



# St. Leo the Great

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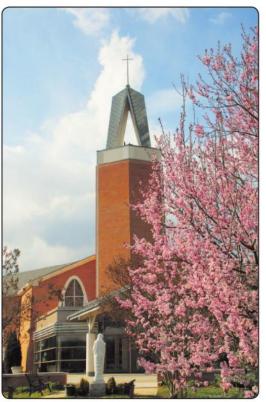
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"Participation in Christ's Body and Blood does nothing less than transform us into that which we consume. We bear in soul and body Him in whose fellowship we died, were buried, and are risen" St. Leo the Great



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BULLETIN DEADLINE
Submissions are due in writing on Friday at Noon, one full week prior to publication. If a holiday occurs during the week, the deadline is the prior Thursday at noon.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am 1:00 pm (en español), 5:00 pm

Weekdays 6:15 am and 9:00 am (Saturday 9:00 am only)

Holy Days Consult Inside of bulletin

#### CONFESSIONS

Tuesday after the 6:15 and 9:00 am Masses

Friday

Friday 7:00 pm 3:30 pm Saturday

or anytime by appointment

#### **HOLY HOUR**

7:30 pm

#### **BAPTISMS**

Sunday at 2:30 pm. Offered weekly. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements. Parents must attend a preparation class.

#### **MARRIAGES**

Couples wishing to be married MUST contact a parish priest at least six months prior to the wedding date.

#### HOSPITALIZED AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Please notify the Rectory so that hospitalized or homebound parishioners can receive the pastoral care of the Church.

#### PARISH REGISTRATION

If you live within our parish boundaries and have not as yet registered, registration forms are available in the church vestibule.



Dear Friends,

I share again the words of Max Josef Metzger, a Catholic Priest martyred by the Nazis in 1944:

"He knows not Advent's meaning who has never sat By twilight in a dreary cell, its window dim; Even by day comes little light into the narrow space.

Evening falls, slowly steals away the sun. Night throws her gloomy mantle round the room, Terrifying, impenetrable.

Will it always be night?
Will ne'er a ray of sunshine pierce the gloom?
And a new day lead on to joy?

A faint light glimmers through the narrow rift, a witness
That the sun sets never and soon will rise again,
Yes, that the light on which men turned their backs,
The Lord will bring again, with power and glory,
And found his everlasting kingdom!

I believe in Advent!"

I share as well a prayer written by Blessed Miguel Pro, S.J. shortly before being executed by the Mexican government on November 23, 1927:

"Does our life become, from day to day, more painful, oppressive, more replete with afflictions? Blessed be He a thousand times who desires it so. If life be harder, love makes it also stronger, and only this love, grounded on suffering, can carry the cross of my Lord Jesus Christ. Love without egotism, without relying on self, but enkindling in the depth of the heart an ardent thirst to love and suffer for all those around us: a thirst that neither misfortune nor contempt can extinguish....I believe, O lord; but strengthen my faith.... Heart of Jesus, I love Thee; but increase my love. Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee; but give greater vigor to my confidence. Heart of Jesus, I give my heart to Thee; but so enclose it in Thee that it may never be separated from Thee. Heart of Jesus, I am all Thine; but take care of my promise so that I may be able to put it in practice even unto the complete sacrifice of my life."

As we enter into this season of Advent, may we who are imprisoned by our own fears and doubts,

believe again in the coming of the One who has never left us – Jesus, the cause of our joy! Perfect love drives out all fear.

In Christ,

Rev. David A. Whitestone



Blessed Miguel Pro, S.J.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING ADVENT

The season of Advent has begun. To help prepare our minds and hearts for the birth of our Savior, Saint Leo

parish will offer Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament between the 6:15 and 9am Masses each weekday.

Saturday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary— a Holy Day of Obligation. A Vigil Mass for the Holy Day will be celebrated on Friday, December 7 at 7:30 pm. Mass on Saturday, December 8, will be celebrated at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am (Bilingual).





In celebration of the Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary and of Our Lady of Guadalupe, everyone is invited to a reception in the school gym after the 11:00 AM Mass on **Saturday**, **December 8th**.





# Parish Advent Penance Service and Individual Confessions

There will be an Advent Penance Service on Sunday, December 16, at 7:30 pm in the Church. We plan to have many priests to hear individual confessions. Please plan to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to participate in the sacrament of Confession before Christmas.

