August 20, 2023

St. Leo Church
A Jesuit Parish

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Always love thy neighbor as yourself.

☐ 100% heart
☒ 100% mind
☐ 100% soul
☒ 500% of my strength in loving God.

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 4:30 PM

to add someone to our prayer list, please contact pboroughs@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 LGBTQ+ community
Daily Scripture Readings

21 August 2023 – Monday
ST. Pius X
First Reading: Judges 2: 11-19
Gospel: Matthew 19: 16-22 Judg

22 August 2023 – Tuesday
Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
First Reading: Judges 6: 11-24a
Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16 Judg

23 August 2023 – Wednesday
St. Rose of Lima
First Reading: Judges 9: 6-15
Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16 Judg

24 August 2023 – Thursday
St. Bartholomew
First Reading: Revelation 21: 9b-14
Gospel: John 1: 45-51

25 August 2023 – Friday
St. Louis
First Reading: Ruth 1: 1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Gospel:
Matthew 22: 34-40

26 August 2023 – Saturday
First Reading:
Ruth 2: 1-3, 8-11; 4: 13-17
Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-12

27 August 2023 – Sunday
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading: Isaiah 22: 19-23
Second Reading: Romans 11: 33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Sacred Heart Parish

English: Friday - 8AM ✫ Sunday - 10AM
Spanish: Jueves & Sábado - 7PM ✫ Domingo - 8AM, 12PM & 5PM

“Acts of love are a gift for those who do them, even before they benefit those who receive them.

For whatever we hoard for ourselves will be lost, while whatever we give out of love will be our treasure in heaven.

When we don’t waste time complaining about things, but are concerned about meeting people’s needs, doing so joyfully and trusting in God’s providence, then wonderful things will happen.”

- Pope Francis, August 2023
Sick: Maureen Gerard, Annabella Brock, and Tom Erskine

Deceased: Laurie Vanderpool, Beth Maslow, Andrea Thompson-Benton and Robert Rothwell

We pray for all who have gone before us in Faith

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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St. Phoebe the Deacon Day!
Sept. 2/3, 2023 Liturgies

Together we will...
• Pray for the global synod through the intercession of St. Phoebe the Deacon
• Celebrate women’s diaconal gifts for ministry
• Witness to the “critical and urgent” need to “rethink women’s participation” in the Church (a Vatican synod document)

In October 2023, members of the Synodal Assembly will gather in Rome for the Universal Phase of the Global Synod on Participation, Communion, and Mission. They will discern what steps the Holy Spirit invites us (the universal Church) to take to grow as a synodal Church.

During the first listening and consultation phase, a critical and urgent theme that surfaced from listening to millions of people around the globe is rethinking women’s participation.

CONSEQUENTLY, Catholic parishes are invited to join a group called Discerning Deacons in prayer for our universal Church on the Feast of St. Phoebe this month.

By celebrating Phoebe Day and inviting women to give a scripture reflection or offer a witness testimony at a liturgy, parishes and other Catholic institutions will collectively join to pray for the global synod, celebrate women’s diaconal gifts for ministry, and witness to the critical and urgent need to rethink women’s participation in the Church.

At our parish, Sr. Chris Still will provide witness and Scripture reflection on the weekend of Sept. 2/3. Prayer cards will be distributed at the Masses.

Why: Since establishing his first commission to study the possibility of women deacons in 2016, Pope Francis has been in active discernment about whether to allow for women deacons. Now he’s expanded his listening beyond the borders of papal commissions to include the entire People of God during the global synod. The Vatican document synthesizing what was heard around the globe during the first phase of the synod, “Enlarge the Space of Your Tent,” devoted six paragraphs to “rethinking women’s participation,” noting that women’s full participation in the life of the Church emerged as a critical and urgent concern all over the world.

Now, All the People of God are invited to receive and discern the will of the Holy Spirit in light of this document, especially within our parishes and local communities, as we continue to journey together in synod leading up to the synodal gathering of bishops and laypersons in Rome in October 2023.

Phoebe Day celebrations in September 2023 are opportunities for parishes and communities to prayerfully respond to this invitation and to bear witness to the critical and urgent need to rethink women’s participation in the Church in advance of the gathering in Rome the following month.

More Information: Visit www.discerningdeacons.org or contact Anna Robertson at anna@discerningdeacons.org.
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MINISTRY FAIR
2023

Grow and deepen your spiritual life and share your gifts of time and talent.

The 2023 St Leo Ministry Fair takes place September 9th and 10th during Spirit Mass weekend.

Join us in the Bix before and after Saturday Mass and Sunday Mass.

Find out more about all the ministries that St Leo has to offer:
• Social Justice
• Faith Formation
• Liturgy
• Pastoral Care
• Food Connection and more…

Come learn all the ways you can be involved!

