

February 11, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



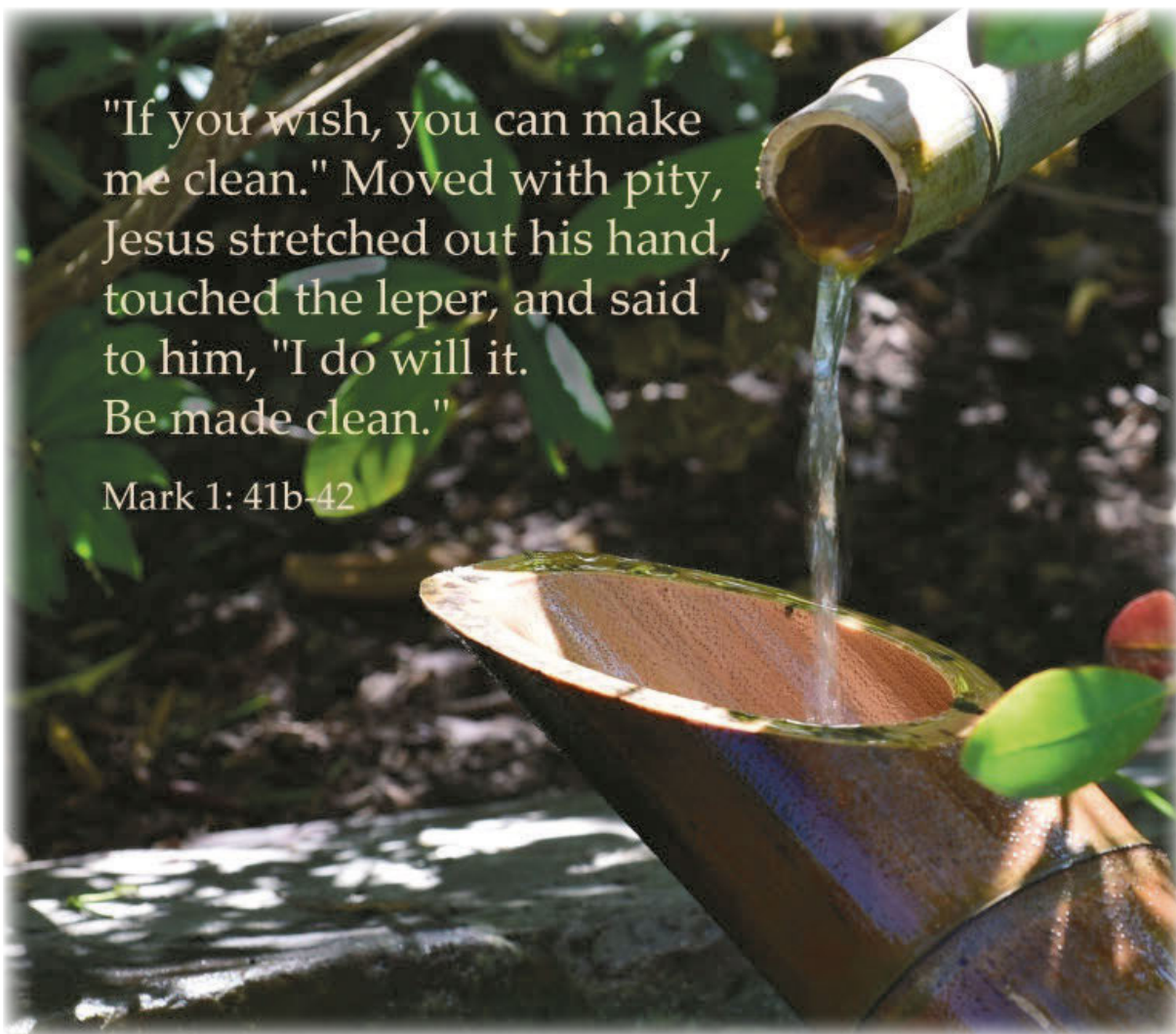
ST. LEO CHURCH  
A Jesuit Parish



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"If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand, touched the leper, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

