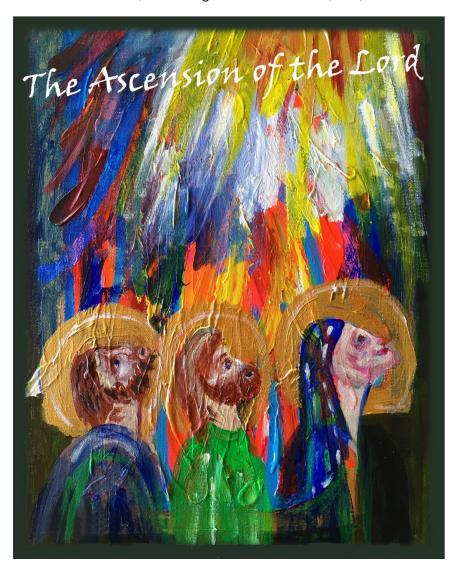
The Ascension of the Lord



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SCHEDULE SCHEDULE

Saturday vigil - 5:00 PM Sunday - 9:30 AM 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 phoroughs@stleoparish.org

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

St. Leo Parish is a safe & welcoming place for the LGBTQA community

Daily Scripture Readings

22 May 2023 – Monday St. Rita of Cascia

First Reading: Acts 19: 1-8
Gospel: John 16: 29-33

23 May 2023 – Tuesday

First Reading: Acts 20: 17-27 Gospel: John 17: 1-11a

24 May 2023 - Wednesday

First Reading: Acts 20: 28-38 Gospel: John 17: 11b-19

Sts. Venerable Bede Gregory VII

First Reading: Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11 Gospel: John 17: 20-26

26 May 2023 – Friday St. Philip Neri

First Reading: Acts 25: 13b-21 Gospel: John 21: 15-19

27 May 2023 – Saturday St. Augustine of Canterbury

First Reading: Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31

Gospel: John 21: 20-25

28 May 2023 – Sunday Pentecost

1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-11
2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13 Gospel: John 20: 19-23 A M
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St. Leo Church

A Jesuit Parish

...a **Catholic** community centered in the Eucharist, enriched by diversity, committed to Gospel values, and continually seeking to be Christ's servant presence in the world.

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Main communication channel stleoparish.org

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eNewsFlash

Weekly newsletter with upcoming events information Sign-up from our website, scroll down to the bottom of any page

Sacred Heart Parish

SCHEDULE SCHEDULE

English: Friday - 8AM 🕏 Sunday - 10AM

Spanish: Jueves & Sábado - 7PM

■ Domingo - 8AM, 12PM & 5PM

"After descending into our humanity and redeeming it, now Jesus ascends to heaven, taking our flesh with Him. But this Ascension is not an abandonment, because Jesus remains forever with the disciples - with us, through the Holy Spirit." Pope Francis

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- May 28 Rachel Briere, Nathanael Clemons, Genevieve Dett<mark>mer,</mark> Aa<mark>liyah H</mark>ardy, Bob Hitchcock, Zea Mendoza, Molly Rudd, Dolores Tovar-Leon
- May 29 Elizabeth Drew, Madeleine Farrell, Eleanor Home, Anita Staeheli
- May 30 Keyna Graham-Heine, Alberto Gutierrez, Emily Ignacio, Rosemary Jones, Peter Matthew, Dennis Orteza, Mark Repp, Grace Templin
- May 31 Jack Carusello, Anna Davidson, Michelle Griffith, Shamus McQuade, Michelle Sullivan
- June 1 Molly Home, Tiffany Mojarab, Christina Rogers, Dawn Sagle, Gloriose Sakubu-Rothrock
- June 2 Mark Bader, Les Leise, Dean Saucedo, Ruben Velazquez
- June 3 Pato Aravena, Griselda Barrera-Arevalo, Catrina Funk, Bill Johnson, Hannah Kooima, Bob Titland

