

October 1, 2023

TWENTY-SIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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) 4th 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 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**

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Daily Scripture Readings

2 October – Monday

The Guardian Angels

First Reading: Zechariah 8: 1-8

Gospel: Matthew 18: 1-5, 10

3 October – Tuesday

First Reading: Zechariah 8: 20-23

Gospel: Luke 9: 51-56

4 October – Wednesday

St. Francis of Assisi

First Reading: Nehemiah 2: 1-8

Gospel: Luke 9: 57-62

5 October – Thursday

First Reading: Nehemiah 8: 1-4a,
5-6, 7b-12

Gospel: Luke 10: 1-12

6 October – Friday

St. Bruno, Priest, Hermit,

Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

First Reading: Baruch 1: 15-22

Gospel: Luke 10: 13-16

7 October – Saturday

Our Lady of the Rosary

First Reading: Baruch 4: 5-12, 27-29

Gospel: Luke 10: 17-24

8 October – Sunday

Twenty-Seventh Sunday

in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7

Second Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43



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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Check all our SLP media channels

Website

Main communication channel

stleoparish.org

Facebook

Several posts every week with season reflections and more

<https://www.facebook.com/StLeoParishTacoma>

eNewsFlash

Weekly newsletter with upcoming events information

*Sign-up from our website,
scroll down to the bottom of any page*

Sacred Heart Parish

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

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

"Obedience does not consist of saying "yes" or "no", but always of acting, of cultivating the vineyard, of bringing about the Kingdom of God, in doing good. With this simple example, Jesus wants to go beyond a religion understood only as external and habitual practice, which does not affect people's lives and attitudes, a superficial religiosity, merely "ritual", in the ugly sense of the word.

Today's Gospel passage calls into question the way of living a Christian life, which is not made up of dreams and beautiful aspirations, but of concrete commitments, in order to open ourselves ever more to God's will and to love for our brothers and sisters. But this, even the smallest concrete commitment, cannot be made without grace. Conversion is a grace we must always ask for: "Lord, give me the grace to improve." ~ Pope Francis

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September 30, 2023

Dear People of St. Leo the Great Parish:

As you know, for several months the Archdiocese of Seattle has been engaged in a strategic pastoral planning process called Partners in the Gospel. This has included consultation with religious orders, such as the Jesuits, that have traditionally helped staff some of the Archdiocese's parishes. Now we are in an important public consultative phase of this process, and a draft proposal has been set before you for prayerful consideration.

As Provincial, I am encouraged by Archbishop Etienne's efforts to re-envision parish structures and am supportive of this process, the goal of which is to better meet the sacramental and pastoral needs of the people of God in our time.

The Province is impacted by the same challenges around priest resources that the Archdiocese and many other dioceses are experiencing. We simply cannot supply Jesuit pastors to all the parishes we once did. And in this context, I have shared with Archbishop Etienne that the Jesuits will no longer be able to staff a parish or parish family in Tacoma with a pastor.

Effective July 1, 2024, a diocesan pastor will be appointed to serve the parish family that will include St. Leo Parish. One or more parochial vicars/associate pastors will also be appointed to your new parish family. It is possible that one of those parochial vicars could be a Jesuit.

I also expect some Bellarmine Jesuits will be able to supply occasional help to the new parish families in Tacoma.

While the months and years ahead will mean significant change for St. Leo's and parishes throughout the Archdiocese, I believe your charism and identity as a parish is deeply embedded in the DNA of your community. Grounded in the Spiritual Exercises and in service of a faith that does justice, you have welcomed women and the laity into leadership, supported the Native American community, and cared for the urban poor. You will bring this charism into dynamic relationship with the other parish or parishes that will join you in a family, and they will gift you with their own traditions in return. From this relationship, over the next few years, you will discern together how to form a new parish, and create new forms of ministry, enriched by the gifts of the original communities.

I am also aware that these proposed changes come after several unsettled years in your parish, with difficult transitions in Jesuit presence and leadership and the upheaval of the pandemic.

The recent move of Father Pat Twohy, S.J. to California for needed healthcare has also been felt as a loss by many in your community. For this reason, I am grateful for the consultative nature of this present process, which allows for voices to be heard and feelings to be shared through both parish meetings and online platforms. It is a time to lean into one another and allow the Holy Spirit to speak in our hearts, guiding the community toward hope and a more sustainable future for parish families throughout Tacoma.

Archbishop Etienne has noted that this process is a Paschal journey, one that challenges us to embody the risen Christ. This is a journey that has included, from territorial days, the labors of Jesuits and other religious women and men in support of the Archdiocesan mission to serve the needs of God's people throughout Western Washington. The Jesuit partnership with the local church is not ending, but it is changing to meet the realities of the present time, guided by the light of the Gospel and in the footsteps of the risen Christ.

Please know of my prayers for you, the people of St. Leo's, as together we move through this time of change, as companions of the poor and humble Christ, and friends to one another on this unfolding journey of faith.

