May 18, 2025

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

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

19 May 2025 – Monday 1st Reading: Acts 14: 5-18 Gospel: John 14: 21-26

20 May 2025 – Tuesday St. Bernardine of Siena 1st Reading: Acts 14: 19-28 Gospel: John 14: 27-31a

21 May 2025 – Wednesday St. Christopher Magallanes, & Comps 1st Reading: Acts 15: 1-6, 5b Gospel: John 15: 1-8

22 May 2025 – Thursday St. Rita of Cascia 1st Reading: Acts 15: 7-21 Gospel: John 15: 9-11

23 May 2025 – Friday 1st Reading: Acts 15: 22-31 Gospel: John 15: 12-17

24 May 2025 – Saturday 1st Reading: Acts 16: 1-10 Gospel: John 15: 18-21

25 May 2025 – Sunday Sixth Sunday of Easter 1st Reading: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 2nd Reading: Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23 Gospel: John 14: 23-29

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, 12:30 PM Monday - Friday - 9 AM

"Today, too, there are many settings in which Jesus, although appreciated as a man, is reduced to a kind of charismatic leader or superman. This is true not only among non-believers but also among many baptized Christians, who thus end up living, at this level, in a state of practical atheism.

This is the world that has been entrusted to us, a world in which, as Pope Francis taught us so many times, we are called to bear witness to our joyful faith in Jesus the Saviour. Therefore, it is essential that we too repeat, with Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" ~Pope Leo Sick:



Deceased: Luvonica Cecil Aldan, Janelle Patchico, Mary Reitz, Pat Fengler.

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

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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

MAY 24	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — VIGIL MASS — 5:00 PM
MAY 25	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — MASS — 10:00 AM — <i>LIVE STREAMED</i>
MAY 25	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — KATERI CIRCLE MASS — 1:30 PM
MAY 30	ASCENSION OF THE LORD — VIGIL MASS — 5:00 PM
JUNE 1	ASCENSION OF THE LORD — MASS — 10:00 AM — LIVE STREAMED
JUNE 5	FUNERAL MASS FOR PAT FENGLER — 12:10 PM
JUNE 5 JUNE 7	FUNERAL MASS FOR PAT FENGLER — 12:10 PM PENTECOST — VIGIL MASS — 5:00 PM
JUNE 7	PENTECOST — VIGIL MASS — 5:00 PM



St. Leo Parish is in need to volunteers to help with our weekly cash count. The volunteer opportunity is on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 and is normally a <u>2 hour</u> commitment.

Please reach out to Lynda Sandschulte in the Parish office to sign up. <u>lsandschulte@stleoparish.org</u> or 253-272-5136 ext 103.

FAITH IN CONVERSATION, with Fr. Marc

You're invited to a series of informal, monthly ZOOM conversations about how we live out our Catholic identity in everyday life. Each ZOOM conversation will be about a different topic and held the first Sunday of every month from 6:30PM-8PM via ZOOM, but the first gathering is TBD.

Please sign up for convos on forms in the vestibule before and after weekend masses starting this weekend, May 17th and 18th. On the forms, please leave Fr. Marc your legibly written name and email address.

More detailed info will be posted in the bulletins and on websites in a couple weeks, so stay tuned.

Topic 1: What's (my) main image for God?

Questions the convo might explore about the topic:

Where does my image come from and what chief emotion arises with my response?

How has my image, perhaps in previously unknown ways, shaped how I interact with others, especially on matters of faith, spirituality and religion? Give a brief example if you can.

Given my image, what does it mean for me to say that I am made in my "image" of God?

What is one thing I notice about other participants' images for God? What is one thing that surprises me about the various images shared? What is one thing I want to remember about this conversation on images for God and how we live them out, and why?

Sundaes with The Chosen at St. Leo Parish, Tacoma

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	SCHEDULE
May 4	Season 1, Episode 1
May 18	Season 1, Ep. 2 and 3
May 25	Season 1, Episode 4
June 1	Season 1, Episode 5
June 29	Season 1, Episode 6
	Season 1, Episode 7
July 13	Season 1, Episode 8
	Area within St. Leo Parish Sunday 10am Mass

St. Leo/St. Charles Borromeo Church Social Services/Justice – Parish Ministries "Whatever you do to the least of my Sisters and Brothers you do for me."

