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Second Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." Mark 1:3



Saturday vigil - 5:00 PM ✤ Sunday - 9:30 AM ✤ 4th Sunday of the Month - 11:30 am
(Native American Mass) 4th Sunday - 1:30 PM4th Sunday of the Month - 11:30 am
(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 <u>Wednesday at noon</u>**

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

Daily Scripture Readings

<u> 11 December 2023 – Monday</u>

St. Damasus I First Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-10 Gospel: Luke 5: 17-26

12 December 2023 – Tuesday

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast 1st Reading: Zechariah 2: 14-17 Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

13 December 2023 – Wednesday St. Lucy First Reading: Isaiah 40: 25-31 Gospel: Matthew 11: 28-30

14 December 2023 – Thursday St. John of the Cross First Reading: Isaiah 41: 13-20 Gospel: Matthew 11: 11-15

<u>15 December 2023 – Friday</u> 1st Reading: Isaiah 48: 17-19 Gospel: Matthew 11: 16-19

<u>16 December 2023 – Saturday</u> 1st Reading: Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11 Gospel: Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13

<u>17 December 2023 – Sunday</u>

Third Sunday of Advent 1st Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11 2nd Reading: 1st Thessalonians 5: 16-24 Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28



ST. LEO CHURCH A lesuit 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

"During thse days of Advent in many town squares, Christmas trees are being erected and Nativity scenes are being set up. Even in many homes these two Christmas signs are prepared, for the joy of children ... and even adults! They are signs of hope, especially in these difficult times."

"Let us not stop at the sign, but go to the meaning, that is, to Jesus, to the love of God that he has revealed to us, to go to the infinite goodness that he has made shine on the world...

... there is no crisis, that can extinguish this light. Let us allow it to enter our hearts, and let us lend a hand to those who need it most. In this way God will be born anew in us and among us."

~ Pope Francis

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 2023

Like all invasions and wars, the conquest of Mexico by the Spaniards in 1519 was violent and devastating for the Natives, and for the earth. In truth, it was devastating for everyone. There was agony, despair, and death in Tenochtitlan (Mexico City).

These two cultures had one thing in common, human sacrifice. The Spaniards were appalled that the Aztecs offered human sacrifice to the gods, and the Natives were horrified at how little respect the Spaniards had for life.

The apparition of our Lady of Guadalupe took place at Tepeyac Hill during a time of warfare. She appeared while it was still night, speaking tenderly (in Nahuatl) to Juan Diego, the colonized and conquered. In Nahuatl mythology, as well as in Jewish scripture, the creation of the world began while it was still dark.

Guadalupe addressed Juand Diego, tenderly referring to him as: "my dearest child." She recognized Juan Diego's dignity and worthiness. Our Lady of Guadalupe revived the hope and the faith of the indigenous. After all, they realized that their gods had not abandoned them. In Guadalupe of Tepeyac, they found strength, courage, and liberation.

Like John the Baptist in our Gospel reading this weekend, Our Lady of Guadalupe comes from the periphery, from the edge, appearing to a marginalized person, to someone from the periphery.

Guadalupe appears as a uniting element because she embodies masculine and feminine characteristics that are both Christian and Nahuatl, like the sun, moon, the stars, and other symbols. These symbols signify the birthing of a new life and a new beginning.

Guadalupe also appears as a mestiza (as mixed) symbolizing the encounter between the Spaniards and the Natives. She embodies two different cultures. In Guadalupe, I find the reconciliation of opposites.

The story of Guadalupe is not the miraculous story of an apparition. It is the story of a true encounter that brings about liberation, reconciliation, and a new creation. We need Our Lady of Guadalupe very much in our lives. Many dismiss the story as merely a "Mexican" tradition.

While it has deep roots in Mexico, the story of Guadalupe is very relevant to us today. She comes to us from the periphery proclaiming another way of life: One that does not include human sacrifice, racial hatred, and violence. The Altar to Our Lady of Guadalupe that you see is a symbol of hope, peace, unity, and of new life. A symbol of Advent indeed!

I hope that the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe takes deeper roots in the human consciousness.

Que Viva Nuestra Madre Guadalupe,

Fr. Elias Puentes



Sick: Erika Agosto, daughter of Lisa and Allan Dreyer, Donna Wright, sister of Rosanne Trunk, Corazon Sanchez-Ignacio and Esther Hill.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER 10	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION FOLLOWING 9:30 AM MASS IN THE BIX
DECEMBER 12	ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE – 7:00 PM
DECEMBER 13	SIMBANG GABI MASS – 6:30 PM - RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN BICHSEL HALL
DECEMBER 16	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT VIGIL MASS – 5:00 PM
DECEMBER 17	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS – 9:30 AM LIVE STREAMED
DECEMBER 23	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT VIGIL MASS – 5:00 PM
DECEMBER 24	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 9:30 AM LIVE STREAMED

Come gather for Advent Reconciliation Tuesday, December 12 at 7PM

"For You alone my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in You."



A time for prayer —
A time to receive Jesus' unconditional love —
A time to receive the Lord's mercy —

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Advent and Christmas at St Leo

The season of Advent is a season both of what is and what will be, a season of longing and hope, and a season of joyful anticipation. Please join us as we prepare for Christ's coming into our world!



