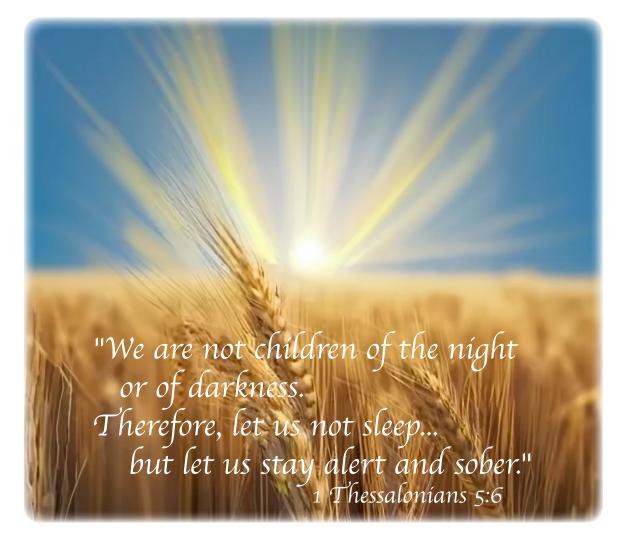


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Saturday vigil - 5:00 PM ♥ Sunday - 9:30 AM ♥ 4th Sunday of the Month - 11:30 am
(Native American Mass) 4th Sunday - 1:30 PM(Multilingual Filipino Mass)Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 12:10 PM ♥ Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturdays 4 to 4:30 PMto add someone to our prayer list, please contact pboroughs@stleoparish.org

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

ST. LEO PARISH IS A SAFE & WELCOMING PLACE FOR THE LGBTQA COMMUNITY

Daily Scripture Readings

20 November 2023 – Monday 1st Reading:1 Maccabees 1: 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Gospel: Luke 18: 35-43

21 November 2023 – Tuesday Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 6: 18-31 Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10

22 November 2023 – Wednesday St. Cecilia 1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7: 1, 20-31 Gospel: Luke 19: 11-28

23 November 2023 – Thursday Thanksgiving Day 1st Reading: Sirach 50: 22-24

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

24 November 2023 – Friday

St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions 1st Reading: 1 Maccabees 4: 3-37, 52-59 Gospel: Luke 19: 45-48

25 November 2023 – Saturday St. Catherine of Alexandria

1st: First Maccabees 6: 1-13 Gospel: Luke 20: 27-40

<u>26 November 2023 – Sunday</u> Christ the King

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46



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.

KEEP INFORMED 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



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

"The Lord asks us to make the most of the present moment, not yearning for the past. How ugly is that nostalgia, which is like a black mood poisoning our soul and making us always look backwards, always at others, but never at our own hands or at the opportunities for work that the Lord has given us, never at our own situation... not even at our own poverty.

This brings us to the centre of the parable: the work of the servants, which is service. Service is our work too; it makes our talents bear fruit and it gives meaning to our lives. How then do we serve, as God would have us serve? The master tells the faithless servant: "You ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest". Who are the "bankers" who can provide us with long-term interest? They are the poor. The poor are like Jesus himself, who, though rich, emptied himself, made himself poor. The poor guarantee us an eternal income. Even now they help us become rich in love. For the worst kind of poverty needing to be combatted is our poverty of love. Hold out your hand to the poor, instead of demanding what you lack. In this way, you will multiply the talents you have received. ~ Pope Francis Sisters and Brothers,

As we approach the national holiday of Thanksgiving, Fr. Phil and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for for your support, and for your commitment to St. Leo. Quite often we lament our losses, (and we have had many this year) but as a community, we have also been blessed. However great or small the blessings might be, this Thursday we will pause in gratitude for them all.

Fr. Phil and I are grateful for the members of the different commissions, and for the Parish and Finance Councils. We are grateful to all the ministers that make our liturgical celebrations possible, and to the dedicated volunteers that work diligently for the common good of the parish community. We are also grateful to the staff, and to Deacon Tom. They often serve without counting the cost. We are grateful to the families and individuals in the different Faith Formation programs joining us this year. You are an integral part of this faith community. Our celebration of St. Leo the Great last weekend was a real testimony that meaningful intergenerational and multicultural gatherings are possible! We are indeed grateful to each member (in person or online) of the St. Leo community.

Sometimes I stand at the entrance of the church as people are arriving for the liturgical celebration, and I see how each one of you has something to offer. It does not matter how wealthy or poor, how old or young you are, or which language you speak. You each bring something to offer, and for this we are grateful.

As a person who migrated to the country with my parents and siblings, I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to live in this nation. I am grateful for the people who welcomed us and helped us along the way as my parents were getting settled. I will never forget the experience of being a new immigrant. Soon after coming to this country, my dad passed away in a tragic accident. There are always losses and suffering in life, but today I am thankful, and I am grateful to all of you for embracing me with all my faults and shortcomings.