In the peace of Christ,

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Sean Carroll, S.J.
Provincial

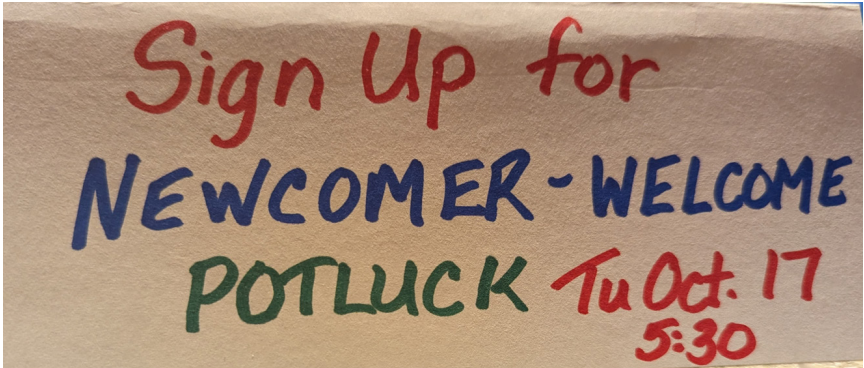


Sick: Erika Agosto, daughter of Lisa and Allan Dreyer, Marian Gerard- sister of Esther Hill, Donna Wright- sister of Rosanne Trunk, Ken and Josie Stortini, and Jackie Pressman.

Deceased: Deceased: Jordan Hillis, son of Teresa and David Hillis and grandson of Patty Coogan.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER 3	PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL PARISHIONER INPUT SESSION- 6:00 PM/BIX
OCTOBER 7	FUNERAL - JORDAN HILLIS - 11:00 AM LIVE STREAMED
OCTOBER 7	27 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME VIGIL MASS - 5:00 PM
OCTOBER 7	PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL PARISHIONER INPUT SESSION- AFTER 5:00 PM MASS IN BIX
OCTOBER 8	27 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 9:30 AM MASS - LIVE STREAMED
OCTOBER 8	PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL PARISHIONER INPUT SESSION- AFTER 9:30AM MASS IN BIX



- Please Come to the St. Leo’s Welcome Potluck – Tuesday, October 17
- If you are new or returning to St. Leo’s, please join us at our Welcome Potluck. We would love to share a meal and get to know you.
- If you’re not so “new”, or even a long-time parishioner, please join us. Meet new friends; visit with longtime friends.
- All are Welcome!
- We want to know who’s coming. Please sign up in the Hospitality Area, by “Ye Olde Wooden Box”.

The Transitus of St. Francis

All are invited to join the Franciscan Sisters and Secular Franciscans for the traditional service remembering the “transition” of St. Francis into eternal life.

Tuesday, October 3
7:00 – 8:00 pm
St. Leo Church



**ANAM
CARA**

Anam Cara, Men's Spirituality Group Meeting

When: Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 PM.

Where: **(Please Note)** In the Church - St. Kateri Room

What: First half of Awareness by Anthony deMello, S.J.

Contact Mike Hoag, mhoag8@live.com if you have questions.

Annual **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**



Blessing of The Animals: All Creatures Big & Small are Beloved by God

Faith and science tell us we are all connected and more the same than different. All creatures reflect the greatness of their Creator. We can learn a great deal about God by loving and care for all that God has Created.

There has been a long-standing tradition of blessing creatures on the Feast of St. Francis – October 4th. Francis is the Patron Saint of Creation, and his prayers and intercessions are greatly needed in this time of global ecological stress. Moreover, Humankind needs to truly understand their inseparable connection to Creation and embraces our God given role to be loving stewards of Creation rather than being its nemesis. We are called to be in a relationship of mutual benefit with creation. To care for and to love all that God has created.

As a reminder of the call to be in a loving relationship with Creation, there will be a simple **Animal Blessing on Wednesday, October 4th, the Feast of St, Francis at about 1:00pm in the Poetry Plaza next to Bix Hall.**



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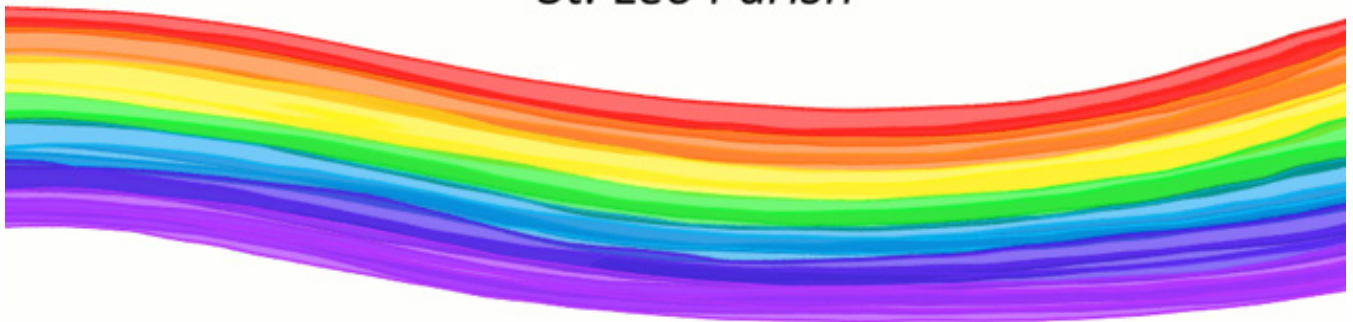
OCTOBER NATIVE COMMUNITY MASS AT ST LEO

