



# ST. LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# KNOCK AND THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO YOU

Luke 11:9

JULY 27, 2025

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## LITURGY SCHEDULE



### St. Leo

- Saturday Vigil 5pm
- Sunday 10am
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Kateri Circle Mass 1:30pm
- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 12:10pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4-4:30pm



### St. Charles

- Saturday Vigil 5pm
- Sunday 8am, 10am (livestreamed), Noon
- Daily Mass: Monday through Friday 9am
- Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays 9:30am-4pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 3-4pm

## REMINDERS

If you would like to add someone to our prayer list, please contact [pastoralministries@stleoparish.org](mailto:pastoralministries@stleoparish.org)

St. Leo Parish is a welcoming place for the LGBTQA community

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

...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.

## Stay Informed

Check all our SLP media channels!

### Website

Main communication channel: Website [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 on our website or scroll down to the bottom of any page

## Readings for the week of July 27

**Sunday:** Genesis 18:20-32; Psalms 138:1-3, 6-8; Luke 11:1-13; Colossians 2:12-14

**Monday:** Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34  
Psalms 106:19-23; Matthew 13:31-35

**Tuesday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus**  
Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalms 103:6-13; John 11:19-27

**Wednesday: St. Peter Chrysologus**  
Exodus 34:29-35; Psalms 95:5-9; Matthew 13:47-53

**Thursday: St. Ignatius of Loyola**  
Exodus 40:16-21; Psalms 84:3-8; Matthew 13:47-53

**Friday: St. Alphonsus Liguori**  
Leviticus 23:1-11; Psalms 81:3-11; Matthew 13:54-58

**Saturday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli & St. Peter Julian Eymard**  
Leviticus 25:1-17; Psalms 67:2-8; Matthew 14:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Eccl 1:2, 21-23  
Psalms 90:3-18; Luke 12:13-21; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11



# UPCOMING EVENTS

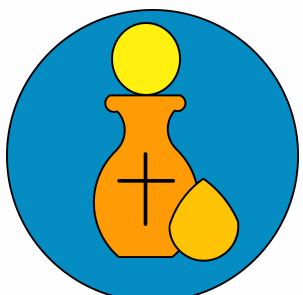
AUGUST 2/3	18 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME VIGIL MASS 5PM - MASS 10AM SUNDAES WITH THE CHOSEN 11AM
AUGUST 5, 7, 8	DAILY MASS 12:10PM
AUGUST 6	MASS FOR PEACE 12:10PM WITH BISHOP SCHUSTER ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
AUGUST 7	PRAYER GROUP 1PM
AUGUST 9	LAWN CHAIR CINEMA 9PM AT ST. CHARLES



Sick:  
Preston Umipeg

Deceased:  
Bernice Fox, Beverley McConnoughy, Marilyn Hirsch, Sr. Nora Murphy OP

*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.



Join  
Bishop Schuster  
for the

# Mass for Peace

August 6 | 12:10pm | St. James Cathedral

Reception for  
Jim Thomas, author of  
"Atomic Pilgrim"  
after Mass

Archdiocese of Seattle

YOUNG ADULT  
FELLOWSHIP

August 22 - 24, 2025  
St. John Vianney Church  
Vashon Island

## RETREAT/CAMPOUT

"Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."  
-Matthew 18:3

Limited  
Space!

### Spirit of the Retreat:

What does it mean to "become like children?" Our spiritual sessions will be spent pondering this question. We will pray and play together in the spirit of building community, with as much time outside as weather permits! This will include Mass, Adoration, Confessions, and shared meals and activities.

### A Spiritually Deep, Glorified Campout!

St. John Vianney is located on Vashon Island and requires ferry transportation. You will need a tent and any other sleeping arrangements that will make your personal campout enjoyable! There will be limited indoor sleeping arrangements available on the floor of the parish office if requested, but will require personal sleeping gear,



### Options:

- ✓ Friday 5 PM - Sunday 11 AM  
Cost: \$30
- ✓ Saturday Only: 9 AM - 7 PM  
Cost: \$25



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REGISTRATION & DETAILS



## Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life can help you carve some quiet in your day



The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) Puget Sound is a nine month retreat following the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, with retreat communities meeting at St. Joseph Church in Seattle, at Bellarmine Prep in Tacoma and also on Zoom.

The SEEL retreat starts in September and continues through May. It is a powerful, life-changing program of prayer and spiritual direction that can be done by busy people in the midst of their daily lives.

SEEL is accepting applications now for the retreat starting in September 2025.

