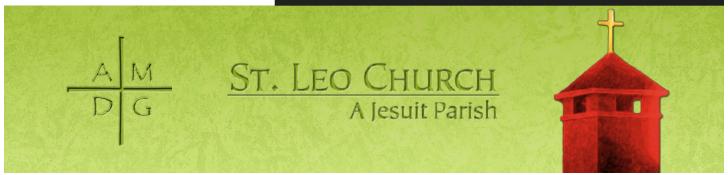
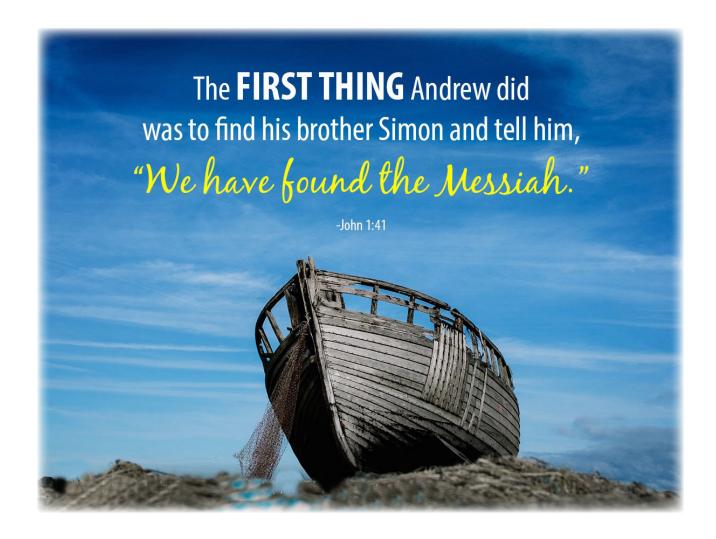
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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SCHEDULE 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 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

15 January 2024 - Monday

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 15: 16-23 Gospel: Mark 2: 18-22

16 January 2024 - Tuesday

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Gospel: Mark 2: 23-28

17 January 2024 - Wednesday

St. Anthony

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 17: 32-33,

37, 40-51

Gospel: Mark 3: 1-6

18 January 2024 - Thursday

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 18: 6-9;

19: 1-7

Gospel: Mark 3: 7-12

19 January 2024 - Friday

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 24: 3-21 Gospel: Mark 3: 13-19

20 January 2024 - Saturday

St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 1: 1-4, 11-

12, 19, 23-27

Gospel: Mark 3: 20-21

21 January 2024 - Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20



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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Several posts every week with season reflections and more https://www.facebook.com/StLeoParishTacoma

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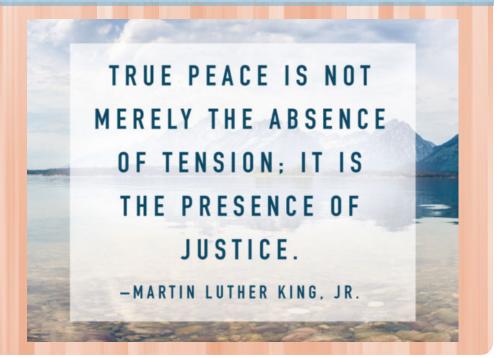
Weekly newsletter with upcoming events information Sign-up from our website, scroll down to the bottom of any page

Sacred Heart Parish

SCHEDULE SCHEDULE

English: Friday - 8AM 🗷 Sunday - 10AM

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



January 14, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I am grateful for the Advent and Christmas seasons. As with any season, Advent and Christmas were filled with grief and joy. People experienced sickness, death, as well as family celebrations.

We are now in Ordinary Time. This time is filled with grief for us at St. Leo. Fr. Phil and I spoke with Fr. Sean Carroll, Provincial of Jesuits West. After consulting with his advisory team, Fr. Sean has made the difficult decision of not providing Jesuit priests for the new parish family that will be forming this summer. This means that both, Fr. Phil, and I, will be ending our time at St. Leo sometime in July 2024.

Fr. Sean did not make this decision lightly. You can access a copy of his letter on the St. Leo's webpage after this weekend.

