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"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

John 11:25-26



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 4:30 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

18 March - Monday St. Cyril of Jerusalem 1st Reading: Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or Daniel 13: 41c-62 Gospel: John 8: 1-11

<u>19 March - Tuesday</u> St. Joseph 1st Reading: Second Samuel 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16 2nd Reading: Romans 4: 13, 16-18, 22 Gospel: Matthew 1: 16, 18-21, 24

20 March - Wednesday 1st Reading: Daniel 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95 Gospel: John 8: 31-42

21 March - Thursday 1st Reading: Genesis 17: 3-9 Gospel: John 8: 51-59

22 March - Friday 1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 10-13 Gospel: John 10: 31-42

23 March - Saturday St. Toribio De Mogrovejo 1st Reading: Ezekiel 37: 21-28 Gospel: John 11: 45-56

24 March - Sunday Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Procession: Mark 11: 1-10 1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7 2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11 Gospel: Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47



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

"Today, just like then, Jesus says to us to: "take away the stone". However burdensome the past, great the sin, weighty the shame, let us never bar the Lord's entrance. Let us, before him, remove that stone which prevents him from entering. This is the favourable time to remove our sin, our attachment to worldly vanity, the pride that blocks our souls, so much hostility among us, in families.... This is the favourable time for removing all these things.

Visited and liberated by Jesus, we ask for the grace to be witnesses of life in this world that thirsts for it, witnesses who spark and rekindle God's hope in hearts weary and laden with sadness. Our message is the joy of the living Lord, who says again today, as he did to Ezekiel, "Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people" ~ Pope Francis March 17, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters-

I want to thank those of you who took the time to attend one of the Sacred Space meetings. I am extremely grateful for your participation and for the team that organized and supported the event. You all keep showing up to the table for dialogue, discernment, support, and accompaniment. In the first couple of weeks of Easter, the parish council will report on the fruits of the conversations.

Speaking of Easter, if you are free, attend the Easter Vigil, or the Easter Sunday Mass on the 31st at 12:00 PM. Sacraments of Initiation will be conferred at both celebrations. It will be an opportunity to be with the Elect and to witness the reception of their Sacraments. However, if the time is inconvenient, we will also have our regular 9:30 AM Liturgy.

For almost three years, St. Leo has hosted the Filipino American Multilingual Mass. Three years ago, Conrado Julian had conversations with me about it. He had a vision, and the vision was put into practice. The vison bore good fruits - fruits that I hope will remain with St. Leo. I am thankful to all of you for having opened the doors of St. Leo for the celebration of the FAMM. I am also grateful to the FAMM organizing committee for three years of service.

However, the organizers of this monthly liturgy have discerned that the time has come to close it out effective immediately. They look forward to the new opportunities that Partners in the Gospel will bring.

The Kateri Circle Mass continues to be celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM.

I want to thank Heather Paez for leading the program for Infant Baptisms. She did it with lots of love, passion, and respect for the families seeking the Sacrament of Baptism. Moving forward, Adrian Julian will coordinate Infant Baptisms, and Eileen McCaffrey-Lent will coordinate funerals.

Speaking of gratitude, we are organizing a parish celebration on the 22nd and 23rd of June in gratitude for 112 years of St. Leo's history, and to ask for God's blessing as St. Leo joins St. Charles Borromeo. This celebration will coincide with the weekend Liturgies.

Many people (staff and clergy) attended a training last week for Partners in the Gospel. Thus, I am updating you on some of the takeaways from the meeting that are important for you to know.

Pastors for the new parish families will be announced the second week of Easter. Besides the appointments of new pastors and associates, the second potential change will be seen in the change/adjustment of Mass times wherever there is an overlap and/or conflict due to the lack

of priest to cover Masses. As of now, Fr. Mike McDermott and I do not foresee changes between St. Leo and St. Charles.

Based on the information shared at the training, I do not foresee major changes during the first twelve months besides the ones just mentioned. The first year, starting on July 1^{st,} will be a time to get to know the members of the newly formed family. It will also be a year of consultation between the different members of the family in preparation to implement Partners in the Gospel. Moreover, existing advisory and working bodies will continue in each parish community until 2026-2027, when parish communities will form a common vison.

In addition to existing advisory and working bodies, the new pastor will form two new bodies made up of members of the new family. One of these bodies will be made up of staff members, and the second of parish leadership. These two advisory bodies will begin to represent the new parish family.

A lot remains undetermined, but some things are becoming clearer. I am starting to feel more hopeful for the parishes, and as much as I would like to be part of the future, I can't. I am also dealing with emotions that sometimes I can suppress, but other times, I am unable to contain.

We are all experiencing the Paschal Mystery in different stages as it comes with desolation and consolation. Thus, it is important that we all enter the Triduum together – whether online from home, or inside the parish building.

Thank you,

Fr. Elias Puentes



Sick: Erika Agosto, daughter of Lisa and Allan Dreyer, Corazon Sanchez-Ignacio, Sr. Jude Connelly, and Esther Hill.