# Share the JOY of Christmas- take a heart from the GIVING TREE!



## PLEASE NOTE: Return deadline is 10:00 am on Monday, December 10.

Place your **UNWRAPPED** gift in a gift bag with the heart attached. After Sunday Mass, place the gift in the decorated box next to the tree. Our ministry helpers will be there to assist. For gift cards, place in a card envelope (unsealed) or card box (unsealed) and take to the rectory. During the week, all gifts should be taken to the rectory. Heart requests shared with our ministry brothers/sisters, Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, two local elementary & high schools, homeless, migrant/refugee and case management needs. Tip: take a photo of each heart you take as backup in case it is misplaced before the deadline. Funds are needed to cover program costs & to buy gifts for hearts not taken. Monetary donations payable to SLSM and write in the memo line Giving Tree. It is a blessing to provide a more joyful Christmas for those who are having difficulties making ends meet.

#### **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS**

Please join us on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30 pm for a Spanish Mass in celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and of the Unborn.



## Liturgy of the Word



Monday Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 16:15-20 Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37 Thursday Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27 Friday Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31 Eph 3:8-12 Jn 10:11-16

Saturday Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Lk 1:26-38

Sunday Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

#### MASS INTENTIONS

December 3 through December 9, 2018

Mon.:	6:15 9:00	Giocondo & Adele Zavoli James Willis
Tues.:	6:15 9:00	Rosario Misterio James Taylor
Wed.:	6:15 9:00	Mary Carmen Laney Pedro Juanpere
Thurs.:	6:15 9:00	Joseph & Rose Cesarini Virginia Boschi
Fri.:	6:15 9:00 7:30	Bernott Family Cora Smith Alfredo Perez
Sat.	7:30 9:00 11:00 5:00	Karmazin & Wochok Families For The Prish Special Intention Joseph Monacella
Sun.:	7:30 9:00 11:00 1:00 5:00	For The Parish Special Intention Anthony V. Maenza Filiberto Balladares Fernandez Wayne Carroll

In addition to the regular schedule of Masses, Mass has been offered for the following intentions: Xosima Flores Cerezo, Don Bain, Dalton James Surmeier, Sr., Gloria Flannery, Virginia Villanueva.

**BAPTISM CLASS IS MANDATORY** at St Leo. The next class is Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Saint Matthew room. Please call the Rectory office at: 703-273-5369 to register.



Low Gluten Hosts are available for those who need them. Please inform the sacristan before Mass begins.



The **Extraordinary Form Traditional Latin** Mass at Saint
Leo's will be celebrated at 7:00
pm on December 13, 2018.
All are welcome!



We ask you to please remember those in need of our daily prayers.

Please also remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of the faithful departed.



#### Next Faith and Food : December 3rd

Please join us on Monday, December 3rd for an evening of fellowship and lively discussion over dinner (appetizers on us!) at P.J. Skidoos. Deacon Silva will lead our discussion.

Appetizers will be served at 7:00pm followed by the talk at 7:15pm. Be sure to bring your friends! All ages are welcome!

#### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): is a process for bringing into the Catholic Church both those who have never been baptized & those who were baptized in a non-Catholic church. RCIA is also the way for adult Catholics who have never been confirmed to prepare for the final Sacrament of Initiation, Confirmation. We invite any adult who would like to join the Catholic Church, be confirmed, or who is simply interested in learning about the teachings and customs of Catholic Christianity to come and join us. While classes are part of the process, RCIA is more than a class; it is a gradual introduction to the customs, beliefs, practices, and devotions of Catholicism. There is no obligation, only an opportunity to learn! RCIA 2018-2019 classes are Tuesdays from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Guadalupe Room. There is no need to register in advance. Registration will take place in class.

Adult Confirmation: Adults who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2019 need to attend the RCIA classes on Tuesday evenings, Classes continue through Easter 2019. Adult Confirmation will take place in the Spring of 2019.

Please contact Carolyn Smith, Director of Adult Faith Formation: 703-273-7277 or <a href="mailto:carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com">carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com</a>.

#### The Art of Prayer: "O Come Emmanuel"

Prepare the way for the Lord this Advent by joining the Saint John Paul II National Shrine for "O Come Emmanuel," an Art of Prayer series. The program takes place on Sunday Evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and includes a presentation on interior prayer, time for silent meditation, and a sung Sunday Vespers service. For more information visit jp2shrine.org or email <a href="mailto:events@jp2shrine.org">events@jp2shrine.org</a>. Event Dates: December 2, 9, 16, 23

#### SAINT LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Saint Leo the Great Catholic School community leads by the example of Jesus, with respect and compassion for all, to foster faith and academic growth.



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PreK-8th Grade applications for the 2019-2020 school year are available in the school office. You may stop by to pick one up during school hours (7:30 am until 3:00 pm) or access forms on our website at: www.saintleothegreatschool.orgAdmissions.

Please join us for an OPEN HOUSE on any of the following dates: Dec. 19, 10am (Guadalupe Room) and Jan. 27, 2019 12pm (Gym) or call the school



office to make an appointment for a tour 703-273-1211 ext. 645.

