November 17, 2024

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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SCHEDULE SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 PM ☑ Sunday - 10:00 AM ☑ (Kateri Circle Mass) 4th Sunday - 1:30 PM ☑ Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 12:10 PM ☑ Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturdays 4 to 4:30 PM

to add someone to our prayer list, please contact pastoralministries@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

18 November - Monday Dedication of the Churches of Peter and Paul

1st Reading: Revelation 1: 1-4;

2: 1-5

Gospel: Luke 18: 35-43

19 November - Tuesday

1st Reading: Revelation 3: 1-6,

14-22

Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10

20 November - Wednesday

1st Reading: Revelation 4: 1-11 Gospel: Luke 19: 11-28

21 November - Thursday Presentation of

the Blessed Virgin Mary

1st Reading: Revelation 5: 1-10 Gospel: Luke 19: 41-44

22 November - Friday

St. Cecilia

1st Reading: Revelation 10: 8-11

Gospel: Luke 19: 45-48

23 November - Saturday St. Clement I

1st Reading: Revelation 11: 4-12 Gospel: Luke 20: 27-40

24 November - Sunday Christ the King

1st Reading: Daniel 7: 13-14 2nd Reading: Revelation 1: 5-8

Gospel: John 18: 33b-37

St. Leo Church

...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



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5 PM Sunday - 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM Monday - Friday - 9 AM

"The Lord Jesus is not only the destination of our earthly pilgrimage, but also a constant presence in our lives; he is also beside us, he always accompanies. That's why, when we speak of the future and project ourselves toward it, it is always in order to lead us back to the present. He counters the false prophets, the fortune-tellers who predict that the end of the world is near; he sets himself against fatalism. He is at our side; he walks with us; he loves us. This presence of Jesus calls us to the anticipation and vigilance that exclude both impatience and lethargy, both the escaping to the future and the becoming prisoners of the current moment and of worldliness.

In our days, too, there is no lack of natural and moral disasters, nor of adversities and difficulties of every kind. Everything passes, the Lord reminds us; he alone, his Word remains as the light that guides and encourages our steps. He always forgives us because he is at our side. We need only look at him and he changes our hearts."

~ Pope Francis 2015

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Dear St. Leo Parishioners

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been talking about stewardship as a fundamental part of our Catholic faith. Recognizing that God is Lord of all, allows us to joyfully take up our role as stewards and leads us to a life of joyful giving and serving.

As we continue our stewardship of treasure campaign, I invite you to consider your many blessings and return a portion of those blessings to be used in service of others and for the greater glory of God. Please complete the commitment card found in the pews by mail, collection basket, or use our online pledge form at www.stleoparish.org.

Realizing that we are the recipients of such abundant generosity should fill us with joy and gratitude. It is this gratitude that frees us to share not out of obligation - but as a member of the body of Christ. Thank you for being an integral part of supporting our efforts to carry out Christ's mission through our parish ministries and outreach.

In Christ,

Fr. Michael Rademacher Pastor St. Leo Parish

P.S. If you have already returned your commitment card, Thank You, and please disregard this letter.

Gratitude starts when we recognize that we have received a gift.





Sick: Ann Brown and Frank Metcalf.

Deceased: Larry Frazier, David Magden, Josephine Duyungan, Marianne Reed, and Susie Hofstedt.

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



If your loved one is facing surgery or has a chronic health condition, they can receive the sacramental Anointing of the Sick after any mass. Just notify the priest of this need either before or after mass.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 23	SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING — VIGIL MASS — 5:00 PM
NOVEMBER 24	SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING — MASS - 10:00 AM — LIVE STREAMED
NOVEMBER 24	SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING — KATERI CIRCLE MASS - 1:30 PM
NOVEMBER 30	FUNERAL MASS FOR MARIANNE REED 10:00 AM
NOVEMBER 30	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT — VIGIL MASS — 5:00 PM
DECEMBER 1	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT — MASS - 10:00 AM — LIVE STREAMED
DECEMBER 7	FUNERAL FOR SUSIE HOFSTEDT – 10:00 AM
DECEMBER 7	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT — VIGIL MASS — 5:00 PM
DECEMBER 8	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT — MASS - 10:00 AM — LIVE STREAMED

