

January 5, 2025

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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LITURGY
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 4:30PM

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Daily Scripture Readings

6 January – Monday

St. André Bessette

1st Reading: 1 John 3: 22 – 4: 6

Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-17, 23-25

7 January – Tuesday

St. Raymond of Peñafort

1st Reading: 1 John 4: 7-10

Gospel: Mark 6: 34-44

8 January – Wednesday

1st Reading: 1 John 4: 11-18

Gospel: Mark 6: 45-52

9 January – Thursday

1st Reading: 1 John 4: 19 – 5: 4

Gospel: Luke 4: 14-22

10 January – Friday

1st Reading: 1 John 5: 5-13

Gospel: Luke 5: 12-16

11 January – Saturday

1st Reading: 1 John 5: 14-21

Gospel: John 3: 22-30

12 January – Sunday

The Baptism of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: Titus 2: 11-14; 3:
4-7

Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

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.



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stleoparish.org

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ST. CHARLES
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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5 PM

Sunday - 8 AM, 10 AM, 12:30 PM

Monday - Friday - 9 AM

“On the feast of the Epiphany, as we recall Jesus’ manifestation to humanity in the face of a Child, may we sense the Magi at our side, as wise companions on the way. Their example helps us to lift our gaze towards the star and to follow the great desires of our heart. They teach us not to be content with a life of mediocrity, of “playing it safe”, but to let ourselves be attracted always by what is good, true and beautiful... by God, who is all of this, and so much more! And they teach us not to be deceived by appearances, by what the world considers great, wise and powerful. We must not stop at that. It is necessary to guard the faith. Today this is of vital importance: to keep the faith. We must press on further, beyond the darkness, beyond the voices that raise alarm, beyond worldliness, beyond so many forms of modernity that exist today. We must press on towards Bethlehem, where, in the simplicity of a dwelling on the outskirts, beside a mother and father full of love and of faith, there shines forth the Sun from on high, the King of the universe. By the example of the Magi, with our little lights, may we seek the Light and keep the faith. May it be so.”

~Pope Francis 2014

We
pray
for

Sick: Sr. Pat Michalek and Eugena Buena-Douglas.

Deceased: Wilford Augustin and Fr. James Lee.

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

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| JANUARY 11 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD — VIGIL MASS — 5:00 PM |
| JANUARY 12 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD — MASS - 10:00 AM — <i>LIVE STREAMED</i> |
| JANUARY 18 | THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — MASS VIGIL MASS — 5:00 PM |
| JANUARY 19 | THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — MASS — 10:00 AM — <i>LIVE STREAMED</i> |
| JANUARY 25 | THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — VIGIL MASS — 5:00 PM |
| JANUARY 26 | THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— MASS - 10:00 AM — <i>LIVE STREAMED</i> |
| JANUARY 26 | THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — KATERI CIRLE MASS — 1:30 PM |
| FEBRUARY 1 | THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — MASS VIGIL MASS — 5:00 PM |
| FEBRUARY 2 | THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — MASS — 10:00 AM — <i>LIVE STREAMED</i> |

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They are Coming

Three Wise Men

Come join us to celebrate!

January 5 10:00 a.m.

St. Leo

We will provide blessed chalk for you to take home and use to bless your doors!



Ya llegaron los

Reyes Magos

¡Únase a nosotros para celebrar!

5 de enero 10:00 horas.

St. Leo

¡Te proporcionaremos tiza bendecida para que la lleves a casa y la uses para bendecir tus puertas!



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IGNATIAN EVENING**

JAN 9 • 6:30 - 8 P.M. • ORELL HALL, ACE

You're invited to join us for prayer, reflection and community! Bellarmine's Ignatian Evening Series is designed to foster growth in relationship with Jesus through Ignatian Spirituality, within the context of prayer and community.

Each Ignatian Evening will include a brief presentation on a topic of Ignatian Spirituality by a member of our Bellarmine community, will offer time for personal prayer and reflection, and conclude with a small group, spiritual conversation.

Join us as we continue our series with "Ignatian Indifference and Freedom" presented by Mary Gorman from SEEL Puget Sound (a Jesuit-sponsored organization offering the Spiritual Exercises). Come and ponder St. Ignatius' insights about what is most important and how to be free enough to want and choose it.

RSVP AT:
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Clothing Boutique, New Laundry Initiative, and a Call for Donations and Volunteers

St. Leo's Social Justice Ministry is adding a new laundry service for the population we serve. We have learned that our clients are sometimes forced to throw away otherwise usable clothing simply because they lack access to laundry facilities. Using the washer and dryer in the St. Leo Rectory, we will be taking in, marking, washing, drying, and folding laundry for our clients in need. To fulfill this new aspect to our ministry, we welcome new volunteers to join our Clothing Boutique staff. Shifts are from 9-12 or 12-4 T-Th. Text Rick at 253 229-4114 for more information.