We have had staff members come and go. Today, I want to welcome Angelie Ashford-White, our administrative assistant, and Judith Lamptey, our bookkeeper.

We have received new information regarding Partners in the Gospel. You can find this information on the Archdiocese's webpage. After the input of many parishioners, significant changes have been recommended to the Archbishop. Twenty-five "parish families", which impact seventy-eight parishes, will be paired differently. This is a sign that the input was taken into consideration. St. Leo is among the parishes that has been reconfigured. We are now paired with St. Charles Borromeo as one family. To be clear, in the current plan, we are no longer paired with St. Patrick. Keep in mind that this is an unfolding process, and as it unfolds, and more input is provided, let's keep seeking the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. This is only a draft open for input. The updated version is still open. This is not a done deal. We need your feedback. A venue will be provided for your input. More information is to come next week.

Bishop Frank Schuster will be visiting our parish community the first Sunday of Advent. He visited Sacred Heart for Confirmation, and has been to Bellarmine Prep. I am glad that he will be joining us for the 9:30 Mass. He is very approachable, so I hope you will all feel free to personally extend a warm welcome to him when he visits us.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Fr. Elias Puentes



Sick: Erika Agosto, daughter of Lisa and Allan Dreyer, Donna Wright, sister of Rosanne Trunk, Ken and Josie Stortini, Jackie Pressman, Corazon Sanchez-Ignacio.

Deceased: Bill Evans. We pray with Ann and the family in his passing.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 23	THANKSGIVING MASS 9:30 AM
NOVEMBER 25	FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING VIGIL MASS - 5:00 PM
NOVEMBER 26	FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING 9:30 AM LIVE STREAMED
NOVEMBER 26	FILIPINO AMERICAN MULTILINGUAL MASS - 11:30 AM
NOVEMBER 26	KATERI CIRCLE NATIVE MASS - 1:30 PM
DECEMBER 2	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT VIGIL MASS – 5:00 PM
DECEMBER 3	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS – 9:30 AM LIVE STREAMED
DECEMBER 7	ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS AND SENIOR LUNCHEON - 12:10 PM
DECEMBER 8	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY MASS - 12:10 PM



"Gathering in Friendship & Peace" Tuesday, November 21, 2023 7:00 ~ 8:00 p.m.

Puyallup United Methodist Church 1919 West Pioneer Avenue Puyallup 98371 In its 35th year, this annual gathering has brought together people of many faith traditions. This gathering has included participants from the Bahá'í, Buddhist, Roman Catholic, Center for Spiritual Living, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Jewish, Muslim, Native American, Protestant, Sufi, Unitarian Universalist and other faith traditions.

Join us in-person on November 21. For more information please contact Sandy Windley sandyw@associatedministries.org.





A WEARY WORLD REJOICES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 7-8 PM PST

Seattle First Baptist Church 1111 Harvard Ave, Seattle

Presenters: Rev. Leigh Curl-Dove and Fr. Trung Pham, SJ

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

LIVE STREAMED ONLINE THE DAY OF THE EVENT https://www.ignatiancenter.org/advent-evening-of-prayer-2023 Co-sponsored by Seattle First Baptist Church and Ignatian Spirituality Center St. Leo Faith Formation is joining St. Charles for



Please contact faithformation@stleoparish.org for questions





You and your family are invited to lead singing at the Christmas Eve Mass at 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 24. We will lead carols and a variety of Christmas Music.

Rehearsal is Sunday December 17 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. All must attend this rehearsal in its entirety from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. if you wish to sing Christmas Eve.

Warm-up rehearsal will begin at 4 pm on Christmas Eve.

All ages are welcome with an accompanying parent, while high school age and older can be unaccompanied.

To sign up contact Music Director Robert McCaffery-Lent at <u>Rmclent@stleoparish.org</u> and please give the names and ages of all who will be singing.



Ayuda a llenar la bota navideña



La clase de la parroquia St. Leo, formacion de fe 4º a 6º grado está buscando donaciones de pequeños productos

de higiene personal, dulces, guantes, calcetines y calentadores de manos para un proyecto de servicio. Los jóvenes utilizarán las contribuciones para llenar botas navideñas durante la Celebración de Navidad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el 10 de diciembre. Las botas serán donadas a familias necesitadas dentro de



nuestra comunidad. Estaremos recolectando hasta el ¡8 de diciembre!

Help Fill the Stocking

Please bring the donated items to the Giving Basket during mass or in the box labeled Faith Formation in the back of the church!

St. Leo Faith Formation 4-6th grade class is looking for donations of small personal hygiene products, candy, gloves, socks, and hand warmers for a service project. Youth will use the contributions to fill stockings during

Our Lady of Gudalupe Christmas Celebration on December 10th. The stockings will be donated to our community in need.