We live in a world of great possibilities, but sadly, it suffers from the sins of greed, apathy and indifference. Indifferent to the suffering of others and the wounds inflicted on the planet. An apathy that says, "Who cares, it doesn't affect me or mine." A greed that disfigures the planet and human souls, inflicting pain on all.

Yet our faith in the incarnate God, Jesus Christ teaches us that all life is sacred. As a parish family we are called to bring the Good News of the Gospel to all of God's creature – big and small. As Pope Francis said, "The church is like a field hospital... heal the wounds."

As a field hospital we need to work together to bring about the much-needed healing and hope to all of God's Creation. This is the time to strengthen the tent poles and stretch the canvas of this field hospital for Christ, God Incarnate!

The following is a list, incomplete as it is, of our ministries. Together we can expand them, add to them and be that needed hope and healing to our wounded world.

St. Leo Food Connection: Food Bank/Food Distribution: St. Leo Food Connection provides thousands of meals every month to hungry families and individual who struggle to meet their daily needs. The Food Connection operates a children's feeding program which works to address hunger needs in classrooms across school districts in our area.

St. Charles Borromeo: Operates a food pantry that addresses the growing food insecurity issues within their parish boundaries. St. Charles also supports the work of the St. Leo Clothing Boutique, clothing for the homeless. At St. Charles, I am sure that there are other social service/justice ministries to be added to the list. Let's make them known -Let's make them grow. *How do we strengthen our tent poles & stretch the canvass*?

St. Leo Clothing Boutique: Provides needed clothing on a weekly basis to our sisters and brothers who live on the streets or in vehicles. We also provide personal hygiene products with dignity and love.

St. Leo Laundry Ministry: a new ministry, provides laundry service to those who are unhoused or without the means to keep their clothes washed.

St. Leo/Food Conn "In the Line Hospitality": On a regular basis, parishioners offer hot coffee/milk chocolate and fresh cookies to those waiting in line to enter the food bank. It's a great way to show some kindness to others, share stories and to get to know our neighbors!

St. Leo Supportive Services Program (E-Services): Gives limited financial assistance to those who struggle to *make ends meet*, to hold on to housing or to secure it; financial support to help with job searches or job retention. We provide assistance in securing personal identification

documentation, advocacy and social services referral assistance.

The L'Honey Beekeeping Program & Youth Garden: Operates six apiaries and manages about 40 or so hives. We have a small youth garden that parish youth help set up and plant in the spring. Through these efforts, we produce and sell hive products, pickled beets, beet relish and blackberry jam, in support of the honeybees and youth garden. These efforts help youth, all members of the parish, and the broader community better connect with God's Creation. You cannot love and care for someone or Creation if you have no relationship! We are called to be in loving relationship with each other and with Creation. We partner with Bellarmine High School, St. Patrick Elementary and Franklin Pierce School Farm. Care for Creation is a priority for life and a fundamental spiritual exercise, helping us grow closer to God.

In this season of new life & hope, I ask you to support the work of social justice, service and Care for Creation at **St. Leo's** and **St. Charles**. We are all called to be Good News!!!

Work for the common good - Stretch the Tent

Your Brother in Christ, Rick Keeper of Bees TEXT: 253 229-4114

Faith Is Service - Service Is Joy



We will be having a Pax Christi meeting after Mass Sunday, May 18 at 11:15 in the Kateri Room.

ALL ARE WELCOME. COME JOIN WITH OTHERS STRIVING FOR PEACE.



The April 29, 2025 Partners in the Gospel meeting was led by Leigh Stringfellow who is contracted by the Archdiocese of Seattle to conduct such meetings. Jason Stolberg, our Parish Liaison was present to help facilitate her presentation. Slides from the presentation will be posted <u>here</u>.