Mark 1: 41b-42



LITURGY  
**SCHEDULE**

Saturday vigil - 5:00 PM ✠ Sunday - 9:30 AM ✠ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month - 11:30 am  
(Native American Mass) 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:bulletin@stleoparish.org) no later than **Wednesday at noon**

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

## Daily Scripture Readings

### 12 February - Monday

1st Reading: James 1: 1-11

Gospel: Mark 8: 11-13

### 13 February - Tuesday

1st Reading: James 1: 12-18

Gospel: Mark 8: 14-21

### 14 February - Wednesday

#### **Ash Wednesday**

1st Reading: Joel 2: 12-18

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:  
20 – 6:2

Gospel: Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

### 15 February - Thursday

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Gospel: Luke 9: 22-25

### 16 February - Friday

1st Reading: Isaiah 58: 1-9a

Gospel: Matthew 9: 14-15

### 17 February - Saturday

#### **Seven Holy Founders of Servites**

1st Reading: Isaiah 58: 9b-14

Gospel: Luke 5: 27-32

### 18 February - Sunday

#### **First Sunday Of Lent**

1st Reading: Genesis 9: 8-15

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15



## 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](http://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**

"The Gospel of the healing of the leper tells us today that, if we want to be the true disciples of Jesus we are called to become, united to Him, instruments of his merciful love, overcoming every kind of marginalization. In order to be "imitators of Christ" (cf. 1 Cor 11:1) in the face of a poor or sick person, we must not be afraid to look him in the eye and to draw near with tenderness and compassion, and to touch him and embrace him. I have often asked this of people who help others, to do so looking them in the eye, not to be afraid to touch them; that this gesture of help may also be a gesture of communication: we too need to be welcomed by them.

If evil is contagious, so is goodness. Therefore, there needs to be ever more abundant goodness in us. Let us be infected by goodness and let us spread goodness!" — Pope Francis

February 11, 2024

Dear Sister and Brothers-

As you undoubtedly have heard by now, St. Leo and St. Charles officially will be joined as a parish family effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. There will then be a two-year period of engagement between the parish communities to plan how they will work together collaboratively and creatively.

As we receive this decision, reactions have been intense, and many are grieving. While some are experiencing a pervasive sense of sadness, others are slowly coming to find hope in this partnership. The distress does not come from partnering with St. Charles, per se, as much as it is a sense of the loss of a long history and tradition. We all need to acknowledge and respect how each person is processing this change. For some, the grieving will be prolonged as the process of Partners in the Gospel slowly continues to unfold. For others, this change is disappointing but now that a decision has been made, they are beginning to imagine what a creative engagement might entail.

Consequently, a group of parish leaders are organizing a sacred space for St. Leo parishioners to meet and discuss this transition. This gathering will allow you to process your thoughts and feelings about a future faith community. It will also offer a time to give hopeful and thoughtful suggestions for the emerging partnership between St. Leo and St. Charles. If you would like to participate, please save one of following dates: Saturday, February 24, 3:30 PM, Tuesday, February 27, 6:30 PM, and Sunday, March 10, 10:45 AM. You will find more information in the bulletin.

I realize that the loss of Jesuit presence here at the parish already feels like an ending for some of you. However, this decision does not imply the loss of Ignatian Spirituality. The Spiritual Exercises will continue to live in those of you who embody the charism of St. Ignatius of Loyola, and this should not be solely dependent on having Jesuits in the parish. While it is unfortunate that St. Leo will not be a Jesuit parish in the way that it has been, it will continue to be Ignatian if you continue to live into the wisdom of the Spiritual Exercises.

And as you treasure Ignatian Spirituality, remember that this is not the only spirituality that informs and enlivens St. Leo. This Jesuit parish is also home to Franciscan, Dominican, Native, Hispanic, Black, Filipino, feminist, and other forms of spirituality. These living traditions will continue to influence who we are and how we wish to live as a parish.

While there is no expectation that the new priests will be “Ignatian,” we can expect them to embody Gospel values – the values of Jesus Christ. Gospel values should loom larger than the Spiritual Exercises because Ignatian Spirituality is as an application of Biblical spirituality which spring from St. Ignatius experience of his personal relationship with Jesus. I also hope that the new Pastor and Associate Pastor/s will strongly embrace the Church’s Catholic Social Teachings which is so important to this community and its lived experience and ministries.