To learn more about SEEL, schedule options and apply online, visit [www.seelpugetsound.org](http://www.seelpugetsound.org)

Questions? 206-721-3518



# St. Leo and St. Charles B. Social Justice Page

## Faith in Action: The Works of Mercy & Justice

As we move forward as a united parish family it is important that we articulate a shared vision & message regarding our ministries of social justice that include:

- Outreach and care for the vulnerable and disenfranchised people in society both locally and internationally
- Clear and focused advocacy regarding legislation and policies to promote universal concerns such as Food Justice and sustainable food production.
- Take seriously the need to Care for God's Creation via faith formation and our day-to-day behaviors to reduce pollution of the environment and overconsumption.

In partnership, I have begun to compile a list/description of our collective social justice/social services ministries, but I need your help! In conjunction with the descriptions of the ministries and contact names. **I would like to hear from parishioners involved in these works to share with me the foundational faith-underpinnings that support the work you do!**

### The following is the initial list of our ministries

Knights of Columbus	Social Supportive Services
Honduras Mission	Food Connection Food Bank and Food Pantry
St. C Food Pantry	Children's Feeding Program
Thanksgiving Baskets	Christmas Giving Tree
Prayer Shawl Ministry – Both Parish Campuses	Food Line Hospitality
Quilt Group St. Vincent de Paul	Clothing Boutique
Shoe Liturgy	Laundry Ministry
Catholics in Recovery	Children's Garden/Plaza
St. C. School – Community services projects	L'Honey Beekeeping
Home Bound Ministry	Food Justice Advocacy
Gabriel Project	

**I ask you to please reach out to me regarding these ministries and the faith foundations that keep them going! I can be reach via e-mail at: [socialministry@stleoparish.org](mailto:socialministry@stleoparish.org) or [larchelhoneybeekeeping@gmail.com](mailto:larchelhoneybeekeeping@gmail.com). Also, you can TEXT me at: 253 229-4114**

## Social Supportive Services: A Call for more involvement

Our clothing boutique & laundry service for those on the streets continues to be organized! Please join the crew as we apply love, creativity and camaraderie in service for those living un-housed or ill-housed. **If you are interested in volunteering or wanting to find out more about this ministry, please reach out to Mary Schumacher at: [mschu98023@yahoo.com](mailto:mschu98023@yahoo.com) or call (253) 951-1623.** Also, we need the following items for the boutique: men's jeans sizes 34-36-38 & men's Shorts

## Musings from the Bee Yards and Gardens

We have begun the sensitive and nerve-racking work of safely caging queens to facilitate the bloodless condition to best treat for Varroa Mites. It is an amazing procedure that I hope will help our bee colonies over winter in a healthy manner well into 2026!!!

*God cares for the little ones and so should I!*

Rick  
Keeper of Bees

## **St Leo Supportive Social Service Program – June 2025 Budget Report**

Rental Assistance:	\$ 5,818
Utility Assistance:	\$ 1,942.20
Transit:	\$ 730.50
Education/Work:	\$ 250.00
Home (Storage):	\$ 308.03
DOL:	\$ 69.00
Medical:	\$ 754.53
Furniture Assist:	\$ 707.82
Auto.:	\$ 492.13

**June Total Expense: \$ 10,884.71**

June Program Income for Soc Support: \$ 9,177.42

*June Monthly Balance for Social Support: \$ (1,707.29)*

Account balance for the Social Supportive Services program as of July 1, 2025, was:  
\$ 76,863.30.

**We are setting the budget for August at: \$6,000.00.** *We will be good stewards of our resources in the best way possible, but compassion is the rule.*

*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*

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 2 hour commitment. Please reach out to Lynda Sandschulte in the Parish office to sign up.  
lsandschulte@stleoparish.org or 253-272-5136 ext 103.



# NOVENA FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

In November 2019, Pope Francis spoke at the Peace Memorial in Hiroshima: “In a single plea to God and to all men and women of goodwill, on behalf of all the victims of atomic bombings and experiments, and of all conflicts, let us together cry out from our hearts: Never again war, never again the clash of arms, never again so much suffering! May peace come in our time and to our world.”

We invite all people of faith to join in praying this novena to implore the Blessed Mother’s intercession as we remember the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and ask Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to help us prayerfully consider the historical and ongoing human and environmental costs of allowing nuclear weapons in our society and world. Please reflect on each daily intention, pray the Rosary or recite an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be and conclude with the novena prayer below.