While there are no words to express the sadness that members of the Jesuit community in Tacoma are feeling, we understand the difficult decision because there is a lack of Jesuits available for assignments. St. Leo and Sacred Heart are among the parishes that will return to the Archdiocese. This is something that is also happening in other Jesuit Provinces.

After having heard that Fr. Phil could have potentially stayed as the Parochial Vicar of the new parish family, Fr. Sean's decision came as a surprise because Fr. Phil was hoping to stay. Nevertheless, after my conversation with Fr. Sean, I know that his decision was discerned carefully.

In all honesty, I believe that this is the sincerest decision that the Provincial could have made. It is also the most painful for us all. There is a lot to grieve, but in our grief, there is also a lot to be grateful for. At the end of the story, St. Leo has been a Jesuit Parish for 112 years.

I began my grieving when I learned that I was not going to remain at St. Leo or Sacred Heart. I went from denial (hoping that something would change), to feeling angry about it, but now I find a sense of freedom, gratitude, and hope for myself, and for the parish communities.

This does not take away the sadness that comes with the Provincial's decision, but I do hope that after some time, you too, can find freedom, peace, and gratitude.

After the summer, St. Leo will not be a Jesuit parish in the way that it has been. However, I hope that we can continue to journey together until, and after, the time of the departure from the Jesuits. I also hope that you choose to remain to help St. Leo make the difficult transition for the common good, keeping alive our Ignatian values and spirit.

Wherever the journey leads, and whenever the journey ends, I hope that it will be a journey of mercy, compassion, patience, gratitude, humility, freedom, and not of destruction and condemnation - a journey that will end in charity, peace, and justice.

I am sure that there is more to talk about regarding the future. There is work to do. Fr. Phil and I will do it with you, but when we are both gone, you will carry forward St. Leo's valuable mission.

On a different note, St. Leo has hired Shannon Koenen as our next business administrator. Shannon has ample experience in administration and management. Let's welcome Shannon, and pray for her and her family, as she settles into her role. Hopefully she will join us at one of the Liturgies for an introduction. In the meantime, you can see her picture, and that of Judith and Angelie, our new staff members, in this weekend's bulletin.

Pat Keely will remain with us until we are ready to hand things over to Shannon.

Finally, as we commemorate Martin Luther King Jr., let us remember those experiencing racial injustice and migrants on route seeking food and shelter as they hope to reach their destination. Let us also remember the economically poor, the victims of war, violence, and all other victims. May we find ways to journey with them, and with one another in kindness, love, and humility during this time of uncertainty and grief.

You are loved,

Fr. Elias Puentes



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

Deceased: Kateri Otani.

"Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY 15	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY
JANUARY 18-25	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
JANUARY 20	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME VIGIL MASS — 5:00 PM
JANUARY 21	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 9:30 AM LIVE STREAMED
JANUARY 27	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME VIGIL MASS — 5:00 PM
JANUARY 28	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 9:30 AM <i>LIVE STREAMED</i>
JANUARY 28	FILIPINO AMERICAN MULTILINGUAL MASS – 11:30 AM
JANUARY 28	KATERI CIRCLE NATIVE MASS - 1:30 PM

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 - January 18-25

The "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" is an ecumenical observance in the Christian calendar that is celebrated internationally each year from January 18 to the 25th. It is coordinated annually by the "World Council of Churches."

The theme, taken from the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke, reflects the connection between love of God and love of neighbor with a particular concern for challenging the boundaries of who is considered "neighbor". In this passage, Jesus is questioned as to the path to eternal life. His answer is not to only observe the commandments, but to also imitate the love of God in the giving of self for another. It is a call for charity, mercy, justice, and unity.

This might be something you could do as a family. A link to suggested activities from the United Conference of Catholic Bishops is <u>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 | USCCB</u>



Lenten Small Faith Groups

Lent comes early this year (February 14 to March 31). If you are interested in facilitating or participating in a small faith group during Lent, please let Jo Ann Saucedo know. Her email is jodeansaucedo@comcast.net and her phone number is 253-517-7721





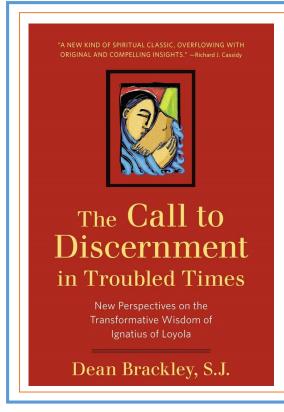
<u>Support Services – Clothing Boutique</u>

During these cold winter months, there is always a need for scarves and hats.