For the sake of each other and those that the ministries of the parish serve, we must ensure that our parish transition succeeds. As Christians, we do not live and serve just for ourselves. So, let's participate in our parish transition, even if this transition, as it undoubtedly will, lead us into something different than what any of us now imagine. And let us be patient with this process of transition. It can easily take more than a few years as our new identity emerges.

Someone who just turned 80 years old reminded me that three to five years seems like a very long time for him. He taught me that the future is not the only thing that matters. We also need to live in the present and be grateful for 112 years of Jesuit contributions to St. Leo. A celebration of gratitude that will mark the end of Jesuit presence at St. Leo is now being planned. But this will not mark the end of St. Leo. It will instead look to the past with gratitude, and to the future with hope. I will keep you informed as the specifics about this celebration become clear.

As you know, we have hired Shanon Koenen to be the next Parish Finance Director. Pat Keely will be with us until mid-February, and after a well-deserved break with his wife, Cheryl, he will be available for consultations as needed. I am very grateful to Shannon and Pat. I am thankful to Shannon for stepping into this role, and to Pat for being so loyal and dedicated in serving St. Leo, Sacred Heart, and Food Connection.

Finally, it was great seeing some of you at Sacred Heart for the celebration of the Presentation of the Lord. The eight hundred people at the celebration were an extraordinary blessing. I do not think that you could find a crowd of this size gathered in a Catholic Church in Pierce County on a Friday at 7:00 pm for Mass. I am most grateful to Adriana Julian for bringing our youngsters to that Eucharistic celebration for their baptisms.

Thank you,

Fr. Elias Puentes

We  
pray  
for



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

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

<b>FEBRUARY 14</b>	<b>ASH WEDS MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES — 12:10 PM</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 14</b>	<b>ASH WEDS MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES — 7:00 PM</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 15</b>	<b>RITE OF ELECTION AT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO - 6:00 PM</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 17</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - VIGIL MASS — 5:00 PM</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 18</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - 9:30 AM — <i>LIVE STREAMED</i></b>
<b>FEBRUARY 24</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - VIGIL MASS — 5:00 PM</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 25</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - 9:30 AM — <i>LIVE STREAMED</i></b>

Sorry, we are having

**Technical  
Difficulties**

To those of you who join us via livestream, we are so grateful that you join those of us in the pews each weekend, and we know that some of the blips with the technology make it difficult for you to engage fully. Please know that we are aware of this and work continues to be done to address the issue so that we can all worship together more fully.

# CREATING

A SACRED SPACE TO

Grieve,  
Listen,  
and Learn

WE COME TOGETHER FOR A SHARING SESSION ON  
ST. LEO TRANSITIONS, ENCOMPASSING PARTNERS IN  
THE GOSPEL, JESUITS LEAVING, OUR NEW FAMILY  
PAIRING, AND OTHER CHANGES THAT OUR  
COMMUNITY MAY BE FACING.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 3:30 PM**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 6:30 PM**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 10:45 PM**

**BICHSEL HALL**

Everyone is welcome.  
For any other information, please contact Deacon  
Tom at [tomoloughlin@comcast.net](mailto:tomoloughlin@comcast.net).

# Lent 2024

## Daily Reflections for the Sacred Season of Lent Feb/March

During this year's Lent and Holy Week we will reflect on ways to respond to the cry of those who are poor. The Sisters of St. Francis have chosen Goal Two: Response to the Cry of the Poor as our congregational focus for Year Three of the Laudato Si Action Platform. "The Response to the Cry of the Poor is a call to promote eco-justice, aware that we are called to defend human life from conception to death, and all forms of life on Earth. Actions could include projects to promote solidarity, with special attention given to vulnerable groups such as indigenous communities, refugees, migrants, and children at risk." <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>. Using various resources and daily themes--Migrant Mondays (immigrants/migrants), Truth Tuesday (racism), Water Wednesday (water insecurity), Tranquil Thursday (non-violence), Food Friday (food insecurity), Shelter Saturday (homelessness), and Sacred Sunday (spiritual)--we will invite you to consider a suggested intention, action, or learning opportunity. As we journey together this Lenten season, may we make conscious choices to respond to the cry of those who are poor.