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*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
I do not give to you as the world gives. (John 14:27)*

Mother of Christ and Queen of Peace: we pray with all fervor for the peace which our divine Redeemer came to bring us. May Christ banish from the souls of all whatever might endanger peace. May Christ transform us into witnesses of truth, justice and filial love. May Christ illumine with His light the leaders of governments so that, besides caring for the proper material welfare of their peoples, they may also guarantee them the fairest gift of peace without fear of nuclear annihilation. *Adapted from Pacem in Terris, 1963*



**Day 1 – August 1:** Today we pray for the determination never again to use atomic energy as weapons of war. May we heed Pope Francis’ call for “for prayer and commitment to a world completely free of nuclear weapons.”

**Day 2 – August 2:** Today we pray for solidarity with all Indigenous peoples impacted by uranium mining, atomic bomb testing, and the long-term storage of nuclear waste on their sacred lands. May we work toward real solutions to rectify these many wrongs done to our siblings.

**Day 3 – August 3:** Today we pray for the people impacted by nuclear weapons research, development, testing, and use, here in the United States and around the world. May we understand the real human, financial, and environmental costs of developing, maintaining, and expanding nuclear arsenals, even as many continue to suffer from a lack of basic human needs such as food, clothing, housing, education, and healthcare.

**Day 4 – August 4:** Today we pray for forgiveness, especially for those times when we have opted for violence instead of reconciliation. May we follow God’s way of encounter and dialogue for the resolution of all conflicts. As stated by Archbishop Wester of Santa Fe, “All our conversations should be respectful, rooted in prayer, based in nonviolence, and centered in the hope and belief that nuclear disarmament is achievable. We can do this, and with the God of peace with us, we can do this soon.”

**Day 5 – August 5:** Today we pray for the wisdom to understand fully the devastating consequences of using nuclear weapons, and for the fortitude never to justify their use again.



**Day 6 – August 6:** Today we pray for the people of Hiroshima on the anniversary of its bombing. As they continue to bear the wounds of nuclear warfare, may they know healing and peace.

**Day 7 – August 7:** Today we pray for all who are involved in conflicts and war around the globe, especially the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine. May all forms of aggression cease and may every nation renew efforts to reestablish lasting peace.

**Day 8 – August 8:** Today we pray for people of the Pacific islands and atolls who suffered, and continue to suffer, from radiation-related illnesses, birth-defects, and environmental destruction as a direct result of nuclear testing.

**Day 9 – August 9:** Today we pray for the people of Nagasaki on the anniversary of its bombing. As they continue to bear the wounds of nuclear warfare, may they know healing and peace. May we say “never again” to the use of nuclear weapons.

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Suggested reading:

- *Pacem in Terris*, 1963, encyclical of Pope St. John XIII
- *Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes)*, 1965, Pastoral Constitution by Vatican Council II
- Address to the General Assembly of the United Nations, 1982, Pope St. John Paul II
- *The Challenge of Peace*, 1983, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)
- *The Harvest of Justice*, 1993, USCCB
- Statement on nuclear disarmament, 2020, USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace
- *Fratelli Tutti*, 2020, encyclical of Pope Francis
- *Living in the Light of Christ's Peace: A Conversation Toward Nuclear Disarmament*, 2022, pastoral letter, John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe (New Mexico)

*This novena was created by members of Pax Christi Maine, and is offered especially for the participants in the Archdioceses of Santa Fe and Seattle's 2023 pilgrimage to Japan.*

**Mission statement of the Archdioceses of Santa Fe and Seattle's  
Pilgrimage of Peace: Fostering Compassionate Bonds as Sister Dioceses with the Bishops of Japan**

The mission of our Pilgrimage of Peace is to establish an ecclesial and personal relationship with the bishops of Japan to work toward the abolition of nuclear weapons, expressing our heartfelt sorrow for the devastating experiences endured by their nation. Furthermore, through open dialogue, shared prayers, and a commitment to unity, we strive to build a sisterhood of dioceses, working together to ensure such human suffering is never inflicted upon humanity again. With the Holy Spirit as our guiding light, and under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Nagasaki, we embark on this mission, standing with the bishops of Japan to create a legacy of peace for current and future generations.



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# Archdiocese of Seattle

## *Protect and Heal*

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 helpline below. 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.

Se insta a cualquier persona que tenga conocimiento de abuso sexual o conducta inapropiada por parte de un miembro del clero, empleado o voluntario de la Arquidiócesis de Seattle a llamar a la línea de ayuda arquidiocesana que aparece a continuación. La Arquidiócesis de Seattle mantiene un compromiso de larga data 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.

*"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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