We all have gifts to offer, and service is one more way we can return these gifts to God.

You won't want to miss it!

For more information contact Mike Hoag, Stewardship chair, mhoag8@live.com

Peace,

Stewardship Commission
St. Leo Social Justice Page

Social Supportive Services Re-Opens on Tuesday August 15th!

If you are interested in helping with the Clothing Boutique or Social Supportive Services

• Please Contact Rick Samyn at: socialministry@stleoparish.org
• OR 253-272-5136 #102 or TEXT to: 253 229-4114

The L’Honey Project: Youth Garden and Honey Harvest

Honey Harvest and Hive Products:

We are in the process of harvesting honey and the making of our soaps.
I anticipate a modest honey harvest but hope to make our “break even” harvest of 500 pounds of honey.

• Proceeds of the sale of our hive products go to support: St. Leo Youth Eco-Projects, L’Arche Farm and of course the health and well being of our Honey Bees!!!

Calendar Reminder of St. Leo Berry Fest on Sunday August 27th!

NOTE: It is Black Berry Harvest Time!!!

Support L’Honey by picking blackberries and donating them to L’Honey for us to make Jam!!!

----Just pick berries and drop them off at the rectory or church for processing!!!!----

Youth Garden continues to grow fuller and greener each day!

• We even started a new product to sell: “St. Isadore’s Pickled Beets”

• This week we planted the fall crop of beets with the hopes of an October harvest and a beet pickling workshops for our St Leo Youth & Families.

• For more information on our gardening/environmental efforts:
Please Contact Rick at: (253) 229-4114 (TEXT/VM)
or email at: larchellhoneybeekeeping@gmail.com
• Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?

• Do you have a friend or family member that is curious about the Catholic Faith?

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

is for adults who wish to explore becoming Catholic

Beginning on Sunday, August 6th—members of St Leo’s RCIA Ministry will be in the hospitality area along with Faith Formation sign-up tables to greet you and answer any questions you may have on becoming Catholic.

Here are the following dates that RCIA will be present after the 9:30 AM Mass

• August 6th
• August 13
• August 20
• August 27th

Thank you,

Jerry Waterhouse
RCIA Coordinator
We are looking for volunteers who can help with a variety of support roles! Curious how you might be able to help? Don't hesitate to reach out for more information.

CONTACT:
ST. LEO FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS

Adriana Julian  253-272-5136 Ext. 106
For More Information
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JOIN US FOR

- K-6 Religious Education
- 7-12th Grade Youth Ministry
- Sacraments

FOR MORE INFORMATION :
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faithformation@stleoparish.org
Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States Denounces the Nicaraguan Government’s Seizure of the University of Central America

The Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States is alarmed and troubled by the unjust confiscation of the University of Central America (UCA) in Managua by the government of Nicaragua. The UCA is internationally known for providing an outstanding education to thousands of students in the Jesuit and Catholic tradition since its founding in 1960. The seizure of the university is a blatant violation of academic and religious freedom.

We stand in solidarity with the Jesuits of Nicaragua and the faculty, staff and students of the UCA in rejecting the false accusations made against the university and in condemning the government's actions.

We echo the call of the Jesuit Central American Province for the Nicaraguan government to reverse and correct its decision and to end the aggression against the UCA community. We ask the United States and Canadian governments to join us in denouncing this grave injustice and in insisting on a just resolution. We pray that truth, justice, dialogue and freedom will prevail.

Fr. Sean Carroll, SJ
Provincial, USA West Province

Fr. Thomas P. Greene, SJ
Provincial, USA Central and Southern Province

Fr. Karl Kiser, SJ
Provincial, USA Midwest Province

Fr. Joseph M. O’Keefe, SJ
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Central American Province of the Society of Jesus

In Defense of Truth, Justice, Freedom, and the Right to Education and in Support of the UCA of Nicaragua.

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you." - Matthew 5:11

The Central American Province of the Society of Jesus, in view of the situation that the Central American University (UCA) of Managua is experiencing, expresses the following to the Nicaraguan and international community:

1. The grave accusations against the Jesuit University of Nicaragua contained in the official letter issued by the Tenth Criminal District Court, District of Managua, on August 15, 2023, in which it is described as a “center of terrorism,” is accused of having “betrayed the trust of the Nicaraguan people,” and of “having transgressed the constitutional order, the legal order, and the order that governs the institutions of higher education in the country” are totally false and unfounded. The de facto confiscation of the UCA is the price to pay for the search for a more just society, protecting the life, truth, and freedom of the Nicaraguan people, in line with its motto: The truth will set you free (John 8:32).