Dear Brothers and Sisters-

As we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, let us remember the victims of the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas. A year ago, on the Feast of the Ascension, we prayed for Makenna Lee Elrod, Maranda Mathis, Layla Salazar, Nevaeh Bravo, Jose Manuel Flores, Xavier Lopez, Tess Marie Mata, Rojelio Torres, Eliahna "Ellie" Amyah Garcia, Eliahna Torres, Annabell Guadalupe Rodriguez, Jacklyn Cazares, Uziyah Garcia, Jayce Carmelo Luevanos, Maite Yuleana Rodriguez, Jailah Nicole Silguero, Irma Garcia, Eva Mireles, Amerie Jo Garza, Alexandrian "Lexi" Aniyah Rubio, and Alithia Ramirez. These children, and their two teachers were the victims of gun violence in 2022 at Robb Elementary School. Let us also pray for Salvador R. Ramos, the young man who committed the atrocity. We lament the loss of these innocent lives. We must never forget.

Next weekend, we will gather to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. This will be a celebration of the manifestation of the Spirit to a diverse group of people. Come and join the celebration of the outpouring of the Spirit.

As we celebrate the diversity and many gifts of our community, I want to share some updates regarding St. Leo's staff. Adriana Julian will be joining the staff as a full-time member. She will divide her time between Faith Formation for children and youth, Pastoral Care, and weddings. I am grateful for her willingness to meet the different needs of the parish. Eileen McCaffery-Lent will be the support person for liturgical ministry. This will not be a full-time position. Eileen will log-in hours as needed. I am also grateful to her for her willingness to support the liturgical ministry of the parish. I have also modified Rick Samyn's responsibilities. Rick will continue to support and oversee Social Services. He will do it in a more collaborative manner with the dedicated group of volunteers offering direct services to those seeking assistance from St. Leo. This will free him to oversee our facilities. Again, I am grateful for his dedication and generosity. We are still searching for the person to assume Pat Keely's position. This has been a difficult role to fill. Pat will be away in June for a much-deserved break.

There are some exciting events coming up. On June 4th, **Ellie Hidalgo** will visit us via Zoom after the 9:30 Mass to talk about the role of woman in a synodal church. The gathering will be in the Bix. Look for more information in the bulletin.

On the 11th of June, after the 9:30 Mass, we will have a celebration of gratitude to acknowledge the blessings of the year.

On the weekend of June 24th & 25th, we will hold parish community gatherings after the 5:00 PM and the 9:30 AM Masses. The purpose of the meetings is for us to reflect on "us" as a parish community. We will be posting the reflection questions and further details about the "shape and focus" of the meetings in the bulletin soon. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to call me.

The Ascension of the Jesus is not about his absence from us. The reality of God is not above the clouds. As we celebrate with Pentecost and the sending of the Spirit, our gracious God moves among us and sends us out to be servants of and witnesses to Christ. Have a blessed Feast of the Ascension.

Fr. Elias Puentes, S.J



Sick: Norita Martin, Pat and Theron Tison, Tim Gimlin and Doug O'Brien.

Deceased: We continue to pray for the families and friends of John Leahy and Diane Gallagher as they celebrate their new life in Christ.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY 27	PENTECOST VIGIL MASS – 5:00 PM		
MAY 28	PENTECOST - 9:30 AM (LIVE STREAMED)		
MAY 28	PENTECOST PARTY - FOLLOWING 9:30 MASS IN THE BIX		
MAY 28	PENTECOST - KATERI - 1:30 PM		
JUNE 3	FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY VIGIL - 5:00 PM		
JUNE 4	FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY VIGIL - 9:30 AM (LIVE STREAMED)		
JUNE 4	FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY VIGIL - KATERI - 1:30 PM		



Free spiritual direction next year!

Looking for a couple of people who would like to receive free spiritual direction next year with Christine Still, OSF. I am part of a spiritual direction training program out of the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Portland, OR. I will be supervised by a trained director but confidentiality will be maintained.