*"It is indubitable that the impact of climate change will increasingly prejudice the lives and families of many persons. We will feel its effects in the areas of healthcare, sources of employment, access to resources, housing, forced migrations, etc."*

Pope Francis, *Laudate Deum*



THE SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF PHILADELPHIA

### SUNDAY

#### 18 1st Week

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. (Psalm 46:1) A: How do you receive the life-breath of God when you are anxious? Spend some time focusing on breathing in God's goodness and breathing out anxiety.

#### 25 2nd Week

"Contemplation is a very dangerous activity. It not only brings us face to face with God. It brings us, as well, face to face with the world, face to face with the self. And then, of course, something must be done." (Sr. Joan Chittister) A: Take some time today to sit quietly with God.

#### 3 3rd Week

"Freeing ourselves of values—even momentarily—is to free ourselves from humanity." (Daniel Taylor) A: Around the dinner table tonight, discuss your values with your family and talk about why they are important.

### MONDAY

#### 19

"It is the obligation of every person born in a safer room to open the door when someone in danger knocks." (Dina Nayeri) A: Welcome new refugees who are arriving in your community by offering support, shelter, or other assistance.

#### 26

Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels. (Hebrews 13:2) A: Contact your members of Congress today and urge them not to turn their backs on people fleeing harm.

#### 4

You shall treat the foreigner who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; you shall love the foreigner as yourself; for you too were once foreigners. (Leviticus 19:33-34) A: Consider donating to Catholic Charities <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>.

### TUESDAY

#### 20

But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them. (John 2:11) A: Read a book about anti-racism. <https://www.esquire.com/entertainment/books/g32733124/best-books-on-anti-racism/>.

#### 27

"A democracy cannot thrive where power remains unchecked and justice is reserved for a select few. Ignoring these cries and failing to respond to this movement is simply not an option—for peace cannot exist where justice is not served." (John Lewis) A: Learn about criminal justice reform. <https://cjj.org/criminal-justice-reform/>.

#### 5

"Anti-racism is the commitment to fight racism wherever you find it, including in yourself. And it's the only way forward." (Ijeoma Oluo) A: Read about seven strategies for your antiracism journey. <https://www.verywell-mind.com/anti-racism-strategies-5069386>

### WEDNESDAY

#### 14 Ash Wednesday

"We forget that the water cycle and the life cycle are one." (Jacques Cousteau) A: This Lenten season, whenever you take a sip of clean water, thank God for the gift of water and say a prayer for those who lack access to clean water.

#### 21

"One particularly serious problem is the quality of water available to the poor. Every day, unsafe water results in many deaths and the spread of water-related diseases. . . ." (Laudato Si' # 29) A: Learn about and consider donating to Living Waters for the World <https://www.livingwaters-fortheworld.org/>.

#### 28

"By means of water, we give life to everything." (Koran) A: Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks as well as provide tips to save water and money on future bills.

#### 6

Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity." (Laudato Si' # 30) A: Learn about and consider donating to Water Aid (<https://www.wateraid.org/us/>) or The Water Project (<https://thewaterproject.org/>).

### THURSDAY

#### 15

"Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon. Indeed, it is a weapon unique in history, which cuts without wounding and ennoble the man who wields it." (Martin Luther King, Jr.) A: Pray for peace in our neighborhoods, our country, and our world.

#### 22

"War does not resolve any problem. It only sows death and destruction, increases hate, multiplies vengeance. War erases the future. I exhort believers to take only one side in this conflict: the side of peace..." (Pope Francis) A: Listen to The Soul of Nonviolence Podcast: <https://pacebene.org/soul-of-nonviolence-podcast>

#### 29

"We may never be strong enough to be entirely non-violent in thought, word, and deed. But we must keep non-violence as our goal and make steady progress towards it." (Mahatma Gandhi) A: Do something for peace each day. Brainstorm ideas with others on how you can help to create a more peace-filled world.