We have a new songbook called Breaking Bread, now available in addition to our traditional blue hymnal in the pews. Breaking Bread includes the readings for parishioners to follow along, beginning November 30th. We will also be getting a hymnal number board to assist parishioners who prefer a visual reference for which song to sing, complementing the cantor's announcements of the song numbers in both the blue hymnal and Breaking Bread. These updates support the transition from worship aids to songbooks, though we may continue to use worship aids occasionally for special Masses. This change is driven by the expertise required, staff costs, and environmental considerations. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Adriana. Thank you for your support as we work to navigate these changes.



Liturgical Update

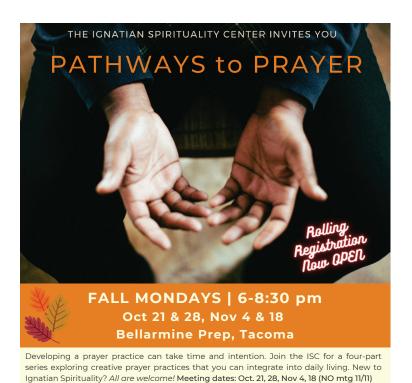
Archbishop Etienne has announced a liturgical change which we will begin this Advent, introducing the use of precious metal vessels and kneeling during the celebration of the Eucharist, starting on November 30th. Please read Fr. Michael's letter here (https://stleoparish.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Letter-on-Liturgical-Changes.102724.pdf).

As a reminder, kneeling in the Catholic Church takes place after the Sanctus (Holy, Holy) until the Great Amen, and again after the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) until receiving Communion.

Please take a moment to read Archbishop Etienne's letter, <u>The Work of Redemption</u>, which provides insight into these liturgical changes. Hard copies are available at the back of the church.







For more information and to register, scan QR code or visit
https://www.ignatiancenter.org/pathways-to-prayer-2024-tacoma
Please register by Oct 20 for full 4-session package or by the Monday before each session
Questions? maria@ignatiancenter.org (206) 329-4824

SEEL



"Better Together"
Tuesday, November 26, 2024
6:00 ~ 7:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 7410 S. 12th Street Tacoma 98465

In its 36th 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 26. For more information please contact Sandy Windley sandyw@associatedministries.org.





St. Leo Social Justice Page

St Leo Supportive Social Service Program

Words of Thank You to the Parish from a client we will call J.S.:

"Dear Rick, Tanya, Paula and all contributing members (Read as the parish family giving support to Social Supportive Services). Much gratitude to you for helping me and the work you do in the community! Thank God for you! He is blessing me now & I wish you all the Peace of His presence."

We are in the season of giving and the season of Stewardship in support of this parish. The institution we call the parish is the framework that allows us to minister to those in need, to care for Creation & to advocate for justice! As all institutions, the church and the parish have its flaws, but they are institutions that work for the good! So, in this season of giving and thankfulness, I ask you to not only continue the support of our ministries but also, prayerfully consider the support of the parish as an institution. An institution that is the scaffolding upon which we minister to those in need, inspire servant-leadership in others, and advocate for justice and care for Creation!

We are a force for GOOD!

The Clothing Boutique: Thanks for the donations!

Thanks to one and all who have donated warm clothing, blankets and men's jeans. Your donations are appreciated, and we hope you continue to support this parish program with warm clothing items and blankets as we move into the winter season. Please, if you can, continue to donate blankets, warm clothing & men's pants!

We Will Advocate for FOOD JUSTICE!