2. The prestigious teaching and research work carried out by the University during its 63 years of existence has been recognized nationally and internationally and has been carried out in accordance with the educational tradition of the Society of Jesus and the guidelines of the Catholic Church.

3. This new government aggression against the University is not an isolated event; it is part of a series of unjustified attacks against the Nicaraguan population and other educational and social institutions of civil society that are generating a climate of violence and insecurity and exacerbating the country’s sociopolitical crisis. Since April 2018, as a consequence of its stance in defense of the lives of people who were being repressed by state and parapolice forces, the UCA has been the object of constant assault, harassment, and intimidation by Nicaraguan government institutions expressed through mechanisms such as the non-extension of certifications necessary for its operation by the Ministry of the Interior, the National Council for Evaluation and Accreditation (CNEA), and the National Council of Universities (CNU); the last of these excluded the UCA from the member universities of this body that benefit from the 6% earmarked for higher education.

4. It is a government policy that is systematically violating human rights and seems to be oriented at consolidating a totalitarian state.

5. It is necessary and essential that our University be allowed to exercise its inalienable right to legitimate defense against said accusations.
6. The UCA of Nicaragua and the Jesuits living in that country have the full support of the Province of Central America.

We hold the Government of Nicaragua responsible for all damages against the students, academic and administrative staff, and other workers of the University, and the cultural heritage of the country that derive from such an unjustified accusation and from the order to confiscate all unmovable and movable property and economic assets of the University in favor of the State of Nicaragua.

We ask the Government of Nicaragua:

1. To immediately reverse and correct the drastic, unexpected and unjust measures adopted by the judiciary.

2. To cease the growing government aggression against the University and its members.

3. That a rational solution be sought in which truth, justice, dialogue, and the defense of academic freedom prevail.

We reiterate the commitment of the Society of Jesus with the Nicaraguan people in favor of an inclusive quality education, inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We thank the university community of the UCA for its courage, dedication, and commitment. Likewise, we recognize the displays of national and international solidarity in the face of the unjust situation that the UCA is experiencing.

God is the one who has the last word on history and will also have it on Nicaragua.

San Salvador, El Salvador, Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Central American Province of the Society of Jesus
August 13, 2023

Dear Parish Community-

I am making public the letter that I shared with Fr. Sean Carrol, Provincial of Jesuits West. This letter represented the input you provided in our last community gathering. My purpose for sending the letter to Fr. Sean was to help him and help the Partners in the Gospel process as we all discern our evolving parish family plan. The letter can be found in the online bulletin.

I know that Fr. Phil and I have mentioned Partners in the Gospel a lot. By now you might want to know who St. Leo’s parish family partner will be. Well, you do not have to wait too long. At the end of September, this information will be made public across the Archdiocese for parish input. We are opening four input sessions at St. Leo for your comments, so please sign up for one.

Make sure to sign up for monthly updates regarding Partners in the Gospel by visiting the St. Leo’s webpage. If you need assistance, call Kelsey Johnson @ 253.272.5136 EXT 107.

St. Leo, along with other churches in the Archdiocese, will be celebrating the Feast of St. Phoebe in the month of September. Our celebration will take place on September 2nd and 3rd at our weekend Masses. This will be an occasion to recognize and honor the ministerial roles and leadership of women in the Church, particularly in our parish community. More information will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

See you all Sunday online or in-person for the baptism of seven children!

Fr. Elias Puentes
Dear Sean,

Greetings from the people of St. Leo Parish. At this very significant season of research and planning for the Church in Western Washington and for the Society of Jesus, we would like to share with you some reflections on our identity and our hoped-filled future as a Jesuit parish.

Following recent and difficult transitions in Jesuit presence and leadership at the parish, the historic upheaval caused by the pandemic, the graces and challenges of the Synodal Process, and now the Partners in the Gospel program consolidating the parishes of the Archdiocese of Seattle, the people of St. Leo Parish would like you to know what our identity as a Jesuit parish means to us.

6 weeks ago, parishioners were given 3 questions to pray over for a few weeks and then invited to participate in one of 2 sessions to articulate:

- “Who is St. Leo’s serving now and whom should we serve?”
- “What does St. Leo’s provide that is unique in the ministry of the local Church?”
- “What fears and hopes do we have for our future as a parish?”

Over 150 parishioners participated in these sessions in person and their responses were recorded, while others sent their reflections in writing. This letter is based on their input.

Over many years, St. Leo has drawn parishioners from an ever-widening geographical area which now stretches from Olympia to Federal Way, from Gig Harbor to Puyallup, Sumner and even Seattle. People join this faith community because of our thoughtful and challenging liturgies, our service to our poor and disadvantaged neighbors, our commitment to inclusion and acceptance, and our lived Jesuit spirituality which permeates all our endeavors.