<u>Second Sunday of Advent</u> (12/9, 12/10): As a parish, we will be celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, December 10, with a celebration afterwards in the Bix.

On **Tuesday, December 12**, we will have our **Advent Communal Reconciliation Service at 7:00** in the Church. This is an evening of music, prayer, and scripture with the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The following evening, <u>Wednesday, December 13</u>, Simbang Gabi will be celebrated at Mass at 6:00 with a reception to follow in the Bix. All are welcome.

Third Sunday of Advent (12/16, 12/17). Gaudete Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent (12/23, 12/24). Usual Mass schedule: Saturday at 5:00 and Sunday at 9:30.

Please note that the Fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve. Also, for several reasons, this year we will celebrate just one Mass on Christmas Eve, and one on Christmas Day.



PIERCE DEANERY 2023 NOVENA MASS SCHEDULE

804 9th Ave | Seattle

26th Anniversary

of Simbang Gabi celebrations in the Seattle archdiocese

DAY 1 - SUNDAY December 10 12:30 PM

JOIN US

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

Christmas Eve Family Choir

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.

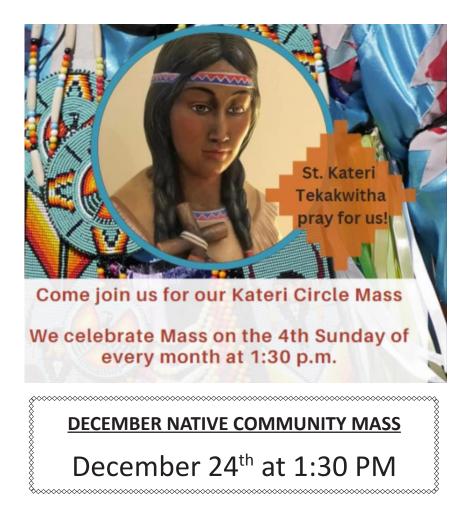
Rehearsal is Sunday December 17 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. All must attend this rehearsal in its entirety from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. if you wish to sing Christmas Eve.

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.







Doors **Open** at 6 pm Showing 6:30 p.m.

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First Christmas

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Únase a nosotros, formación de fe en San Leo

¡Viaje por carretera a la Gruta!

Festival navideño de luces Jueves 28 de diciembre



Reúna a la familia y venga a disfrutar de las luces navideñas, la misa y recorra los majestuosos terrenos. El viaje dura aproximadamente 2,5 horas desde Tacoma. Todas las áreas de entretenimiento están en el interior o en tiendas de campaña, pero los visitantes deben vestirse según el clima. Visite el sitio web de Grotto para obtener más información, incluidas las tarifas de entrada.

https://thegrotto.org/festival-de-luces-de-navidad/

HÁGANOS SABER SU LLEGADA Y LO INCLUIREMOS EN NUESTROS LUGARES DE REUNIÓN DE ST. LEO. FAITHFORMATION@STLEOPARISH.ORG Join Us, St. Leo Faith Formation

Road Trip to the Grotto!

Christmas Festival of Lights

December 28th Thursday



Grab the family and come enjoy the Christmas lights, mass, and tour the majestic grounds. The trip is about 2.5 hours from Tacoma. All entertainment areas are either indoors or tented, but visitors should dress for the weather. Visit the Grotto website for more inforamtion including entrance fees.

> https://thegrotto.org/christmasfestival-of-lights/

LET US KNOW YOUR COMING AND WE WILL INCLUDE YOU IN OUR ST. LEO GATHERING SPOTS. FAITHFORMATION@STLEOPARISH.ORG



New Year at St. James Cathedral



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

Familias formadoras de fe Únete a NOSOTIOS

DOMINGO 31 DE DICIEMBRE 11:30 AM.

Mientras celebramos el Año Nuevo en la Catedral de St. James

¡Los jóvenes y las familias de Formación de Fe de St. Leo K-12 se dirigen a la Catedral de St. James para una misa y un recorrido detrás de escenal Esta es una manera maravillosa y segura de celebrar el Año Nuevo con la familia de su iglesia. Háganos saber cuántos miembros de su familia podemos esperar registrándose durante la clase o enviando un correo electrónico a Faithformation@stleoparish.org.

Hay estacionamiento gratuito disponible en O'Dea High School frente a la Catedral



St. Leo Social Justice Page

Social Supportive Services: November 2023 Budget Report

Direct Services Disbursements:

Transit Assist -	\$264.00		
Utility Assistance -	\$988.47	Total Disbursements:	\$3,297.14
Certifications-	\$32.00	Total Income:	\$2,577.00
Medical -	\$54.87	Monthly Balance:	(\$) 720.00
Auto -	\$125.00		
Family Support -	\$205.00		
Rental Assistance -	\$1,824.00		

We are working to reduce the outlay for assistance to better match monthly income supporting the Social Support Services and our account reserves. Our budget goal for disbursements this month was \$5,000.00. **Employment Bridge Program:**