We have yarn, crochet hooks, and knitting needles to share with those who would like to make some of these critically needed items.

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<u>Discernment, Social Justice and</u> <u>the Spiritual Exercises</u>

SEEL Puget Sound will host a 5 session book group on The Call to Discernment in Troubled Times by Dean Brackley SJ. This remarkable book uses stories and reflection questions to help in our journey towards social justice through the lens of the Spiritual Exercises. This book group will meet on Zoom monthly on Thursday evenings and is hosted by a SEEL Spiritual Director. Orientation (optional) is Jan 25 at 6:30pm and the first session is Thursday, February 1.

There is NO charge for this group. For more information and to register please email us at info@seelpugetsound.org by Jan 24.

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS



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First Reconciliation Service & Retreat

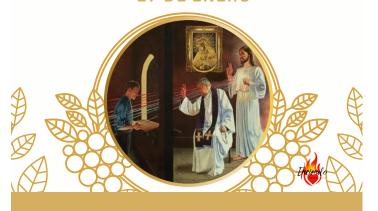
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JANUARY 27TH SATURDAY



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Primer Servicio y Retiro de Reconciliación

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9:30 a.m. - Comienza el retiro de reconciliación 12:30 pm- Servicio de Reconciliación









St. Leo Social Justice Page

Ecological & Social Justice: Reorganizing for Effective Advocacy on Sustainable Foods Systems and Ecological Justice

<u>The state legislative session for 2024 began this past Monday</u>. St. Leo Parish offers direct service to those in need via our St. Leo Food Connection Food Bank and our Social Supportive Services Programs. This post COVID 19 Pandemic era remains a difficult time for low-income families as they continue to struggle with food costs and excessive housing expenses. These challenges are complicated. As a faith community, we are called to help those in need and do so in ways that **DO NOT** further damage fragile, natural ecosystems upon which all life depends.

Imagine, 94,000 people in Pierce County are food insecure while 40,000 tons of edible food are thrown away in our homes (Food Waste/Pierce Co). 1 in 6 Pierce County children don't have enough to eat (My NW News: May 1, 2023). The News Tribune reports that more than one in 10 Pierce County residents struggle daily with having enough food to eat, as do one in six kids (News Tribune, Apr 30, 2023)

We are beginning to organize. With the help of the *Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center (IPJC)* we hope to address **Sustainable Food and Ecological Justice** advocacy needs and to foster leadership in these areas as part of our social justice commitment. **Our first parish and community wide meeting is scheduled to be on Sunday, February 11th, at 11:00am in the hospitality area of the church.** This meeting will be one hour and is the first in a series in this organizing effort.

In the meantime, I ask you all to consider taking on a legislative priority identified by Northwest Harvest and/or Earth Ministries. These non-profits are partners in our efforts for food justice and care for Creation.

https://www.northwestharvest.org/news-insights/2024-legislative-priorities/ &

https://earthministry.org/2024-legislative-priorities/

L'Honey 2024 – 2025: More is Needing to be Done for the Health of Our Bees!

This past Sunday (Epiphany Sunday) – I had an epiphany regarding honeybee management. Over the past several years, hive management has become increasingly difficult as I try to keep bees healthy and deal with deadly climate change. I will be adapting a very focused but ecofriendly protocol to address the Varroa Mite problem. This method will be deployed in mid-summer and will hopefully allow my organic acid treatment of the honeybees to be more effective. Also, I have made the decision, at least for a few years, to move honey harvest time to Spring, at the beginning of the spring nectar flow. This will give the honeybees full control of their honey and hopefully reduce any harvest induced stress. This will be an exciting season and I hope to be working with more young people, especially Bellarmine Students, on this effort of fostering a greater love for the honeybees and all God's Creation.

Explanation of the Vow of Nonviolence

For quite some time the regional Pax Christi International groups have been gathering in Seattle at this time of year to recite the Vow of Nonviolence at St. James Cathedral or another Catholic church.