(https://stleoparish.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/April-29-meeting-slides.pdf) Participants were given the chance to introduce themselves and share how long they have been in their parishes. They were also given the chance to comment on 3 questions:

- 1. What questions do you have about moving forward as one parish family?
- 2. what are you most concerned about?
- 3. What are you most hopeful and excited about?

Comment cards will be posted here. (https://stleoparish.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/April-29comments-docs.pdf)

Some of the Key topics discussed in the meeting were "types of decision making", "who is on the PFLT" and "how the PFAC will be formed."

There are 3 types of Decision Making that will take place in the process of becoming one parish are:

- -Participant Leadership
- -Consultative Leadership
- -Authoritative Leadership

Fr. Michael will use all 3 types to move the parish forward.

The Parish Family Leadership Team (PFLT) includes our Pastor: Fr. Michael Rademacher, Director of Operations: Shanon Koenen, Director of Pastoral Ministries: Adriana Julian, and Partners in the Gospel contact person: Marianne Manning.

The Parish Family Advisory Council (PFAC) will consist of 7 people that Fr. Michael will discern as a good fit. He hopes to assemble this group by the end of the summer to begin regularly scheduled meetings. Fr. Michael is looking for people that are:

1. Peaceful, 2. Prayerful, 3. Familiar with both campuses, 4. Does not have an agenda and wants the family as a whole to move forward, and 5. Able to commit to the timeline the process will require. If parishioners know of anyone who fit these criteria and would like to suggest Fr. Michael consider them, please send their name to Marianne at mmanning@stleoparish.org

People Present at 4/29/25 Partners in the Gospel Meeting



06.22.2025

Onited in the Eucharist CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION

ST. LEO THE GREAT

- 10:00-11:00 AM | MASS
- 11:00–11:20 AM | ADORATION

PROCESSION FROM ST. LEO TO ST. CHARLES

• 11:20–12:00 PM

MASS AT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

• 12:00–1:30PM

BENEDICTION PROCESSION AT ST. CHARLES

• 1:30-2:30 PM

FOOD RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

SLG: 710 S 13TH ST, TACOMA, WA 98405 SCB: 7112 S 12TH ST STE 1, TACOMA, WA 98465

JUNE 22, 2025 | SUNDAY

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR NATIONAL FLAG PROCESSED, PLEASE CALL THE SCB OFFICE.

•Orden Franciscana Seglar – ¡Puede ser para ti!



¿Has estado anhelando una manera de vivir el Evangelio más plenamente, más intencionalmente, en tu vida diaria?

¿Tienes el deseo de pertenecer a una comunidad de creyentes que tienen un deseo similar?

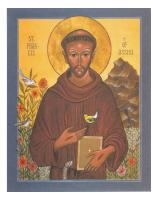
¿Has estado buscando una manera de renovar tu compromiso bautismal, de profundizar tu relación con Dios, de dar testimonio del reino de Dios en nuestro tiempo y lugar?

¡Si es así, tal vez el Señor te está invitando para vivir la vida de un Franciscano Seglar!

Una presentación tendrá lugar en el Bix en St. Leo el 1 de Junio después de la misa de las 10:00. Ven con tus preguntas y recibe información.

No dude y pónganse en contacto con Deacon Juan Lezcano at <u>jflezcano@msn.com</u> or (253) 878-6487, que estará encantado de proporcionarle más información.

Interested in Living the Franciscan Values? - Check out Secular Franciscanism



Have you been longing for a way to live the Gospel more fully, more intentionally, in your daily life?

Do you have a desire to belong to a community of believers who have a similar desire? Have you been searching for a way to renew your baptismal commitment, to deepen your relationship with God, to give witness to the reign of God in our time and place?

If so, perhaps the Lord is inviting YOU to live the life of a Secular Franciscan! This vocation is OPEN TO ALL - Married, single, student, working, retired

A "**Come and See**" gathering will take place in the Bix at St. Leo Parish after the 10:00 liturgy on Sunday, June 1. You are welcome to join us to receive information and ask your questions!