#### Financial Aid packets available upon request.

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> Saint Leo parishioners receive preferential status in Pre-School through eighth grade applications. In-parish families must be registered.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

As a reminder, Religious Education classes continue for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders during our usual class time. Please join us on Monday, December 3rd in Room 21 for the Bible Study, "Encounter."

Religious Education Office: 703-273-4868

Books make great gifts!! The SAINT LEO'S BOOK FAIR will be held in the school library from Sunday, December 9th (10am-12:30 pm) through Thursday, December 13th (weekday hours 8:15am-3:00 pm). Please stop by and support the



library! Not looking for a book for your child? Please consider stopping by to donate a book to a teacher or the library. Thank you so much for your support!

#### HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST (HSPT)

Eighth grade students attending public schools or non-Catholic private schools interested in attending Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington must take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) offered on Saturday, January 12, 2019. This test is required for placement at Bishop Ireton High School, Bishop O'Connell High School, Paul VI High School and Saint John Paul the Great High School. Students must fill out an HSPT Registration Form (available under "Frequently Asked Questions" under Schools at <a href="http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/">http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/</a>). Registration deadline is January 10, 2019.



## Youth Ministry: Known Fall 2018 Schedule

#### **HIGH SCHOOL:**

SNL returns from 6-8:15pm in the Guadalupe Room tonight for a delicious homemade dinner, an amazing talk on "Advent: Known in the Waiting", small groups and prayer. Bring a friend, you won't want to miss it!

LEAD Team returns on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Join us from 7-8:30pm in the Youth Ministry Office to grow deeper in your faith through a study of Salvation History. Bring a friend! We are doing a Lectio of the Sunday Gospel and reading Scott Hahn's, "A Father Who Keeps His Promises."

Join us on Saturday December 8 from 8:30AM to 11:45AM for our annual trip to Fairfax Nursing Center to carol for the residents. We will meet at St. Leo for Mass at 9AM before carpooling to the Nursing Center. We will return to St. Leo by 11:45AM for pickup. Permission forms may be found online.

#### **Middle School:**

All middle school students are invited to attend Thursday Takeovers this Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm in the Guadalupe Room. Come for prayer, snacks and soccer: bring a friend!

Questions about fall events? Email Melissa at: <a href="mailto:stleosyouth@gmail.com">stleosyouth@gmail.com</a>. For permission forms, schedules and more, check out our website: <a href="www.stleosyouth.com">www.stleosyouth.com</a>. We are also on Twitter, so follow us at <a href="mailto:stleosyouth">@stleosyouth!</a>.

#### **SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS**

This Christmas season, the Knights of Columbus are asking you to please help us provide food to needy families.



Please bring non-perishable foods to the Knights of Columbus Christmas tree sales trailer in front of St. Leo's school. These items are for needy area families ministered to by the St. Leo's Social Ministry. We do not collect used clothing, but if you wish to give new clothing items as a gift, please remember the "Giving Tree" program during this Holiday Season.

Contact: <a href="mailto:tammysimpson.stleos@gmail.com">tammysimpson.stleos@gmail.com</a>. or call: 703-352-2324

Please make checks payable to: **ST. LEO SOCIAL MINISTRY**All donations are deeply appreciated!!

FATHER DIAMOND SCHOLARSHIP Council 6292 will award a 4 year \$500 scholarship to a Catholic student entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in a local Catholic HS starting in the Fall '19. The application is on the council website at <a href="https://www.6292.kofcva.org">www.6292.kofcva.org</a> in the News Headlines section. For further information contact Tim Tilson at 703-273-9436 or via email at <a href="https://mwsn.com">HMSLYDIA@msn.com</a>.

## FATHER DIAMOND COUNCIL Events & Calendar

MEETINGS – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> <u>TUESDAYS</u> 8:00 PM in the K OF C Hall



12/4 - 7:30 PM Officers Meeting @ KofC Hall

12/8 - 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion in front of the church

6 PM Kof C - CHRISTMAS PARTY @ KofC Hall

\*\*\*\* COMING EVENTS \*\*\*\*

DECEMBER 16 – Breakfast With Santa After 7:30 & 9:00 Masses – in the Gym

Giant, Shoppers Food Warehouse & Safeway Food Cards for sale – at KofC Hall weekdays at 3:00 PM or call Larry Novak 703-978-6137

Join the Knights-Contact Mark Walther @ 703-766-5054 or go to www.kofc.org/joinus

#### CHRISTMAS TREES

The Knights of Columbus will again be selling Christmas Trees in front of St Leo's school. Hours of Operation are from 3:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. weekdays and from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturdays and 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Sundays. Sales start November 25 and continue through December 18 or until the trees are sold. There will be Fraser and Concolor Firs. Proceeds from the sales support numerous charitable activities.