October 22 at 1:30 PM



6th Make the Connection Breakfast

October 26, 2023
William Bichsel Hall
St. Leo Parish



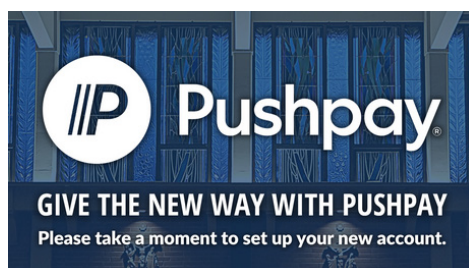
Register at <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/StLeoFoodConnection/BreakfastGuest-1.html>

CHANGES TO OUR ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM — INTRODUCING PUSHPAY

Online giving now makes up close to one half of our Sunday collections. We are grateful for your generosity of time, talent, and treasure. To improve online giving efficiency the parish will be changing its online giving platform from Vanco to Pushpay this September through November 2023. As we move to transition from Vanco to Pushpay as our giving platform, we wanted to share why this transition is occurring. We have been reviewing our giving options for over a year before making this decision. Pushpay provides an integrated solution with our new ParishStaq database. This database is being implemented at all parishes within the Archdiocese.

The new online giving platform will be a quick, easy, and secure way to donate.

See our website and click on the Online Giving button for more information and to set up your account and discontinue your Vanco online giving transactions.



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Month to Date (MTD): September 2024			
Period	Donations ¹	Cumulative	% to MTD Budget
Collections Deposit 9/3/2023	\$ 11,790	\$ 11,790	72%
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Collection Deposit 9/24/2023	\$ 7,755	\$ 44,051	67%
Collection Deposit: 9/30/2023		\$ -	0%
Estimated Month to Date	\$ 44,051	\$ 44,051	66%
1. Includes: in-church, mailed, and online giving. - September Goal: \$67,101 (Sept. 1-30)			
See St. Leo website for a Guide to set up online giving through MyVanco			
We are Grateful for your Donations .			

PROPOSED PARISH FAMILIES ANNOUNCED

The Archdiocese of Seattle has announced the proposed parish family pairings/groupings. The current proposal is for St. Leo to form a parish family with St. Patrick. This is subject to change as the process moves forward. The final decisions will not be made until early 2024. Right now we need EVERYONES feedback and input. Please see below the 4 dates and times that we will gather as a parish to consider this proposal. If you cannot attend one of the meetings in person, you may submit your input and questions directly to the archdiocese at the Partners in the Gospel page: <https://archseattle.org/partners/>. Public input will be open until October 14, 2023.



**PARTNERS
IN THE GOSPEL**

INVITATION TO PROVIDE INPUT ON PARISH FAMILIES

St. Leo Parishioners are asked to attend one of the sessions below which are approximately two hours long. Preliminary Parish Families will be released on September 23rd.

SEPT
26 TUESDAY AFTER THE
12:10 PM MASS IN THE
BIX

OCT
3 TUESDAY 6:00 P.M.
IN THE BIX

OCT
7 SATURDAY AFTER
THE 5 PM MASS

OCT
8 SUNDAY AFTER THE
9:30 AM MASS
IN THE BIX

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE ONE OF THE IN-PERSON SESSIONS, PLEASE SEND YOUR RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO PARTNERS@SEATTLEARCH.ORG BEFORE OCTOBER 14.

Questions:

- *What concerns do I have about the proposed family groupings? What challenges might this pose ?*
- *What hopes do I see in the proposed family groupings ? What opportunities or possibilities might this offer?*

[FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL CLICK HERE](https://archseattle.org/partners/)

Pastoral Council

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"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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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 mpanighetti@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 mpanighetti@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.

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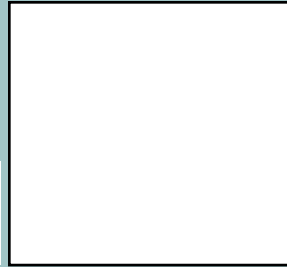
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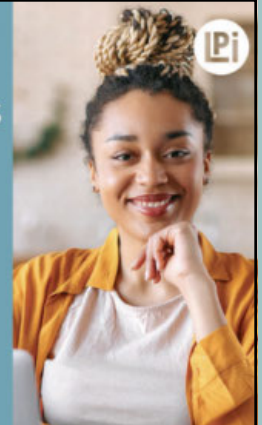
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