We will be collecting until December 8th!



Misa a la Virgen de Guadalupe Sus hijos están invitados a venir vestidos como Juan Dieguito y Lupita el 10 de diciembre. Por favor reúnase en la iglesia al las 9:00 a.m.





Our Lady of Guadalupe Christmas Celebration DECEMBER After the 9:30 a.m. Mass

Food, Crafts, & Fellowship

Celebración Navideña de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

10 DE DICIEMBRE

Después de la Misa de las 9:30 a.m.



PIERCE DEANERY 2023 NOVENA MASS SCHEDULE

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JOIN US 26th Anniversary

of Simbang Gabi celebrations in the Seattle archdiocese

DAY 1 - SUNDAY December 10 12:30 PM

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO 7712 South 12th St | Tacoma

DAY 2 - MONDAY December 11 7:00 PM

ST. JOHN BOSCO 10508 112th St SW | Lakewood

> DAY 3 - TUESDAY December 12 6:00 PM

ST. ALOYSIUS CHAPEL at Bellarmine Preparatory School 2300 South Washington St Tacoma DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY December 13 6:30 PM

ST. LEO 710 South 13th St | Tacoma

DAY 5 - THURSDAY December 14 6:00 PM

ST. FRANCES CABRINI 5715 108th St | Tacoma

DAY 6 - FRIDAY December 15 6:00 PM

HOLY DISCIPLES 10425 187th St East | Puyallup DAY 7 - SATURDAY December 16 5:00 PM

ST. ANDREW 1401 Valley Ave East | Sumner

> DAY 8 - SUNDAY December 17 11:00 AM

OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN 14601 A Street South | Tacoma

> DAY 9 - MONDAY December 18 7:00 PM

POPE ST. JOHN XXIII 7025 Park Ave S | Tacoma

Experience the spirituality of the season, the anticipation and expectation of the Birth of our Lord, and fellowship with faith communities throughout the Seattle Archdiocese and in our greater Pierce



St. Leo K-12 Faith Formation youth and families are heading to St. James Cathedral for mass and a behind the scenes tour ! This is a wonderful and safe way to celebrate the New Year with your church family. Let us know how many in your family we can expect by signing up during class or emailing faithformation@stleoparish.org.

Free parking is available at O'Dea High School across from the Cathedral.

St. James Cathedral 804 9th Ave Seattle, WA 98104

St. Leo Social Justice Page

St. Leo Social/Eco Justice Working Group

Our small group of volunteers met this past Sunday to discuss a way forward on establishing the work of advocacy. The focus will be on food: food justice and food systems sustainability.

We plan to have food justice/food systems the focus of our efforts for the next year or two. <u>The first objective of</u> this Working Group is to restart our advocacy efforts and focus on one or two issues that we can share with the parish family(ies).

We hope to accomplish:

- 1) Secure good information on an issue that we can share with the parish(s) via website and bulletin.
- 2) Educate parishioners on the issues.
- 3) Focus on an "Action" related to the issue(s)
- 4) Implement the action with parishioners whether it be a letter writing campaign, talking with State and/or Federal Reps, etc.
- 5) Make the work of ongoing advocacy part of the fabric of parish life!

The following will be our initial sources of information to move this effort forward: <u>www.northwestharvest.org</u>; <u>www.foodlifeline.org</u>; <u>www.edf.org/issue/agriculture</u>; <u>www.crs.org</u>

If you are interested in helping on this social/eco justice effort, please contact Rick at: <u>socialministry@stleoparish.org</u> or VM/TEXT to (253) 229-4114

Clothing Boutique Wish List:

Gloves, blankets, and winter coats!

THANKS

Security and Peace:

Throughout my entire life (I am soon to be 68 years old) the airways have always announced about Israeli/Palestinian conflicts and violence. No real solution, just more hate, misunderstanding and frustration that boils into yet another conflict.

Violence and the threat of violence must stop and there must be a way forward for a lasting and prosperous life to bloom in the Holy Land for both Palestinian and Jew. The community of nations needs to bring about a viable two-state solution to this region.

<u>Please support the call for a two-state solution for a lasting and prosperous peace</u>. Contact the **Biden Administration** in support of a Two-State approach to this conflict. Send a letter to:

Consulate General of Israel to the Pacific Northwest Region

456 Montgomery St #2100 San Francisco, CA 94104.

Inform the Consulate that they need to revive the Two-State idea for the Holy Land that can bring lasting security and prosperity to all.