A central principal for Catholic Social Teaching is the right to food for all persons. For example, in Pacem in Terris, St. John XXIII states that "Every person has the right to life, to bodily integrity, and to the means which are suitable for the proper development of life; these are primarily food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical care, and finally the necessary social services." Given the right to food, the next step is to establish the path and policies used by the church, private organizations, families, communities, and the government to ensure this right. https://credo-economists.org/

Starting at the end of November and continuing into February/March of 2025 we will be presenting information and educational presenters at St. Leo's in support of food justice – particularly for Children. Our end goal is to educate parishioners on this issue and to empower them to speak to their state legislators in Olympia on the issue of FOOD JUSTICE, particularly as a human right and an obligation to our children!

Rick Samyn TEXT 253 229-4114

November is Native American Heritage Month

In 1990, Congress passed, and United States President George H. W. Bush signed legislation declaring that November as "National American Indian Heritage Month." Commonly referred to as "Native American Heritage Month," it is a time designated towards honoring the immense diversity and historical legacy of all Native Americans across the nation. This meaningful legislation was not without obstacles. For roughly a hundred years prior, Americans, both Indian and non-Indian, have strived for a notable place on the calendar to recognize the original inhabitants and their present-day descendants of what is now known as the United States of America.

One of the earliest proponents for designating a time to honor Native Americans was anthropologist, author, and historian Dr. Arthur Caswell Parker. This Cattaraugus Seneca native successfully convinced the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans" from 1912 to 1915. Dr. Parker was also the founder of the Society of American Indians in 1911, and in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians.

Another early advocate for honoring Native Americans was the Reverend Red Fox James, also known as Red Fox Skiukusha, a Blackfeet native who in 1914 began a 4,000-mile trek on horseback to Washington D.C. to petition for an "Indian Day." Only a year later, in 1915, the Congress of the American Indian Association insisted that its president, the Reverend Sherman Coolidge, an Arapaho native, issue a declaration proclaiming the second Saturday of each May as "American Indian Day."

A turning point arrived in 1919 when the Illinois State legislature enacted a bill celebrating the fourth Friday in September as "American Indian Day." Jumping forward to 1935, Massachusetts' governor also declared the fourth Friday in September as "American Indian Day." Both decisions would go on to lay the foundation for honoring Native Americans in any given year henceforward.

Furthering the cause, California Governor and future United States President Ronald Reagan signed a resolution in 1968 designating the fourth Friday in September as "American Indian Day." In 1976, Congress passed a resolution that provided United States President Gerald Ford authorization to proclaim an entire week in October as "Native American Awareness Week." Since the passing of that resolution, Congress and every acting President from that year forth has observed a day, a week, or a month honoring Native Americans.

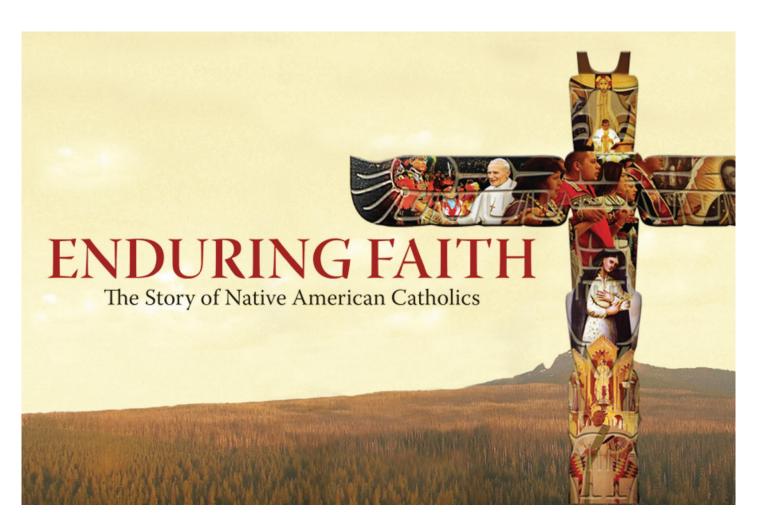
This observance of Native American heritage grows each year throughout various government and public ordinances across the nation. Perhaps one of the most important events occurred in 2009, with Congress passing and United States President Barack Obama signing legislation declaring the Friday after Thanksgiving Day as "Native American Heritage Day," further advancing the national focus upon Native Americans and their diverse cultures, sacrifices, and contributions within the framework of American history.