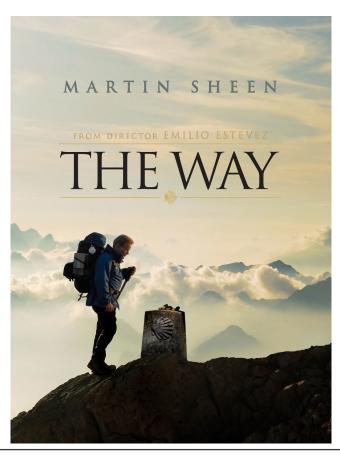
Contact Sr. Chris at stillc@juno.com if you're interested.

"PILGRIMAGE: a journey often into an unknown place where a person goes in search of a new or expanded meaning of self."

Since we are on a journey into the unknown through **Partners in the Gospel,** the FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION chose to focus on PILGRIMAGE via the Spring Book Club and a **FREE MOVIE.** *THE WAY*, directed by Emilio Estevez and starring Martin Sheen, is the story of a pilgrimage that draws grief to the surface, where laughter and friendship replace cynicism and healing is the end result.

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Doors open at 6 PM, Pilgrimage talk at 6:15, Movie begins at 6:30





"We do not obtain the most precious gifts by going in search of them, but by waiting for them."
-Simone Weil

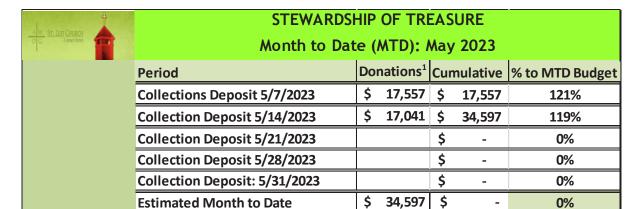
As we prepare for Pentecost we are encouraged to wait upon the Holy Spirit with open hands and heart.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come. Awaken us to you. Enliven us with the desire to desire you in our lives. Come, O Holy Spirit, inspire us, infuse us and enlighten us with your gifts.

May we know you permeate the air around us.

O God, may You bless us with every gift of Your Spirit. Amen.





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We are Grateful for your Donations.

Greetings St. Leo Parishioners,

Pastoral Council election season is upon us!

On the following pages, you will see brief bios of each of the six candidates nominated for this year's election.

We have two positions which we will be filling this year.

The election will be held at Mass on June 10 and 11. You must be a registered St. Leo parishioner to vote.

On those weekend masses, you will be provided with a ballot to submit your two choices.

If you will not be present at that weekend mass (or if you attend Mass via an online stream) you can vote by calling or emailing council member Marcia Matthaei at (253) 686-4543 or mcmatthaei@aol.com, giving your name and the names of your two choices.

Voting will close promptly at 3 PM on Sunday, June 11.

In Service,

Your St. Leo Pastoral Council

Pastoral Council Nominee - Cyra Benedict



Hello! If we haven't met, I'm Cyra (pronounced Sigh-ra), and my family has been involved at St. Leo for the past couple of years. My husband Matthew is a lector and serves on the Facilities Commission and our son Caedmon is preparing for his 1st Communion!

I hold a Master's Degree in Education, I was a public high school teacher for 7 years, and now work in large-scale convention management; where I am also part of my company's diversity, equity, and inclusion committee. Also, I thoroughly enjoy being part of the music ministry at St. Leo and I'm excited by this opportunity to further serve the St. Leo community.

St. Leo is a special place where people from all over the world come to worship, and together we enrich one another's faith. I look forward to continuing this work of inclusiveness as we strive to be a shining example of One Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, United in Christ and in our love and care for each other.

Thank you.

Cyra Benedict

Pastoral Council Nominee Sarah Templin



Greetings, my name is Sarah Templin. For over 15 years, I have been a member of our church community. I am married to my husband, Scott, and have two middle-school aged kids, Grace and Samuel, who you can usually find helping during mass or participating in faith formation classes.

I am a nurse practitioner with 15 years of experience in health care, but I am currently a homemaker. I enjoy traveling, cooking, gardening, hiking, and skiing with my family in the winter.