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Transit -	\$249.50	Total Disbursements:	\$4,857.28
Utilities -	\$216.82	Program Balance:	\$18,055.72
Work/Ed	\$201.78		
Auto -	\$1,289.86		
Orca -	\$50.00		
NW Furniture Bank -	\$795.32		
Rent Assistance -	\$2,054.00		

Soc. Services & Bridge Program account balance as of December 1, 2023: \$ 70,153.77 Pex Debit card Balance: \$265.76

The Clothing Boutique Wish List:

Men's underwear, Sweatpants, winter items & blankets, backpacks; soap, body wash and deodorant

St Leo Parish & Food Connection: Giving Tree Program

The gifts are to be for boys and girls within a certain age range. The gift price range for the gift/toy is to be between \$15.00 & \$25.00. Toys are to be unwrapped and dropped in our Beehive-Toy Box next to the giving tree. We will be collecting toys up to December 17th. The Toy Shoppe will be open to families the following week. Questions: contact Rick Samyn at: VM/Text (253) 229-4114 or email to: socialministry@stleoparish.org.

Social/Ecological Justice: On the Move in 24'

IPJC: With a focus on food justice and food production sustainability we have opened discussions with the Interfaith Peace and Justice Center (IPJC) and deepening out collaborative ties with Bellarmine Prep on matters of Justice and Youth Leadership. Beginning in January/February we will be inviting members of IPJC Staff to help us listen to each other, build relationships as we create a faith-based community organizing framework to effectively address the food justice issues that effects our communities and our planet.

Bellarmine Student: we have opened conversations with Bellarmine students and staff to look into the idea of having the students share with the parish their work in social justice and to give voice to their concerns as they relate to the issues of Justice and Care for Creation. We hope to have these sharing sessions in the next couple of months heading up to the Social Justice Summit that will take place at Seattle University February 22-24, 2024.

WALFING IN JOYFUL HOPE

AFGHAN FAMILY LOOKING FOR HOME

Our St. Leo's Afghan family, the Muaheads, have other family members living in Kent. It our dad's (Mutaqeb) brother, his wife and five children.

They are wanting to live in Tacoma and rent a house to be closer to family. Dad is employed with a full time job. Mom is at home as there is a baby and younger children. They require 3 bedrooms. Their apartment lease expires at the end of December.

If you know of anyone who may be able to help us, please contact Colleen Mulligan at 253-282-9033.

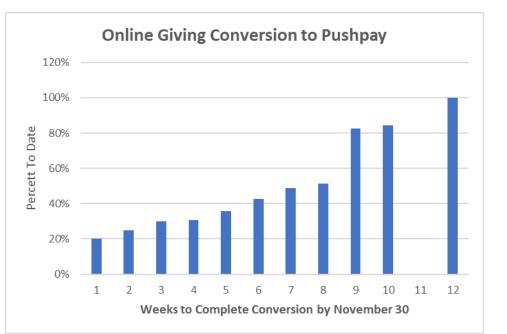
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	Period	Do	nations ¹	Cur	nulative	% to MTD Budget	
	Collections Deposit 12/5/2023	\$	18,694	\$	18,694	116%	
	Collection Deposit 12/12/2023			\$	-	0%	
	Collection Deposit 12/19/2023			\$	-	0%	
	Collection Deposit 12/27/2023			\$	-	0%	
	Online giving 12/25-31/2023			\$	-	0%	
	Estimated Month to Date	\$	18,694	\$	18,694	28%	
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 1% from prior week to 84%)

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





NW IGNATIAN ADVOCACY Summit Hist

3 DAYS OF LEARNING, PRAYER AND ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN SOLIDARITY WITH NATIVE PEOPLES

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22-24TH

Youth Led

Students and young adults from Jesuit ministries across the northwest will spend 3 days in relationship building, reflection and training to take direct action for justice.

Intergenrational

Adults are invited to evening programming to hear from youth, learn about the Native struggle for salmon protection; and to take direct action on Saturday.

Ignatian

Co-organized by Jesuit universities, schools, parishes and social ministries, this will be a chance to use our collective voice for action.

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION AT JESUITSWESTCORE.ORG/NW-IGNATIAN-ADVOCACY-SUMMIT





Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center

COLLABORATIVE

Summit Schedule & Details for Adults

- Thursday Evening 2/22 at St. Joe's Parish: Covenant of the Salmon People film screening, dinner, and discussion with the film makers.
- Friday Evening 2/23 at Seattle U:
 - Dinner for Parish Social Ministry Leaders
 - Intergenerational Conversation on Faith and Justice with Jesuit students, JVs and more
- Saturday Morning 2/24 at Seattle U :Public Witness & Action on Salmon Watershed Protection and Native Leadership

Co- Organized By

Jesuits West Seattle University The Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center Gonzaga University Jesuit High School, Portland

Seattle Prep Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest St. Joseph Parish Seattle Gonzaga Prep, Spokane Bellarmine Prep, Tacoma

PLEASE REGISTER BY <MONTH AND DAY> <ADD LINK OR QR CODE>

Housing Available. Suggested Donation \$25 More Details and Registration at: bit.ly/NWAdvocacySummit or



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

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.