#### 7

"Nonviolence means avoiding not only external physical violence but also internal violence of spirit. You not only refuse to shoot a man, but you refuse to hate him." (Martin Luther King, Jr.) A: Spend some time today praying for someone you feel anger towards. Ask God to help you forgive.

### FRIDAY

#### 16

"The climate crisis is one of the leading causes of the steep rise in global hunger. Hunger will spiral out of control if the world fails to take immediate climate action." (WFP) A: Read more about world hunger and how you can help at World Food Programme <https://www.wfp.org/>.

#### 23

Since you are God's children, you must try to live like him. (Ephesians 5:1) A: What can you do today to purge the pollution and toxic matter in your lifestyle? What sustainable alternative can you reflect on as you think about your food choices?

#### 1

"Many things made me become a vegetarian, among them the higher food yield as a solution to world hunger." (John Denver) A: Avoid eating animal-based food sources, especially processed and red meats. Instead choose plant-based proteins such as beans, nuts, seeds, and legumes.

#### 8

"There's enough on this planet for everyone's needs but not for everyone's greed." (Mahatma Gandhi) A: Visit <https://www.feedingamerica.org/programs-services> to find ways you can help fight hunger.

### SATURDAY

#### 17

"We can find no social or moral justification whatsoever, for the lack of housing. The Son of God came into this world a homeless person. The Son of God knew what it was like to start life without a roof over his head." (Pope Francis) A: Learn more about organizations working to end homelessness such as DePaul USA <https://depaulusa.org/>.

#### 24

"To save a life is a real and beautiful thing. To make a home for the homeless, yes, it is a thing that must be good; whatever the world may say, it cannot be wrong." (Vincent Van Gogh) A: Donate everyday essentials to an organization helping those who are homeless.

#### 2

"None of us are home until all of us are home." (Project HOME) A: Support organizations who are helping to combat homelessness—volunteer, donate money, spread the word.

#### 9

"Our prime purpose in this life is to help others and if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them." (Dalai Lama) A: Let people know they are seen. Even if it just saying hello, it is a small but important thing for someone who may feel invisible.



# Lent 2024

## Daily Reflections for the Sacred Season of Lent

March

*"If 'the universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely... there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face.' The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it?"*

Pope Francis , Laudate Deum



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### SUNDAY

#### 10 4th Week

*"The #WordOfGod pierces our lives, enabling us to discern the feelings and thoughts of the heart. It helps us see where to give space to the light of goodness, and also where the darkness of vice and sin needs to be resisted." (Pope Francis) A: Take a moment in silent meditation to give space to the light of goodness in your life.*

### MONDAY

#### 11

*"Refugees are mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, children, with the same hopes and ambitions as us—except that a twist of fate has bound their lives to a global refugee crisis on an unprecedented scale." (Khaled Hosseini) A: Read about the Justice for Immigrants Campaign of the USCCB: <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/>.*

### TUESDAY

#### 12

*"Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. (John 4:20) A: Listen to NPR's Code Switch Podcast: <https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510312/codeswitch>.*

### WEDNESDAY

#### 13

*"All the water that will ever be is, right now." (National Geographic) A: Reuse wastewater where possible; use it to water your plants or garden. Just be sure to use eco-friendly soaps and detergents.*

### THURSDAY

#### 14

*"While we may not consider the way we talk to be 'violent,' our words often lead to hurt and pain, whether for others or for ourselves." (Marshall B. Rosenberg) A: Respect yourself and others by choosing not to use any profanity or put downs. Choose not to judge yourself or others.*

### FRIDAY

#### 15

*"Let us march on poverty until no American parent has to skip a meal so that their children may eat." (Martin Luther King Jr.) A: Write to a lawmaker and ask them to pass policies that support people who are food insecure.*

### SATURDAY

#### 16

*"These things become the norm: that some homeless people die of cold on the streets is not news. In contrast, a ten-point drop in the stock markets of some cities is a tragedy." (Pope Francis) A: Consider driving around offering old blankets, coats, gloves, and hats to those who are homeless.*