There is a unique vitality to this community as it addresses both spiritual needs and social concerns in ways which are engaged, prophetic, and informed by prayerful discernment and decision-making. We are recognized as a welcoming community which embraces diverse cultures, ethnicities, and identities with special attention paid to the role of women, the laity, the elderly, and the LGBTQA+ community. We also have specific liturgical commitments to the Native American, Spanish-speaking, and Filipino
communities. Our Faith formation programs are growing significantly and bringing with them bilingu

We have yet to address all their needs and concerns. With the retirement of Fr. Pat Twohy, S.J. our relationship with the Native American community undoubtedly will change, and with the development of hundreds of new apartments and condos in downtown Tacoma, we clearly need to discern how we will engage the students, younger families, and retired couples who are being drawn to live here.

What we have done extraordinarily well is develop support services for many of the challenged communities of our city and region. Those who are homeless and those who struggle with addiction are served through Nativity House, its residential and meal programs, and several outreach projects, as well as our Community Health Clinic and Clothing “Bouque.”

The Food Connection provides over $3 million annually in groceries to struggling families and individuals regionally, with special outreach projects to those who can’t easily come to us, and meal programs for children in various schools and communities. In each of these programs which originated within the parish, we now work closely with Catholic Community Services to respond to ever-increasing needs. Rick Samyn, our parish social worker, specifically serves those who are homeless, who don’t know how to engage governmental systems, or who struggle with appropriate documentation issues. Historically, we have been a parish where L’Arche communities feel included and welcome and where Jesuit Volunteers and the Catholic Worker Community are drawn to live and work.

As a Catholic community centered on the Eucharist and sacramental life, we celebrate thoughtful and engaging liturgies which recognize the role of the laity, and particularly the unique gifts of women. The challenges articulated by the Synodal process and the implications of the Partners in the Gospel process will need parishes like St. Leo to demonstrate what is possible and to provide opportunities to explore what yet needs to be accomplished for even greater effectiveness in serving God’s people. Our long support for SEEL, Ignatian spirituality, different forms of lay ministry, and the practice of discernment have been critical in our evolution and growth over many decades. In more recent years, with the inclusion of Sacred Heart Parish and Elias Puentes’ leadership, we continue to explore ways of promoting our Jesuit identity with each other and with Bellarmine. While several of the Jesuits at Bellarmine have been very generous in their sacramental support to St. Leo, institutionally there is more work to be done to bring together the Jesuit ministries of Tacoma. The addition of Greg Celio, SJ and Aaron Engebretson, SJ to our Jesuit community opens new possibilities for further engagement. Because priests are no longer available for focused ministry in Tacoma’s hospitals, parish priests are scheduled with on-call responsibilities at them, and most parishes have pastoral relationships with nearby retirement and nursing facilities, as well as the elderly living independently in our
neighborhoods. Phil Boroughs, S.J. and a group of parish lay ministers are very involved in this ministry.

As the first Catholic parish in Tacoma, St. Leo celebrates a remarkable history of service to the Catholic community and to the city for 144 years. We have endured a fire which destroyed our Church, the construction and decades later closure of our parish grade and high schools, the impact of wars and economic downturns, and now the long-awaited revival of our city. Through each era, the parish has adapted and developed new ministries and programs to serve the Catholic community and those who are underserved in the city and beyond. We will learn soon how the Partners in the Gospel developments will affect our rather recent union with Sacred Heart Parish, our relationship with other city parishes, and the specific identity of our Parish Family. We do trust that our rich Ignatian heritage gives us unique gifts to engage the significant changes which are ahead, and we hope that all that we have achieved and sustained over the years will continue.

The people of this parish are committed to our Ignatian identity and, frankly, don’t want to lose their direct connection to the Society of Jesus. They deeply appreciate how the Ignatian tradition informs our way of proceeding, the thoughtfulness of our homilies, and our openness to change, innovation and the special needs of marginalized communities. Our parishioners value the integration of the intellectual and spiritual dimensions of Jesuit life and thought. Further, they appreciate being treated as adult Catholics and Christians who are encouraged to think with the Church, and who wish to help the Church think with the needs and perspectives of the people of God. We believe that our role as a Jesuit parish in downtown Tacoma is unique in the ways that it creates an economically and culturally diverse community serving the significant needs of our region, united with Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the Society of Jesus.

We are grateful for your discerning leadership in this tumultuous time and for all that you do to ensure that the ministry of the Society of Jesus and its spirituality continue to bless our region and hopefully our parish. You remain in our prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor  Parochial Vicar  Chair, Pastoral Council
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Sarah Templin

“I 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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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.

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.