.

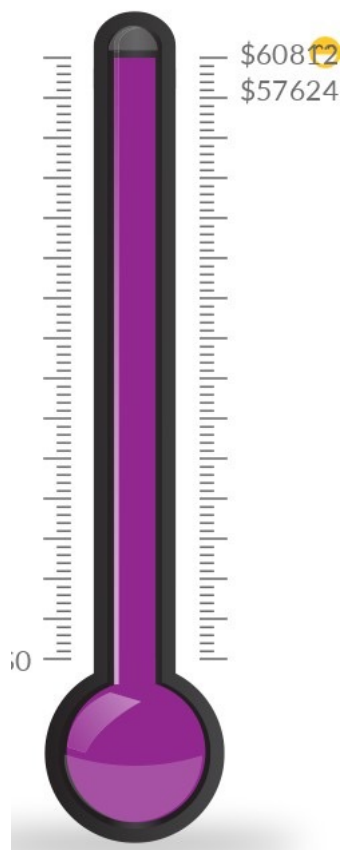
3. Spread the Word! Share this message with your networks via emails and social media.

Thank you for speaking on behalf of those who have no voice!

A flyer on 1/10 of 1% can be found at the back of the church or at the Kiosk.

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Month to Date (MTD): March 2023				
	Period	Donations ¹	Cumulative	% to MTD Budget
	Collections Deposit 3/5/2023	\$ 18,743	\$ 18,743	132%
	Collection Deposit 3/12/2023	\$ 10,746	\$ 29,489	103%
	Collection Deposit 3/19/2023		\$ -	0%
	Collection Deposit 3/26/2023		\$ -	0%
	Collection Deposit 3/31/2023		\$ -	0%
	Estimated Month to Date	\$ 29,489	\$ -	0%
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APOSTOLIC DIRECTIONS AND QUESTIONS

February 9, 2023

The members of the Apostolic Planning Steering Committee read, listened to, and reflected on the reports from the Conversation and Consultation groups that gathered in Jesuit communities and apostolic works during the fall of 2022. On January 11, 2023, the members of the committee met and, for a full day, shared their reflections on these reports in spiritual conversation. On January 12, the committee processed these reflections and discerned four themes that characterize both the experience of the Spirit alive and laboring in the ministries and works of the province, and the future to which the Spirit is calling them.

The Committee also discerned two fundamental questions underlying each of these directions.

Apostolic Directions

1. Grounding our Experience of God through the Spiritual Exercises, Ignatian Spirituality and Ignatian Discernment

- The Spiritual Exercises are experienced as the essential, fundamental and privileged formative tool both for those who minister, and for those who are ministered to. The very identity and mission of the ministry are inextricably tied to and dependent on spiritual formation through the Exercises
- Ignatian Spirituality animates the work itself as well as the day-to-day management, choices and conduct of the work. This expresses itself as a continual search for God in all things, and in an attitude and posture of discipleship.
- Intentional processes for Ignatian Discernment are employed to direct the mission, preferences and choices of the work at every level, including governance, leadership, and implementation.

2. Promoting and Supporting Mutual Collaboration

Collaboration, in its many forms, is experienced as the essential means not only for Jesuit ministries, but for Church ministries in general. This is not understood to be a practice born out of necessity or scarcity, but as a rich, vibrant and graced response to the baptismal call of both Jesuits and lay persons to service and holiness. This experience and call include collaboration:

- between ministries & the Province
- among Jesuits and apostolic colleagues in ministries
- within and across apostolic sectors
- within and across regions
- with the local Church
- with and within the local community

3. Fostering Community and Belonging

The works of the province minister in a context of brokenness, division and alienation, characterized by social and political polarization, economic disparity, social exclusion and distrust of and estrangement from the Church and other institutions. The ministry of healing and reconciliation is experienced as central to these works, thereby creating communities of

belonging, inclusion, mutual ownership, purpose, joy and hope where each individual is cared for and valued.

The focus of the ministry of community and belonging is both internal, as it fosters the growth of community among its members, and external, as it confronts injustice, promotes human dignity, and works for peace and reconciliation beyond its walls, while inviting and welcoming others share in the life of the community.

4. Exercising an Apostolic Preference for Youth and the Marginalized

More than just a response to the Universal Apostolic Preferences, a large number of those engaged in these conversations noted the special urgency, importance and opportunities for ministries that empower us to continue and to find new ways to be intentional and creative about ministry to youth and the marginalized. Central to this are:

- a posture of listening to the experience of youth and marginalized people
- accompanying them through their joys and struggles
- creating spaces to empower their voices

Two Fundamental Questions Underlying Each of the Directions

1. What is (are) the appropriate apostolic model(s) for implementing the mission of the Province in this day and context?

Up until about 50 years ago, the predominant model of furthering the mission of the Society of Jesus in the United States was through institutions and works that it owned and operated (or had substantial control over), and assigning Jesuits to fill most of the ministerial positions. Then over the last 50 years or so, a new model emerged, one of sponsorship of institutions or other works, varying from sector to sector. The Society's sponsorship was exercised in large part through: assignment of men, sharing of financial and other temporal resources, and embedding its charism in the work in collaboration with lay colleagues.

With the Society's decreased ability to assign men and share financial and other temporal resources, in what ways is the existing model still a viable and effective means for implementing the mission? Are there other models to consider and develop?

2. Is there a particular/distinctive mission & role for Jesuits in the vision of Province ministry for the future; what is it?

With decreasing manpower and a larger number of ministerial commitments, there is understandable anxiety about Jesuit assignments being reduced to an exercise in filling slots with a concurrent desire to renew our understanding of and appreciation for the particular charism Jesuits bring to our apostolic works.

As the province considers these four apostolic directions: in what ways can Jesuits be uniquely and effectively prepared and assigned for the furtherance of a mission grounded in these four apostolic directions; what opportunities might there be for nurturing future vocations to the Society?

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Reporting Clergy Sexual Abuse

Society of Jesus

If you or anyone you know has felt victimized by a Jesuit at any time, please contact Mary Pat Panighetti, advocacy coordinator for Jesuits West, at 408-893-8398 or mppanighetti@jesuits.org, and appropriate law enforcement and child-protective agencies.

La Provincia anima a cualquier persona que se haya sentido victimizada por un jesuita comunicarse con Mary Pat Panighetti, Coordinadora de Apoyo para la Provincia Jesuita del Oeste, al 408-893-8398 o mppanighetti@jesuits.org, y también con las autoridades apropiadas y agencias de protección infantil.

Archdiocese of Seattle

Anyone who has knowledge of sexual abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy, an employee or volunteer of the Archdiocese of Seattle is urged to call the archdiocesan hotline at 1-800-446-7762. The Archdiocese of Seattle has a longstanding commitment to transparency, accountability and assistance to persons sexually abused by clergy or by anyone working on behalf of the Church.

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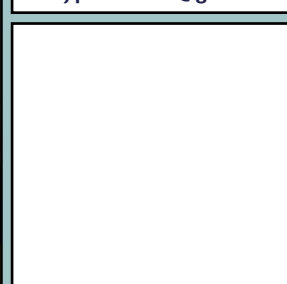
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