#### 17 5th Week

*"Let us love the Lord God with all our heart and all our soul, with all our mind and all our strength, and with fortitude and with total understanding..." (St. Francis' Rule of 1221) A: Keep a journal of blessings and answered prayers. Recognize the gifts you have received from God.*

#### 18

*"No one leaves home unless home is the mouth of a shark." (Warsan Shire) A: Watch this video of Warsan Shire's poem "Home" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vR6tqLwInZQ>*

#### 19

*"People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite." (Nelson Mandela) A: Share the gift of diversity with children by purchasing a book for a child in your family or your local school. <https://www.themaysue.com/move-over-dr-seuss-29-diverse-childrens-books/>*

#### 20

*"The earth, the air, the land, and the water are not an inheritance from our forefathers but on loan from our children. So, we have to handover to them at least as it was handed over to us." Gandhi A: Take our Eco Water Audit, here: <https://osfphila.org/justice-and-peace/environmental-audit/eco-audit-water/>*

#### 21

*"It is time to say enough to the indiscriminate trafficking of arms." (Pope Francis) A: Write down at least one way you can show, through action, that you stand for your beliefs. Take this action today.*

#### 22

*"The war against hunger is truly mankind's war of liberation." (John F. Kennedy) A: Consider volunteering for a food delivery service helping homebound seniors maintain a well-balanced diet and offering a bit of companionship.*

#### 23

*"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." Mother Teresa A: Make blessing bags with snacks, water, and an encouraging note and hand them out to those in need.*

#### 24 Holy Week

*"The perfect image of the Father is a way of perceiving and being seized and saturated by the gift of God's love amidst the mundane, the ordinary, the routine." (Michael Downey) A: Look for signs that God is with you throughout your day—a smile from a stranger, a song from a bird, a memory that pops in your head.*

#### 25

*"Refugees don't make our country less safe. But xenophobia, fear, and hate do." (Ted Lieu) A: Learn about how the Hope Border Institute is ministering at the US-Mexico border <https://www.hopeborder.org/>.*

#### 26

*"Tolerance, inter-cultural dialogue, and respect for diversity are more essential than ever in a world where peoples are becoming more and more closely interconnected." (Kofi Annan) A: Get out of your comfort zone and explore another culture through food, music, film, or literature.*

#### 27

*"Because no matter who we are or where we come from, we're all entitled to the basic human rights of clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, and healthy land to call home." (Martin Luther King III) A: Watch Water Saving Tips and Tricks – The Environment for Kids with your children: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nTcFXJT0Fsc>.*

#### 28 Holy Thursday

*"There is no path to peace, but peace itself is the path." (Richard Rohr) A: This Holy Thursday, focus on what you appreciate most about the person you like the least. Find the peace in your heart and direct it outward.*

#### 29 Good Friday

*"Hunger is not a problem. It is an obscenity. How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." (Anne Frank) A: Fast today in honor of Good Friday but hold in your heart and prayer those who are forced to fast every day.*

#### 30 Holy Saturday

*"When it comes to homelessness, you've got to ask yourself, 'Does my behavior towards those without an address contribute to the invisibility that they face daily?'" (Terence Lester) A: Use your business, church group, or classroom for good. Hire someone from a vulnerable population or do a fundraiser, collect donations, etc.*

#### 31

## Happy Easter

*"Jesus came to reveal and resolve this central and essential problem. I consider it the meaning of the Risen Christ... Jesus hung on the cross and did not return the negative energy directed at him. He held it inside and made it into something better. That is how he 'took away the sin of the world.' He refused to pass it on! He absorbed evil until it became resurrection." (Richard Rohr)*

A: Be generous with your time and your gifts. Let go of negativity and rejoice in the good. Practice gratitude and contentment.