Deceased: Marlene Tenzler.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 23	PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - VIGIL MASS — 5:00 PM
MARCH 24	PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - 9:30 AM — LIVE STREAMED
MARCH 24	PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - KATERI CIRCLE MASS -1:30 PM
MARCH 28	HOLY THURSDAY, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper — 7:00 PM
MARCH 29	GOOD FRIDAY, Friday of the Passion of the Lord — 4:30 PM
MARCH 30	HOLY SATURDAY, Easter Vigil – 8:30 PM
MARCH 31	EASTER SUNDAY, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord -9:30 AM LIVE STREAMED
MARCH 31	EASTER SUNDAY, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord -12:00 PM



Calling all liturgical ministers! We could definitely use your help during our busy Holy Week and Easter celebrations. There is a sign-up in the vesting sacristy for all who can assist.

Also, we are looking for folks to help us with the footwashing on Holy Thursday, March 28, at 7:00. If you are interested in doing so, and are available for a rehearsal on Wednesday, March 27 from 7:15-8:00, we'd love to have you! You can either talk to Eileen McCaffery-Lent or email her: emclent@stleoparish.org



Join us as we celebrate Holy Week and Easter!

We are rapidly approaching the highpoint of our liturgical life as Catholics. Come, pray, and celebrate!

Palm Sunday, *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord* (March 23/24) - Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. We gather outside the worship space (on Saturday in the hospitality area, and on Sunday outside the doors of the church), palms are distributed and blessed, and the Processional Gospel - the story of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem - is proclaimed. We then process into the church, where we hear the story of the Passion of the Lord as it is told by Mark. Red is the color of the day, so we encourage you to search your closets and don your red attire!

Our Holy Week journey leads us to the Easter Triduum, the summit of the liturgical year, beginning the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though this is three days chronologically, it is considered a single celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery

Holy Thursday, *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper* (March 28 at 7:00) - This is the day that we commemorate the Last Supper. The service begins with the presentation of the oils that have been blessed by the Archbishop. In this evening's Gospel, Jesus washes the feet of Peter, and gives us a mandate to do the same. We respond by washing the feet of others during the foot washing. If you would like to participate, please consider wearing shoes that are easy to put on and take off. Following communion, a procession is formed in which the Blessed Sacrament is carried through the church to the altar of repose and the main altar is stripped. The church will remain open for a half hour for private prayer and reflection. Also, you are invited to return your Rice Bowl offering at this Mass. There will be a marked basket for this as you enter the worship space.

Good Friday, *Friday of the Passion of the Lord* (March 29 at 4:30) - Today we hear the Passion story again, but this time from John's Gospel. This deeply moving liturgy includes the Solemn Intercessions, the Adoration of the Cross, the distribution of Communion, and at the end, you will have an opportunity to venerate the cross in a personal way. The church will remain open for a half hour for private prayer and reflection.

Holy Saturday, *Easter Vigil* (March 30 at 8:30). We gather outside in the darkness around the Easter candle. The Easter candle is lit, and we follow its light into our worship space. We hear the story of our salvation, beginning, as all good things do, "in the beginning". We move then to the heart of our celebration when our Elect are baptized in the newly blessed waters of our font. In great joy and celebration, we welcome the newly baptized and those receiving communion and being confirmed. Come, pray, and celebrate with us on this holiest of nights! (and for those of you who have organized your closets according to our liturgical colors, 'tis time to bring out either white or gold...)

Easter Sunday, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (March 31) Our celebration continues, first at our 9:30 Mass, and then at noon. The noon Mass will be a bilingual Mass when, with great joy, we celebrate three baptisms and offer welcome to several adults and youth who will be completing the Sacraments of Initiation by receiving their First Communion and the sacrament of Confirmation. How blessed we are to have so many joining with us more fully!

PLEASE PRAY

FOR THE FOLLOWING AS WE WALK WITH THESE YOUTH AND ADULTS AS THEY PREPARE TO RECEIVE THEIR SACRAMENTS.

DURING THE EASTER VIGIL MARCH 30TH AT 8:30 PM MASS

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DURING THE EASTER DAY MARCH 31ST AT 12 PM MASS

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CONFIRMATION

St. Leo Social Justice Page

Jesuits West Apiaries and Gardens

Next week will be the Spring Equinox, ushering in the season of Spring! The weather is shifting, the bees are out and about and its time to plan your garden!

The 2024 beekeeping season will be different than ever before in my 22 years of beekeeping. Due to climate change, degraded ecosystems and invasive disease problems we are adjusting our honeybee health protocols and shifting any honey harvesting to the spring of 2025!!! But not all is doom & gloom. We are excited about the new ways to keep our bees healthy and hopefully building a stronger working relationships with students from Bellarmine and other schools!

Oh, and gardeners can help too!

In your gardens and yards, I ask that you grow more wildflowers for pollinators and consider growing <u>Detroit Beets</u> and donate them to **Jesuits West Apiaries and Gardens**. Hears is the idea: Since we will not have honey sales this fall to support the bees and our youth, we want to start up a Pickled Beet & Beet Relish product line. Our Youth Garden at the Bix is not large enough to grow enough beets for this effort so we are asking our *Gardening Parishioners* to help us out!