Rick Pastoral Assistant for Social Justice

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	Period	Donations ¹ Cumulative		nulative	% to MTD Budget		
	Collections Deposit 11/7/2023	\$	13,807	\$	13,807	86%	
	Collection Deposit 11/14/2023	\$	14,231	\$	28,038	85%	
	Collection Deposit 11/21/2023			\$	-	0%	
	Collection Deposit 11/28/2023			\$	-	0%	
	Collection Deposit: 11/30/2023			\$	-	0%	
	Estimated Month to Date	\$	28,038	\$	28,038	42%	
1. Includes: in-church, mailed, and online giving November Goal: \$67,101 (Nov.1-30)							
See St. Leo website for a Guide to set up online giving through Pushpay							
We are Grateful for your Donations .							

Follow our Progress!

Online Giving Transition Vanco to Pushpay (gained 6% from prior week to 49%

To convert your online giving go to the parish website (stleoparish.org) and click the Online Giving button





St. Leo Church Pastoral Council Meeting October 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Present: Noah Baskett, Sr. Pat Michalek, Fr. Elias Puentes S.J., Mike Bianchi, Tom Trunk, Eugena Buena-Douglas, Marcia Matthei, Emily Noelle Sanchez Ignacio, John Landy, Sarah Templin, Cyra Benedict and Vern Harkins were present.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM by council chair Noah Baskett. Noah began by acknowledging that we gratefully honor and acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup people where they make their home and speak the Twulshootseed language.

Opening Prayer/Faith Sharing:

Noah Baskett led a prayer and reflection based on a prayer by Timothy Radcliff prepared for the Synod.

Commission/Committee Discussion:

General discussion took place regarding the work of several commissions. The Faith Formation Commission asked for input from the Pastoral Council about the possibility of starting a lending library. The council discussion raised several issues. Questions were raised about who would oversee a library, how it would be managed and how materials made available would be vetted. The parish staff does not have the time to oversee a library project. Further discussion of the issues raised by this potential project is needed.

The Council discussed the fundraiser for support of the Food Connection that is scheduled for October 26. This is the major annual fundraiser to support their work. It has not been held for the past few years because of Covid but is now back on the calendar. All council members were encouraged to attend.

The Pastoral Care Commission has renewed its request for an update of the parish database. This is a need that exists for the parish as well as for the work of several commissions. Staffing issue shortages have interfered with the parish's ability to complete this task. Open staff positions are in the process of being filled that should allow this important project to be completed.

The Finance Council reported on the progress being made towards increasing online giving as the major method of providing weekly financial support of the parish. The parish has changed to Push Pay as their online giving portal. Push Pay is replacing Vanco for online donations. An effort is underway to convince as many parishioners as possible to make their parish donations using Push Pay. Online donations provide significant benefits to the parish by saving parish staff hours of time performing the accounting functions and banking transactions needed to deal with donations made through collections at Mass. Through these efforts the number of online donations has been increasing and efforts will be made by staff to assist parishioners in understanding the benefits of this method of contributing and to assist in those in need of help in converting to the online system.

The Stewardship Commission reported a successful welcoming dinner for new parishioners. Approximately 70 people attended.

While the Social Justice Commission is currently inactive, a report was provided regarding the planning and ongoing work that Rick Samyn and others are currently involved with regarding social ministry current and future projects.

Pastor's Report:

Father Elias reported on several items. Regarding Partners in the Gospel, he said the initial parish family pairing of St. Pat's and St. Leo announced in September, does not become final until January when the archdiocesan final report is made. Initial plans could change throughout the entire diocese regarding plans for parish pairing, as discussion of the initial plan announced in September takes place. All parishes will have to wait for the final report.

Father Elias talked about parish staffing updates. Their search for an accountant has identified a qualified individual who could soon be hired to work in-house, providing services for both the parish and for the Food Connection. Several people have applied for a separate office administrator position and there are also applicants for Pat Keely's successor. He is hopeful that some decisions will be made soon to fill these positions.

Father Elias also discussed the need for the development of clear guidelines for use of the Bix or other parish facilities by parish members. He is asking parish staff to develop a checklist to ensure that procedures, requirements, and responsibilities are clearly understood and followed for use of the Bix by any parish group asking to use it.

At the end of the meeting, Noah announced that he and his family will be moving to Salt Lake City, where he and his wife are both from. He has a great job opportunity there and they are also excited about moving back home. He said he is leaving St. Leo with a heavy heart. He will be missed as a generous and valued member of the St. Leo parish family.

Closing Prayer: Emily Noelle Sanchez Ignacio led the Council in prayer to close the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Next Meeting: November 28, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Vern Harkins Secretary

Pastoral Council

Noah Baskett, Chair Heather Paez Vern Harkins Marcia Matthaei Mike Bianchi Eugena Buena-Douglas

Sr. Pat Michalek Tom Trunk Cyra Benedict Sarah Templin Emily Noelle Sanchez Ignacio

"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

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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.

