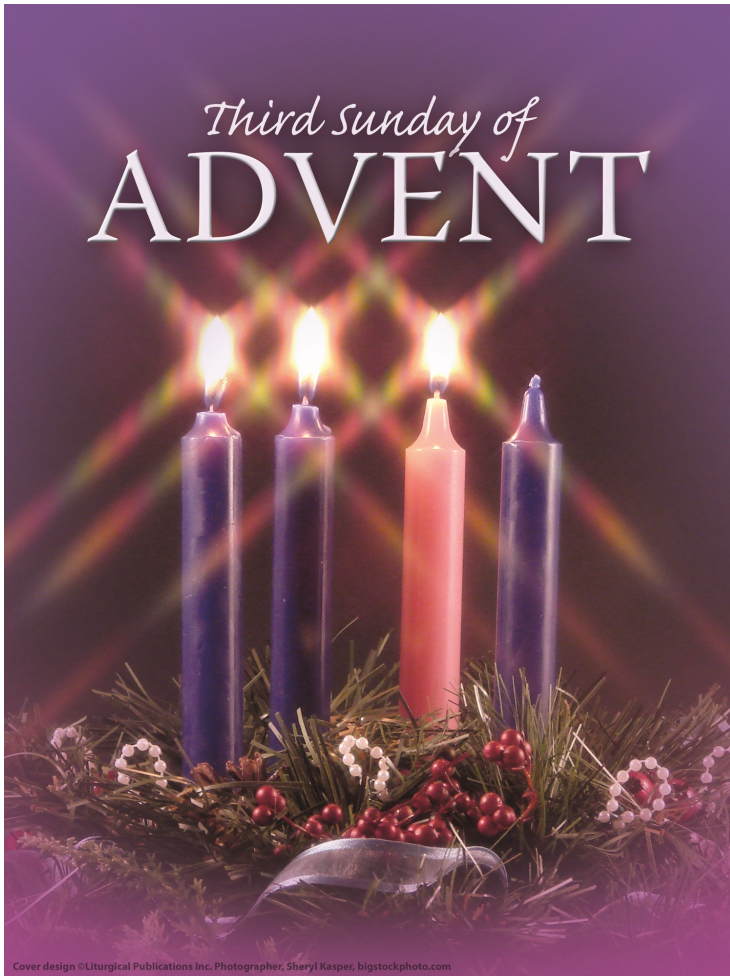




December 11, 2022 Second Sunday of Advent



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Upcoming Masses

Please mark your calendars!

Christmas Eve:

4:00 PM

11:00 PM

(note: There will **not** be a 6:00 PM Mass)

Christmas Day: 10:30 AM

New Years Eve: 4:00 PM

New Years Day:

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

(note: There will **not** be a 6:00 PM Mass)

It Will Happen Again

Isaiah promised a return from the exile in Babylon. For 70 years the exiles clung to that hope. With the Edict of Cyrus, the hope was realized, and the exile ended. In our first reading this weekend, Isaiah continues to resort to poetry, the only way to come close to capturing the joy the return will hold. Second and third Isaiah, as well as some of the psalms, tell and retell the joy of God's intervention and the journey back to the homeland. But the point is not to simply recount history. It is a holy word of encouragement. This is what God has done and who God is for His people. As God led the exiles on the journey home, God can lead us now out of whatever exile we face, and bring us home. When praying with passages like this, remember its not just about the past, it is about God's wonders today as well. Even today, there are refugees who are blessed with a return to their physical home. Coming home to ourselves is a journey we all can experience through grace. Let the reading speak to that return for you!

It Takes Patience

It does take patience to farm, to garden. Anything we plant will grow at its own rate. Learn from farmers, James tells us. The journey of faith also takes place at God's rate, not ours. The farmer knows if a plant is forced to grow too quickly, it will not be hardy. It will also be less resistant to disease and insects. So too faith. Slow, patient, steady progress – that's what James would counsel.

Picture It

His preaching was powerful. He didn't pull punches. He called out sin, no matter who the sinner was. That didn't sit well with the powers that be, and it landed John the Baptist in jail, as we hear in the opening of our Gospel this weekend. Prison is not an easy place to hold on to hope. Discouragement can set in easily, along with second guessing. Imagine John's spirit when the word came back – the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the dead raised and the poor have the good news preached to them. The Messiah has come! He is among us! As you spend time with this Gospel, don't forget – there is more than one kind of blindness, there are various ways to be lame or hard of hearing, and death can of course be physical, but it can also be emotional or spiritual. None of these are beyond Jesus' power to save!

~ Fr. Bob

Preparing for Christmas

Next Saturday, December 17, St. Leo's will have extended time for in-person confessions. Make time to stop in between 1:30 PM and 3:30 PM. Three priests will be available. This is the very best way to prepare for Christmas!

THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S

Monday—December 12th

11:00 AM Rosary Society
5:30 PM Mass
6:30 PM Children's Choir
6:15 PM Secular Franciscans, room 5
7:15 PM Festive Choir

Tuesday - December 13th

8:30 AM Mass followed by Tasty Tuesdays!
6:00 PM Altar training and pizza party

Wednesday - December 14th

8:30 AM Mass
12 Noon Rosary for our country
9:00 AM - 8:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 PM Bell Choir, Room 2
7:00 PM Liturgy Committee, room 4
7:00 PM Grief Community

Thursday - December 15th

8:30 AM Mass
7:00 PM AA room 5
7:00 PM Women's Grouping, Nursery
7:00 PM Columbiettes, room 3

Friday - December 16th

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday— December 17th

7:45 AM Men's Group
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM Confession (with additional priests)
3:30 PM Rosary
4:00 PM Mass

Sunday - December 18th

8:00 AM Mass
9:15 AM Social Justice
10:30 AM Mass
11:45 AM Adult Bible Study
6:00 PM Mass



Breakfast with St. Nicholas

Enjoy a pancake breakfast with St. Nick! The Knights are hosting a breakfast after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, December 11 from 11:30 until 1:00 PM. St. Nicholas will be available for pictures, prayers and presents!

Readings for the week of December 11, 2022

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11
Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23
Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14
Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b
Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7
Mt 1:18-24

Observances for the week of December 11, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent; St. Damasus I, Pope
Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

The Sunday Mass will be live streamed on the St. Leo Hilton Facebook page on Saturday at 4 PM.
Confessions will be heard Saturday from 2:30 - 3:30 PM
Rosary will be prayed Saturday at 3:30 PM
MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Monday - 5:30 PM - Thomas Popowich
(wife, children and grandchildren)
Tuesday - 8:30 AM - Salvatore Gallo (family)
Wednesday - 8:30 AM - William (Bill) Valinus (Yare family)
Thursday - 8:30 AM - Norma & Donald McOmber
(Paula Schroth)
Friday - 8:30 AM - Communion Service
Saturday - 5:00 PM - James Albano (wife)
Sunday – **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:00 AM - Mary Jo Mattle (Betty Keating)
10:30 AM - Jeff Hofstra
6:00 PM - the People of Ukraine

Catholic Courier's Coloring Page

Below is a link to the Catholic Courier's coloring page contest for advent. A few of St. Leo's Religious Education students entered the contest and could use your vote. This weekend is your last chance to vote!

<https://catholiccourier.com/articles/voting-in-the-2022-catholic-courier-coloring-contest/>

Attention 'Snowbirds'

Many of our parishioners 'take flight' for warmer weather this time of year. Often we will not know until church envelopes are returned from the Post Office with postage due. Please call us at the office with the dates that you will be away. And don't forget to keep in touch with us on Facebook!

Let us remember in prayer



*Carol Standing, Beverly Eisenbaum
and Thomas Page*

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

Come join our newly formed Grief Community for all who have lost a spouse. You will learn about the stages of grief that all go through and participate in social activities. The next two meetings are on this Wednesday, December 14 and Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00 PM

If you have any questions, please call Leanna Hale at 737-9387.

WEST BY NORTHWEST ULTREYA - A Cursillo Center of the Rochester Diocese. Ultreya meets the last Saturday of each month at 6:15 PM

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Contact Margaret, 392-8064; Theresa, 392-4856 or the Parish Office 392-2710; concerning the needs of the sick, hospitalized or shut-ins. Those unable to attend Mass regularly will have Holy Communion brought to their homes.

Parish Membership: those who choose to worship regularly with us are invited and welcome to join our parish community offering your time, talent and financial support. Call the Parish Office, 392-2710 to register.

Christian Formation: Ongoing education for Pre-School through adults.

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA): Our faith community invites anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or wishes to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church by their Sacraments contact Mary Lou Rosien at (585)734-3213 or mrosien@me.com

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the Parish Office, 392-2710 when you become engaged.

Sacrament of Baptism: Email Jose Rivera at Jose.E.Rivera@dor.org 6 months before the anticipated birth date. Parent class is required.

Bulletin Submissions: Please submit 2 weeks before the week needed, email Darlene.Serbicki@dor.org

Eucharistic Miracles of the World *"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan"* ~Carlo Acutis (5/3/91-10/12/06)

Carlo Acutis was born in 1991, he and his parents lived most of their lives in Milan, Italy. From a very early age, family members noticed that there was something 'special' about this child. Upon making his First Communion at age 7 Carlo exhibited a strong desire to be in the presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. At age 11 Carlo was compelled to create a website chronicling all the eucharistic miracles, that had ever been approved by the church. Carlo contracted leukemia and died on October 12, 2006 at the age of 15. Despite his illness, Carlo never wavered in his faith and devotion to the Eucharist. Carlo wished to encourage others to also lead this Christ-like life.