With winter weather setting in, the Clothing Boutique is also seeing large numbers of clients seeking warm clothing. Donations of the following items, clean and in good condition, are gratefully accepted. St. Leo parishioners can bring them by the rectory Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Pick-up at St. Charles Parish is also available on Thursday mornings. Text Christine at 248-884-1416 to arrange.

- Men's pants (particularly smaller sizes, 30-36 waist sizes)
- Men's Winter coats, hoodies, and long sleeve shirts, size L and up
- Women's Winter coats and hoodies, all sizes
- Men's and Women's Sweats, all sizes
- Men's and Women's warm winter socks
- Warm gloves and hats
- Waterproof rain gear
- Backpacks and large weather-resistant totes
- Sleeping bags, blankets, bedding, and towels

The following items in new and original packaging are also in high demand:

- Men's Underwear, size L and up
- Women's underwear, all sizes
- Individual sizes of deodorant, wipes, and razors

Those who are unable to donate physical items are invited to donate monetarily to St. Leo's Social Justice Ministry. You can donate at the web link [here](#). Contact socialministry@stleoparish.org to specify that your donation is to buy critical items for the homeless population we serve. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



St. Leo Emergency Services
Emergency Services - 145
<https://pushpay.com/g/stleoemergency>

St. Leo Social Justice Page

Food Justice Ministry: The Work is Beginning – JOIN US!

We will be meeting with Clair Lane, Director of the Anti-Hunger & Nutrition Coalition on Sunday, January 12th from 11:30am to 1:00pm in Bix Hall/Classroom. We will discuss the current situation regarding food justice. This event begins our education on the issues of *Childhood Hunger* and *Food Security*. We are entering a critical legislative year. We face a large fiscal deficit in our State Budget that threatens food nutrition programs. Also, the looming challenge in crafting the national Farm Bill. A Farm Bill that needs to support the nutrition needs of vulnerable citizens and is forward thinking in supporting family farms and protecting the environment. **This is not the time to disengage!**

During the months of January, February & March we will offer monthly service-learning events and scheduled Zoom meetings with anti-hunger advocates as we prepare for Hunger Action Day – 2025. Our work will not end at Hunger Action Day but is intended to continue throughout the year as we build good working relationship with our State Representatives and keep abreast of developing legislation and the ever-changing needs of our community.

More information on this work is forthcoming with some of our educational events on the issues will being via zoom/remote for the convenience of all.

There is a lot to learn on the issues. Visit: Anti-Hunger and Nutrition website for more information & alerts: <https://wa-ahnc.constantcontactsites.com/>

Great national advocacy information for the “food fighters”.

Addressing food insecurity in the United States involves numerous nonprofit organizations dedicated to advocacy, policy change, and direct support. Here are five notable organizations leading these efforts:

1. **Feeding America:** As the largest hunger-relief organization in the U.S., Feeding America partners with food banks, pantries, and local programs to provide meals to millions. They also advocate for policies to address the root causes of hunger.
<https://www.feedingamerica.org/>
2. **No Kid Hungry:** Focused on ending child hunger, No Kid Hungry works to ensure all children have access to healthy meals. They engage in advocacy to expand meal programs and provide grants to community organizations.
<https://www.nokidhungry.org/>
3. **Bread for the World Institute:** This organization emphasizes policy advocacy to end hunger domestically and globally. They conduct research and educate policymakers on effective strategies to combat food insecurity.
<https://www.bread.org/institute/>

4. **Hunger Free America:** A national nonprofit building the movement to enact the policies and programs necessary to end domestic hunger and ensure that all Americans have sufficient access to nutritious food.
<https://www.hungerfreeamerica.org/en-us/>
5. **The Farmlink Project:** A student-founded initiative that connects surplus produce from farms to food banks, reducing food waste and providing fresh food to those in need.
<https://www.farmlinkproject.org/>

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” (James 2:14-17)

The Work of Social Justice and Care for Creation is what our faith is all about

Happy New Year!



ST LEO PARISH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: November 26 2024

Members Present In-Person: Sr Pat Michalek, Emily Ignacio, Heather Paez, Vern Harkins, Tom Trunk, John Landy, Allison Scanlin, Mike Bianchi, Deacon Tom O'Loughlin and Father Michael Rademacher.