"Pax Christi" means "Peace of Christ", and Pax Christi International is a Catholic peace movement whose mission is "to transform a world shaken by violence, terrorism, deepening inequalities, and global insecurity."

Why do we recite the Vow of Nonviolence, and why do we say it at this time of year?

Even before Jesus was born and became the living WORD, the prophet Isaiah taught nonviolence in saying that people needed to beat swords into ploughshares. Jesus on numerous occasions taught nonviolence. In the Beatitudes "he stated, blessed are the peacemakers as they will be called "Children of God;" He taught us to reconcile with our sister, brother, or opponent rather than carry anger in our heart; he told us to not retaliate when we are hit by someone; and he taught us to love our enemies, which really means that we should not harm but we need to respect people who we believe are out to get us. And when faced with being taken hostage and crucified, Jesus told his disciple to put his weapon down, and Jesus healed the ear that had been cut off of a soldier who was arresting him. Lastly, when confronted with being murdered, Jesus did not resist but he prayed for and forgave his opponents.

So, at this time of year when we consider making New Year's Resolutions, we also need to consider our own thoughts of being upset or angry with family members, friends, government leaders and Church leaders. We must remember that they too are creations of our loving God. And we need to remember that God asks us to do whatever needs to be done, including praying and forgiving, so that we will continue to have God's peace in our hearts.

VOW OF NONVIOLENCE

Recognizing the violence in our own hearts, yet trusting in the goodness and mercy of God, we fervently desire to practice the nonviolence of Jesus who taught us in the Sermon on the Mount:

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons and daughters of God...You have learned how it was said, 'You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy;' but I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you. In this way, you will be daughters and sons of your Creator in heaven."

Before God the Creator and the Sanctifying Spirit, we seek to live out of the love and example of Jesus:

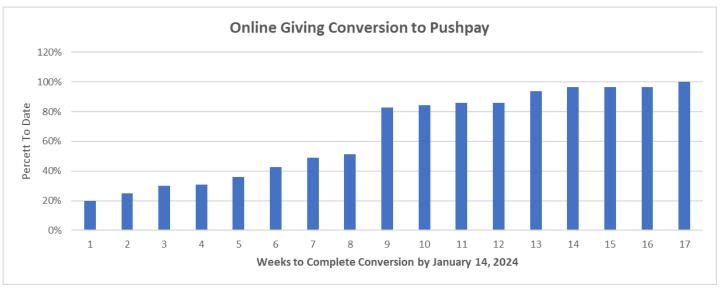
- by striving for peace within ourselves and seeking to be peacemakers in daily life;
- by accepting suffering rather than inflicting it;
- by refusing to retaliate in the face of provocation and violence;
- by persevering in nonviolence of tongue and heart;
- by living conscientiously and simply so that we do not deprive others of the means to live;
- by actively resisting evil and working nonviolently to abolish war and the causes of war from our hearts and from the face of the earth.

God, we trust in your sustaining love and believe that just as you gave us the grace and desire to offer this, so you will also bestow abundant grace to fulfill it.

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- We hope participants will encounter a loving God who is found in all things, and who labors through us to nurture healing, compassion, and justice.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS 2023-2024



SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024 — 9 AM - 3 PM PST

WINTER DAY OF REFLECTION

A one-day guided silent retreat to reflect personally and prayerfully on the previous year and look toward the year ahead. (Online) More info: https://www.ignatiancenter.org/winter-day-of-reflection-2024



SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024 — 10AM - 3PM PST

THE ENNEAGRAM: A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

A one-day workshop of introduction and deeper understanding. The Enneagram is a personality typing model of the human psyche championed by spiritual directors for the way it informs self-awareness and interpersonal dynamics. More info: https://www.ignatiancenter.org/enneagram-2024



THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024 - FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

NOVENA OF GRACE

A retreat amidst daily life: nine consecutive days of gathered reflection and prayer. Tradition says that in 1633, St. Francis Xavier appeared to a priest in a healing vision and promised that all who earnestly sought intercession with God for nine days would experience profound grace. More info: https://www.ignatiancenter.org/novena-of-grace-2024

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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.

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