In June 2022 the Catholic Bishops of the United States initiated a 3-year National Eucharistic Revival with the intent of renewing Catholics' belief in and devotion to the Eucharistic. In conjunction with this endeavor, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church is hosting a select display of Carlo's website created by Mary Jo Maurer from St. Kateri Latin Mass Community at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Irondequoit. We invite you to come experience this exhibit and learn more about your faith, the power of the Holy Eucharist and the incredible life of Carlo Acutis. The display will be at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:

December 3rd – December 18th : Weekends Before and After Masses
Monday-Thursday During Office Hours 9:00AM – 3:00PM.
Eucharistic Adoration on all First Saturdays at SEAS 1:00-3:45 PM.

CMA Update: We are at **70.34%** of our goal. As of December 5th, these additional families have contributed. Thank you to the 139 families that have contributed so far!!

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| Ms. Joanne Azzario | M/M Joseph DiBattisto | M/M Mark Hedberg | Mrs. Suzanne Lorz |
| M/M Daniel Childs | Ms. Leanna Hale | Mr. James Klave | M/M Daniel Schwind |

Still dreaming of going to Italy?



There will be an in-person information meeting at Saint Leo the Great church on Saturday, December 17 at 11 AM (or a zoom meeting for those who choose) about the Italy trip. I hope you can attend. If you are attending, please either email me ([Fr. Joseph.Catanise@dor.org](mailto:Fr.Joseph.Catanise@dor.org)) or text me at 585-317-5430. Hopefully the zoom meeting invitation will be on our Facebook page and parish webpage.

<https://www.stleochurch.org/.../rome-florence-and-venice.../>

The cost of the trip will be between \$3000 - \$3500 depending on how many people sign up for the trip. The more people, the lower the cost of the trip. This is land portion only, and doesn't include airfare.

People have asked about Covid. Currently, neither Italy nor the travel agency requires vaccination. (But of course, no one knows what things will be like a year from now.)

The March for Life will be held on January 20, 2023.

We are now taking reservations for the 2023 "March for Life" Bus Trip to Washington, DC, leaving from The Church of the Holy Spirit (leaves January 19th @ 9pm). If you would like to attend, please visit our website at <http://march4life.gmsander.info> and fill out a reservation request form. The cost this year is \$45.00 per person.

WHY WILL WE CONTINUE TO MARCH?

Even with the wonderful blessing of Roe v. Wade being overturned, which allows more freedom at the state level to enact pro-life laws, the necessary work to build a culture of life in the United States of America is not finished. Rather, it is focused differently. Sadly, the number of abortions annually is still well over 900,000 each year, and that number is expected to decrease only by roughly 200,000 each year in a post-Roe America. Many national legislative battles loom, including even keeping longstanding Hyde protections, which limit government funding for abortion on annual appropriation bills. The Hyde Amendment has saved over 2 million lives and is arguably the most impactful pro-life policy in our nation's history, but now cannot be taken for granted. Last, our most important work is changing hearts and minds. The goal of the national March for Life is to not only change laws at the state and federal level, but to change the culture to ultimately make abortion unthinkable.

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Ken Bilone, Jackie Collins, Cindy Confer, Susan Crump, Joann Curtis, Christine Davison, James Derefinko, Neil Eldridge, Lu Ess, Steve Ewert, John Flanagan, Pamela Godshalk, Shirley Goth, Arabella Harris, Ed Hubbell, Robert Jacobbe, Dick Johnson Cheryl Johnson Family, Ellen Johnson, Eric Kelly, Dawn Knapp, Lisa Legler, Dcn. Bill Lenhart, Don MacKenzie, Catherine McGinnis, Erin Merritt, Catherine Miller, Patricia O'Neill, Christopher Parish, Marie Pierre, Kathi Popowich, Jennifer Pringle, Anne Reyner, Laura Richter, James Robinson, Ken Robinson, Doug Order, Andrea Richel, Bea Ross, Jamie Rothfuss, Delaney Scheuerman, John Schiffhauer, Cheryl Schojan, Gordon Schultz, Diane Sellitto, Charmin Sercu, Kathy Semanko, Chelsea Speer, Cameron Tomlin, Mary Beth Turiano-Fox, Bob Wahl, Steve Wilds, Mary Wirth, Sally Woodley, Dick Link, Rita Cahill, Sharon Camp, Bill Ess, Judy Kreiser, Jody Waller, Ward Bowen, Sharon Prince and all in need of prayer.

ST. LEO PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Provide a warm and supportive community to aid in the salvation of souls, to promote evangelization, and to serve God, our congregation and our world.

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