Members Present Virtually: Sarah Templin, Eugena Buena-Douglas

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Guest Present: Kevin Lovejoy, Shanon Koenen, Fr. Gary Lazzeroni and Tom Martin

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

The meeting opened with the land acknowledgment, "We gratefully honor and acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People where they make their home and speak the Twulshootseed language."

A group opening prayer was Led by Eugena in honor of November Native American Heritage Month..

1. **Topic: Parish Financial Report: Shanon Koenen**

Shanon provided a summary of parish finances through the current time. Through the challenges presented by the transition, she is continuing to work on completing a budget for the current fiscal year. She reported that overall parish collections are only slightly behind collections from the previous year through the same time. And that overall parish income was doing fine. She reported expenses are in line with expectations. She outlined funds currently in the bank and communication underway in clarifying funds being held specific to the work of the Food Connection. A preliminary budget had been presented to the Food Connection and was in the process of further discussion towards becoming final. The parish budget is also being finalized with the Finance Council.

Shanon further reported on the many challenges she and other parish staff are dealing with during the transition period, and that she and parish bookkeeping now share responsibilities for St. Charles Parish as well as St. Leo. Demands upon her time are many and pull her in different directions. Accounting is being maintained for both parishes. She described that the parish would benefit from additional volunteers to help in different areas of work and she described some areas she would like assistance with now. Some council members volunteered to help her with some of those tasks moving forward. In summary, the transition mandated by Partners in the Gospel presents many challenges that are still being worked out.

A long discussion took place involving all council members, parish staff and the meeting guests dealing with the challenges and changes brought by Partners in the Gospel. These impact both parish operations and parish culture. Challenges are being

thrust on parish staff, parishioners and our priests during this time of transition. The conversation of the meeting recognized that things are different because of the factors influencing inevitable changes within the diocese, the parishes in the diocese, parish communities and further compounded for St. Leo parishioners by the loss of our long history as a Jesuit parish. The vision of Partners in the Gospel asks us all to consider 3 questions: Who are we? Who do we want to be? How do we get there? The answers to these questions will emerge from work and prayer over time. We ask for patience, listening, and open communication on all sides as we move forward.

Decision/Action: Parish Staff, Father Michael and parish council for planning and implementation

Responsibility for Follow-up: Parish Staff, Father Michael and parish council

2. Topic: Pastor Report:

Father Michael updated the Council on several matters. He stated there are two pastoral staff positions that will serve both parishes that have been posted but are not filled. The shortage of personnel to serve both parishes is putting additional demands upon his and the existing staff's time, that could be reduced if qualified candidates can be found and hired.

He discussed his responsibility with the St. Charles office space construction project. This is viewed as a sixteen-month project and will be completed about a year from now. He said there are two other smaller St. Charles projects underway dealing with creation of a preschool and early learning center to operate in the former convent building. St. Charles School currently has its largest enrollment ever and is the second largest archdiocesan parish school. A fundraising effort is underway for replacement of the school's outdoor field.

Father Michael also reported on the fence project for St. Leo's and the surrounding campus. An agreement has been reached to split the cost of this work with CCS. Plans have been prepared, a permit applied for and work could begin late winter or Spring. Father Michael also wants to investigate what other inner-city parishes have done, and St. Leo could do, to make their parishes more inviting and welcoming to the communities they serve, once security updates have been accomplished. The parish is also reviewing issues with the replacement of the parish sign on Yakima Avenue.

Father Michael also reported on building assessments of the condition of the three parish buildings on the St. Leo campus. This involved an assessment of the church, the rectory and Bichsel Hall. The assessment of the status of each of these is that the rectory building has significant needs requiring upgrades, the church is currently felt to be in decent condition and Bichsel Hall is in great condition with no significant needs.

Father Michael reported on the opening of the new entrance into the Food Connection that recently opened. A blessing was provided by Bishop Schuster. He reported that school children from Holy Rosary, All Saints and St. Charles volunteer periodically at the Food Connection. He also discussed anxiety being felt by many Latino families over the impact of future immigration enforcement, and raised the question as to what the parish can do to help support them.

He also asked for an ad hoc committee to work on communications with the parish as we progress through changes. Deacon Tom, Emily, John and Allison volunteered to work with the priests on this.

3. Topic: Commission Reports:

Minutes from the commissions were provided to the Council for review in advance of the meeting. Due to the length of the meeting no specific discussion of the minutes took place.

Closing Prayer. A closing prayer was led by Sarah.

Next Meeting: Date: January 28, 2025, 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Vern Harkins, Secretary

Pastoral Council

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| Sr. Pat Michalek, Chair | Allison Scanlin | Tom Trunk | Emily Noelle Sanchez Ignacio |
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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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