I have a deep commitment to our parish, and I am active in various ministries; including faith formation, serving as a Eucharistic Minister, packing lunches for the backpack program at the Food Connection, aiding our sponsored Afghan family assimilate to life here in the US, and occasionally helping the Arts & Environment team beautifully decorate the church. I have consistently shown a willingness to help whenever needed and I am honored and excited about the potential to serve on the Pastoral Council.

I have a heart for serving others and a passion for creating a welcoming and inclusive environment in our church. I strongly believe in the importance of building relationships and fostering a sense of community among our members.

As a candidate for the Pastoral Council, I am dedicated to working collaboratively with fellow council members and our pastor to discern the needs of our parish and to develop plans and initiatives to meet those needs.

I am committed to upholding the mission and values of our church and am eager to serve in this leadership role. I encourage you to consider me for a Pastoral Council seat.

Thank you.

Pastoral Council Nominee John Landy



Hello,

I am honored to be nominated to the Pastoral Council at St. Leo's Parish. I would consider it a privilege to serve the St. Leo's faith community and its neighbors.

St. Leo's active commitment to social justice, diversity and sharing in the presence of God has bolstered my faith. I am grateful that St. Leo's has been a spiritual home for me and my family for 17 years.

I am a retired clinical social worker and my career spans providing outreach to unhoused mentally ill adults at homeless shelters and working in a hospital Emergency Department, Women's and Children's Clinics primarily serving refugees, Hospital Adult ICU's and a Children's Hospital Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a MSW Degree and a Graduate Degree from Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry.

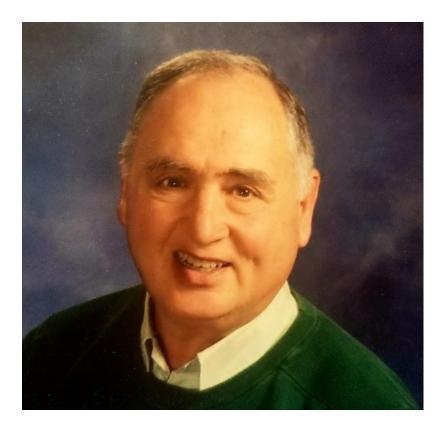
Locally, my children and I have volunteered at Food Connection and L'Arche. Through St. Leo's Youth Ministry, I accompanied my children on two volunteer trips to Youth Migrant Project and co-managed one YMP volunteer trip when St Leo's was without a Youth Minister. For one year in 2016-17, my children and I relocated to a small town in Southern rural Ecuador where my wife, Dr. Kate Landy, volunteered full-time at a Catholic Mission Medical Clinic that serves the local indigenous Shuar and Saraguro people.

I believe that as individuals we find God's grace through others.

Thank you.

John Landy

Pastoral Council Nominee Jerry Schumacher



Hello, my name is Jerry Schumacher. My wife, Mary, and I have been married for 56 years raising three boys and three girls and blessed with nine grandchildren. Mileposts in my faith journey are baptism and communion as a young Baptist.

After my marriage to Mary, I joined the Catholic church in the RCIA program 48 years ago. Along this journey are Encounter and Carrillo weekends, charismatic prayer meetings, parish renewals, retreats, and Jesuit high school encounters.

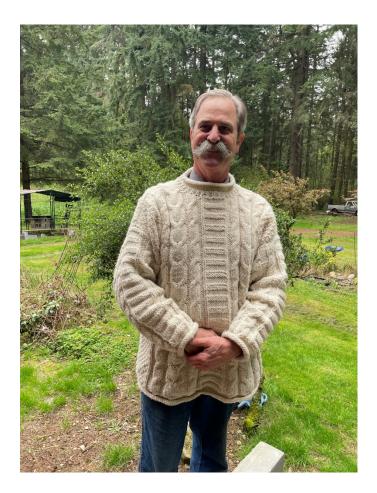
After retiring as an auditor and accountant, I prepared taxes for a non-profit offering free service to low income and elderly clients and oversaw the operations of ten locations in King County taxes.