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Lenten  
Reflections



# St. Leo Social Justice Page

## St Leo Supportive Social Service Program – January 2024 Budget Report

### Social Supportive Services Expenses

Rental Assistance:	\$1,640.00
Utility Assistance:	\$208.00
Transit:	\$145.00
Orca:	\$108.00
Furniture:	\$100.00
Medical:	\$840.00
DOL:	\$99.00
Auto:	\$768.58

### Bridge Program Expenses

Rent Assist:	\$3,600.00
Auto:	\$1,300.00
Transit:	\$50.00
Utilities:	\$166.70
Furniture:	\$250.00
Work/Ed.:	\$200.00
Orca:	\$148.00

**Jan. Total Disbursements Social Support Program: \$3,908.58; For the Employment Bridge Program, it was \$5,714.70.**

**Jan. Program Income for Soc Support: \$7,054.60**

**Jan. Monthly Balance for Social Support: \$3,146.02**

**As of Feb. 1, 2024, we have a Social Supportive services balance of \$77,890.30.**

**The balance in our Employment Bridge Program as of Feb 1, 2024, is: \$5,714.70.**

Thank you for generously contributing to our Supportive Social Services Programs. St. Staff and our dedicated volunteers will continue to assist individuals and families in need to the best of our abilities, mindful of good stewardship of your generous and gracious support. **THANK YOU**

**Employment Bridge Program:** *Our bridge program that has helped individuals secure employment or to address financial challenges that jeopardized client's employment is predicted to "sunset" in April when these dedicated funds are exhausted. In the month of February, we will be budgeting \$3,000.00 for client support via the Social Supportive Services Program. The Bridge program will continue until funds are exhausted.*

As a priority of the Social Supportive Services Program, employment and employment retention will continue to be a priority as we help those in need. However, all our finances will soon be from our primary Social Supportive Services Program.

### The Clothing Boutique: Update

We are seeking the following items: Razors, Small Bar-Soaps, Laundry Detergent, Blankets, Men's Jeans Sizes 34-36 & Men's Underwear of mixed sizes.

**Thanks for Bringing Hope to So Many of Those in Need**

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# *Join the* EMPOWERED LEADERS

## FOR FOOD SUSTAINABILITY AND ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE

*Information Session*

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>  
11am-12pm  
St. Leo Church

Join us in a social justice project to advocate for and address systemic issues related to food sustainability and ecological justice. In partnership with the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center, St. Leo's parishioners will have the opportunity to develop their gifts for leadership, build relationships within the parish and local community, and take action to address injustices!

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT:

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Sarah Pericich-Lopez - [spericichlopez@ipjc.org](mailto:spericichlopez@ipjc.org)





***JESUS, WE KNOW THAT EVERY JOURNEY BEGINS WITH A FIRST STEP.***

***We desire to accompany you. We trust your Spirit will be our strength and spiritual nourishment.***

Coming during Lent! Accompany Jesus on the journey. On **Friday, March 1**, Live Stations of the Cross **at 6:30PM** in the church.

Join us for soup, salad and bread from 5:00pm-6:15PM in the Bix. **Save this date** on your calendars.

Anyone who would like to participate in the Stations of the Cross, please contact Teresa Lynch at [chaplainteresa@yahoo.com](mailto:chaplainteresa@yahoo.com) by Wednesday, February 21.

Anyone who would like to provide soup, salad, or bread or otherwise assist with the meal, contact Jerry Schumacher at [Jschu98023@Yahoo.com](mailto:Jschu98023@Yahoo.com).



## Pray.Watch.Discuss

### THE CHOSEN SEASON 1

8 Sessions  
Wednesdays 5-6:30 pm  
in the Bix

\$15 Suggested  
Donation

Sessions:  
February: 21, 28  
March: 6, 13, 20, 27  
April: 10, 17

Open to Faith Formation  
Families, Friends,  
& Parishioners.

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

## 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.

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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.

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# NW IGNATIAN ADVOCACY Summit



## DETAILS

- **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**



**PLEASE REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 9TH**

**Housing Available. Suggested Donation \$25**

**More Details and Registration at:  
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Please mark your calendars for March 24 at 7 PM for a concert fundraiser to support our refugee Afghan family. It will be in the Saint Aloysius chapel at Bellarmine Prep and the concert pianist Tanya Stambuk will be returning with both a cellist and a clarinetist. More information will be coming in March about the event but it promises to be another wonderful evening of entertainment with a free will offering.



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