Through the tremendous struggles of various advocates during the past century, moments to honor and recognize Native Americans continue to grow each year. An example of this growth locally occurred in 2014, when Seattle Mayor Ed Murray signed a resolution declaring the second Monday in October in Seattle "Indigenous Peoples Day," becoming yet another illustration of such growth. In October 2021, President Joe Biden continued this tradition by highlighting November as Native American Heritage Month and November 26th as Native American Heritage Day. As America continues to grapple with the historical and contemporary

issues surrounding Native Americans, "Native American Heritage Month" continues to be an opportunity to provide a shining light into the past, present, and future of Native Americans everywhere.

Written by Miguel A. Douglas Member of the Puyallup Tribe Member of the Tacoma Kateri Circle

The Tacoma Kateri Circle will have a potluck on Sunday, November 24, following their monthly Mass, which is at 1:30 PM. Sandwiches will be provided by the Circle. Please bring soup, salad, side dishes, dessert or a beverage to share. During the potluck we will show the DVD: *Enduring Faith, The Story of Native American Catholics*. All are welcome!



PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE.







Gratitude starts when we recognize that we have received a gift.

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER GOD'S GIFTS TO YOU AND MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY.

Everything we have is a gift from God and we're called to share these gifts with others. This is stewardship.

Understanding this, embracing the joy of stewardship, is what creates in us a "need" to give. We give not because there is a need to give — but because our heart points us to give as a part of our faith journey. We give because we are grateful for what we have been given.

If you haven't already decided on your parish stewardship commitment, please prayerfully consider God's gifts to you and make your pledge today. Good things happen when you share. Seeing everything before us as gift — we joyfully accept the responsibility to grow and return our gifts to God.

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO ATTEND OUR:



Advent Festival Oh Holy Night!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. - FEIST SOCIAL HALL

Advent Wreaths + Crafts + Refreshments + Music + Work of Human Hands + + Advent Devotionals + Quilt Club Sale + Shoe Liturgy Sales + Prayer Shawl Ministry L' Honey Project Sale + Parish Library Display + Door Prizes for Adults and Children

Begin the celebration of the season with our annual Advent Festival, a *St. Charles tradition!* Prepare for Advent and the Christmas Holiday by celebrating with your family and shopping. Visit our popular "Work of Human Hands" sale or support our ministries of Quilt Club, Prayer Shawl, and Shoe Liturgy. We add and welcome St. Leo's L' Honey Project this year to our sale options. Enter our free Drawings for both adults' and children's Door Prizes. Create your own Advent Wreath *for your home with live greens* and enjoy fellowship with our parishioners.

Make charming Holiday Decorations and gifts and ornaments that celebrate our faith:

- 1. Nativity Story Accordion Craft
- 2. Keepsake Nativity Paper Craft
- 3. Angel Scratch Art
- 4. God is With Us Ornament

- 5. Light of the World Standup
- 6. Angel Ornaments
- 7. Christmas Yarn Tree
- 8. Beaded Tree Ornament

And more.....

FREE Advent devotionals for Adults, Kids and Families, Parish Shawl, Quilt Club & L' Honey Project ministry sales, Work of Human Hands sale & Shoe Liturgy sales Refreshments, music, and a whole lot of fun!

ALLARE WELCOME!

The Advent Festival is a parish-sponsored event (no cost). For more information or to help, please call Jodie Clark at 2*53.564.5185*, Ext. 3036

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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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