For eight years, Mary and I have been members of St. Leo's Parish. We also are part of the Clothing Boutique and help assist those in need and are members of Jesuit Volunteer Encorps right here at St. Leo. At St. Leo, I have been active in the men's Anam Cara meetings and a part of the Advent and Lenten small faith sharing group in Federal Way. I'm serving on the Stewardship Commission assisting with the Ministry Fairs, welcoming of new parishioners, and organizing the Soup, Salad and Bread dinner that preceded the Stations of the Cross liturgy this year.

My vision of St. Leo is of a growing parish rejoicing in God's love. We are multicultural, young, elderly, working families and retirees attending mass on Saturday evening, Sunday morning and via streaming telecasts.

I look forward to more opportunities where we can all come together.

Pastoral Council Nominee Gregor Smith



Hello, my name is Gregor Smith and I have attended St. Leo's since the early 1970's and my grandfather was also a parishioner in the 1950's. Now, going on 50 years being a parishioner, I have a history and understanding of St. Leo's Parish and the local community. Ignatian Spirituality has been my foundation, and this is seen through my work and volunteer experience.

I started serving the community in 1958, with working with people with impairments, then from 1974 to 1996, I worked in social services, The Mennonite Central Committee, The Jesuit Formation, L'Arche, The BC Human Rights Coalition, Tacoma Human Rights Commission, Catholic Worker, and several liturgical roles.

My focus as a servant leader has always been serving the poor. When I was working for the Catholic Worker, I remember one day, someone telling me, "I always see you working with the poor" and this has followed me throughout the years. Also, I offer unique perspectives from several vantage points on spirituality, family, age, social, and historical that can help with the Pastoral Commission.

Pastoral Council Nominee Emily Noelle Sanchez Ignacio



Hello everyone! My name is Emily Noelle Sanchez Ignacio, and I was born in Canada, grew up in Chicago, and, for a time, was graced with the opportunity to integrate my Roman Catholic faith and sociological training as a professor at Loyola University Chicago (a Jesuit university) and as a tutor, program coordinator, and board member at the Peace Corner Youth Center (PCYC). The PCYC is a community center developed as safe haven from gang violence and drug dealing which plagued the youth in the Austin neighborhood.

In 2005, I was hired to develop 4-year programs at the University of Washington Tacoma, and, upon arrival, sought a church which would help me to find God and Good in all things, seek to proclaim God's glory in all that we do, and honestly examine my day in relation to these two things. Luckily, one of my colleagues suggested I attend a mass at St. Leo's Parish. I knew I found Home when I heard Fr. Steve Lantry end every mass by asking all of us to "love and serve God by loving and serving others" and, also, when I was encouraged to participate in Lightworks, a weekly examen led by Fr. Jim Harbaugh held from Christmas Season through Lent.

Soon after, I became a member of the Social Justice Commission, and learned much about both local and global needs from Fr. Bix, Mary Bradford, Judy Jones and, of course, Rick Samyn. In addition, I was – and am still - trained as a Lector by Sr. Pat Michalek, I and also serve as a Eucharistic Minister usually for 5pm mass. Recently, I was trained as an acolyte, and I hope to serve whenever needed. I have also participated in the RCIA program (sponsoring two former students), Faith Formation, our Annual Fair Trade Fair, Simbang Gabi masses and the monthly Filipino American Multilingual Mass. I am honored to take care of my mom and I love to watch baseball (especially Chicago Cubs games) with her. I also love to play with my sometimes ornery 14 year old rescue cat (Babycat) and with my 6 month old American Bully puppy (Oscar). I am grateful and blessed to have had the opportunity to integrate and develop all aspects of my life – my work as a sociologist, my family and cultural traditions, and, most of all, my faith and spirituality— with all of you at St. Leo's Parish for the past 18 years. I am greatly humbled to have been nominated for service in the pastoral council.

Pastoral Council

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Sr. Pat Michalek
Pat Toohey
Tom Trunk

"We acknowledge with gratitude and humility that St. Leo parish is on the unceded territory of the Puyallup Tribe which our indigenous sisters and brothers have recognized as sacred and have cared for throughout the generations."

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