Just plant and tend the beets in your garden and when you harvest, bring them into the church for our youth and volunteers to turn them into delicious pickled beets and relish for the fall and winter holiday seasons. <u>To get your beet seeds or for</u> <u>more information, please contact Rick Samyn at:</u> VM/TEXT (253) 229-4114 or email to: <u>larchelhoneybeekeeping@gmail.com</u>

PS: Contact Bellarmine Prep this spring to check out their work in the greenhouse and visit their wonderful little Kateri Garden!



What FUN!!!

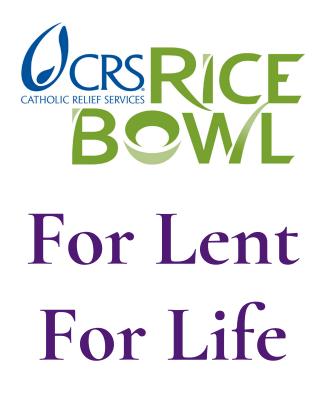
Guadalupe House/ Catholic Worker: Local Art & Craft Extravaganza!

Join us on Saturday, March 23rd at: Tacoma FUMC. 621 Tacoma Ave S – 6 PM!!! There will be wonderful food and a collection of very special silent auction items donated by local artisans and craftspeople.

For more information, please visit: tacomacatholicworker.com

SEEL Book Group on Racial Justice and the Spiritual Exercises

SEEL Puget Sound invites you to a 6-session book group based on <u>The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice</u> by Fr. Patrick Saint-Jean SJ. His book is a wonderful tool to increase our perspective of racial justice through the lens of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. The group will meet via zoom for each book session starting with a short orientation. Meetings are on Monday evenings, March 25 to May 13th from 6:30-8pm and the dates are: March 25, April 1, April 15, April 29, May 6, May 13. This session is offered for FREE so that all may attend. For more information and to register please email SEEL Puget Sound at info@ seelpugetsound.org.







We will have wonderful food and a collection of very special silent and live auction items donated by local artists and craftspeople.

You don't want to miss it.

Check the website for additional details.

tacomacatholicworker.com

Saturday March 2Bth

6PM AT TACOMA FUMC 621 TACOMA AVE S

SUPPORTING THE TACOMA CATHOLIC WORKER COMMUNITY



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. Space is limited please sign-up using the QR- code. Have questions email: faithformation@stleoparish.org



Orar, Observar, Discutir

EL ELEGIDO TEMPORADA 1

8 Sesiones los miércoles 5-6:30 pm en el Bix

Donación Sugerida de \$15

Sesiones: Febrero: 21, 28 Marzo: 6, 13, 20, 27 Abril: 10, 17 El vídeo y la sesión están en inglés.

Abierto a familias, amigos y formadores de fe & Feligreses.

El espacio es limitado, regístrese usando el código QR. Si tiene preguntas, envíe un correo electrónico a Faithformation@stleoparish.org.



TO SUPPORT A LOCAL REFUGEE FAMILY FROM AFGHANISTAN

featuring Pianist

Tanya Stambuk Clarinetist Cindy Renander Cellist Brian Wharton

March 24, 2024 | 7:00 pm St. Aloysius Gonzaga Chapel

Bellarmine Preparatory School 2300 Washington Street Tacoma, Washington



All funds will go directly to the family. Thank you for your support!

For questions, please call Mary Ann Seiwerath 253-241-6290

Au St. Leo Crusos	STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE Month to Date (MTD): March 2024						
	Period	Dor	nations1	Cur	nulative	% to MTD Budget	
	Collections Deposit 3/5/2024	\$	27,156	\$	27,156	169%	
	Collection Deposit 3/12/2024	\$	20,827	\$	47,983	146%	
	Collection Deposit 3/19/2024			\$	-	0%	
	Collection Deposit 3/26/2024			\$	-	0%	
	Online giving 3/31/2024			\$	-	0%	
	Estimated Month to Date	\$	47,983	\$	47,983	7 2 %	
1. Includes: in-church, mailed, and online givingFebruary Goal: \$67,071 (Mar.1-31)							
See St. Leo website for a Guide to set up online giving through Pushpay We are Grateful for your Donations.							



St. Leo the Great Parish Sunday Giving https://pushpay.com/g/stleoparish

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St. Leo Food Connection Food Connection https://pushpay.com/g/foodconnection

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St. Leo L'Honey Program L'Honey https://pushpay.com/g/lhoneyprogram

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"We acknowledge with gratitude and humility that St. Leo Parish is on the unceded territory of the Puyallup Tribe which our indigenous sisters and brothers have recognized as sacred and have cared for throughout the generations."

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Reporting Clergy Sexual Abuse --Society of Jesus

If you or anyone you know has felt victimized by a Jesuit at any time, please contact Mary Pat Panighetti, advocacy coordinator for Jesuits West, at 408-893-8398 or 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.