Feel free to contact George Rodkey at <u>georod01@msn.com</u> or (253) 961-5822, who will be happy to provide you with more information.



Tough Questions on Immigration

What don't the bishops understand about "illegal"?

The U.S. bishops and the teachings of the Catholic Church have consistently respected the right of sovereign governments to control its borders—it functions as one of the principles in their pastoral letter <u>Strangers No Longer:</u> <u>Together on the Journey of Hope</u>. However, the Church, along with other members of our democratic society, has the right to work to change laws which are believed to violate basic human dignity, imbued by the Creator. In the case of immigration, the <u>U.S. bishops</u> believe that the broken U.S. immigration system separates families, denies due process and contributes to the exploitation of migrant workers in the workplace.¹

Why do immigrants come here illegally?

One of the primary reasons certain immigrants do not come to the United States through lawful mechanisms is because of the many systemic barriers that prevent them from coming through a legal process. They come illegally because there are insufficient visas under the current system to come legally. Immigrants come illegally because there is an enormous backlog that prevents them from reunifying with family members currently living in the United States in a timely fashion. Some family members might have to wait for more than a decade before their visa is processed and for family reunification can occur.² Some immigrants arrive at our borders as they are fleeing persecution and seeking protection and cannot safely live in their home countries. Most recently we have seen this in the case of the Northern Triangle countries of El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala. Our system contains a limited number of permanent visas for low-wage laborers to come to the United States, but the demand for

their work within the US is much higher, and as many as 300,000 undocumented people each year are absorbed into the U.S. workforce.

Do immigrants increase the crime rate?

One of the dominant myths that distorts any debate on immigration is the idea that immigrants are criminals and commit crimes at higher rates that native born citizens. This is a false assumption. Recently published research³ has shown that immigrant communities do not increase the crime rate and that immigrants actually commit fewer crimes than native born Americans. Although the number of unauthorized immigrants living in the United States tripled from 3.5 million to 11 million between 1990 and 2013, the corresponding violent crime rate declined by 48%. This was matched by a 41% reduction in property crime over the same period. Further, immigrants are less likely to be in prison and less likely to engage in criminal behavior. For example, while only about 1.6% of immigrant males between the age of 17-39 are incarcerated, 3.3% of native born men are in prison.

Do immigrants pay taxes?

Unauthorized immigrants pay a wide range of taxes,⁴ including sales taxes where applicable. They also pay property taxes, directly if they own their homes and indirectly if they rent. Between one half and three quarters of undocumented immigrants pay state and federal taxes. In fact, estimates state that unauthorized migrants pay an estimated \$11.64 billion every year in state and local taxes.

¹ Archbishop Gomez Testimony On E-Verify, February 10, 2011, http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-policy/congressional-testimony/archbishopgomeztestimonyone-verify.cfm

² U.S. Department of State, Visa Bulletin for November 2016, https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/law-and-policy/bulletin/2017/visa-bulletin-for-november-2016.html

³ American Immigration Council, "The Criminalization of Immigration in the United States," July 13, 2015, https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/research/ criminalization-immigration-united-states

⁴ New American Economy, "Undocumented Immigrants Pay Billions in State and Local Taxes and Would Pay Substantially More Under Comprehensive Immigration Reform," February 15, 2016, http://www.renewoureconomy.org/news/undocumentedimmigrants-pay-billions-in-state-and-local-taxes-and-wouldpay-substantially-more-under-comprehensiveimmigration-reform/

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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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ARQUIDIÓCESIS DE SEATTLE: Cualquier persona que tenga conocimiento de abuso sexual o mala conducta por parte de un miembro del clero, un empleado ovoluntario de la Arquidiócesis de Seattle debe llamar a la línea directa arquidiocesana al 1-800-446-7762. La Arquidiócesis de Seattle tiene un compromiso de largadata con la transparencia, la rendición de cuentas y la asistencia a las personas abusadas sexualmente por el clero o por cualquier persona que trabaje en nombre de la iglesia.



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