### Blessed Christmas Wafers

A centuries' old Christmas vigil tradition enjoyed by East Europeans, are available at the KOC Christmas tree trailer weekdays 4-8, Sat. 9-8, Sun. 9-5 beginning November 25, or

at the rectory during the weekday. Please call for availability after December 14. Donation is \$4.00 per wafer package. For information call **Nancy @ (703) 764-0243**. All wafer proceeds benefit the St. Leo Social Ministry Fund.

## 2018 Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection

Catholic Charities, shows the transformative love of Christ and serves tens of thousands of men, women, and families annually across 100 direct and affiliated service locations in the 21 counties and 7 cities that make up the boundaries of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. Please use the special bulletin insert/contribution envelope provided or go online to www.ccda.net to share your blessings.

#### INVITING ALL MOTHERS OF SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN!

You are not alone! Please join the Special Blessings Moms Group on Monday, December 10th at 7pm as we welcome Nancy Emmanuel, Coordinator of Special Needs Ministries for the Diocese of Arlington. We meet in the St John Vianney Room of the Parish Activity Center in All Saints Church. Please join us! For questions or to RSVP, please email Betty at <a href="mailto:Sampler80@verizon.net">Sampler80@verizon.net</a>, or call Sally at 703.789.1922.

<u>SHEPHERD'S CENTER</u>, in ministry with St Leo's & a nonprofit organization providing support services for the elderly. For details please visit www.scfbva.org.

<u>Transportation Program</u>—If you need transportation to a medical appointment (Mon – Fri) or an accompanied shopping drive (offered Tues p.m. and Fri a.m.), contact the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke transportation phone number 703-323-4788 at least five days in advance to make arrangements for your driver.

<u>Dementia Caregiver Support Group—</u>Meetings are held in the Fr. Ready Room of Nativity Catholic Church in Burke from 12:00pm-1:30pm, second Tuesday of each month. Please contact Eileen Thompson 703-451-8626 or <u>eileen.thompson1@gmail.com</u> to sign up.

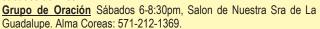
#### ESCUELA DE HOMBRES SAN JOSÉ



El grupo de hombres se reune cada primer y tercer jueves del mes en el salon Guadalupe a las 7:00 pm. Para mayor información hablar con Valerio Delgado, tel. 571-353-5448.

COMUNIÓN DE ENFERMOS—Por favor, llame a la rectoría si usted o un miembro de su familia están enfermos o no pueden asistir a misa los domingos. En el primer viernes de mes Fr. Whitestone, Tipton. llevarán la comunión a los enfermos y celebrarán la unción a los enfermos que no pueden salir de casa. Los domingos los ministros extraordinarios de la comunión llevan la comunión a los enfermos y a los que no pueden salir de casa. De nuevo, por favor llame a la rectoría si quisiera una visita de los sacerdotes y recibir la comunión en su casa.

<u>Hora Santa:</u> El grupo de oración de la parroquia los invita a una Hora de Adoración delante del Santísimo normalmente todos lo últimos sábados del més.





#### SAINT LEO MOMS GROUP-CHRIST MAS PARTY

All Moms welcome! Come join the moms group for a play group Christmas party and cookie exchange Friday, December 14 after the 9 AM Mass in the Guadalupe room. To RSVP in for more details contact Erin Spicer, ErinSpicer12@gmail.com



#### RECOLLECTION FOR MEN AND WOMEN DISCERNERS

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out. The Office of Vocations will hold a day retreat for women on Sunday, December 16, and a day retreat for men on Saturday, December 22. Both run from 9 a.m – 5 p.m and are open to those 17 years and older. Religious sisters will be present for the women, and seminarians, priests and men religious will be at the men's For more information and to register contact the Office of Vocations, 703-841-2514 or vocations@artingtondiocese.org. Deadline to sign up is December 7.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER has been teaching couples good communication skills for over 50 years! Sign up today to enrich your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Mar 22-24, 2019 in Herndon, VA and Sep 20-22, 2019 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

#### HORARIOS E INFORMACIÓN SANTAS MISAS

Español: domingos a la 1:00 pm

Inglés: sábados–5 pm (Vigilia), domingos–7:30, 9, 11:00,

5pm

Para programar eventos en la Parroquia, contáctese con Beatrice: bszele@stleofairfax.com.

Para preguntas sobre el ministerio, los sacramentos o para reunirse con un sacerdote, consulte el sitio web o llame a la rectoría en cualquier momento. Las secretarias que hablan español están programadas: lunes, martes y jueves de 4 a 9 pm., los miércoles de 8 am. a 4 pm., y los sábados de 9 am. a 2 pm.

**Confesiones en español**: Los mismos días de la parroquia (martes, viernes y sábado) más los domingos de 12:00 p.m. a 12:30 p.m.

**Bautizos:** Preparación- llamar a Carlos Cea: 703-836-2139.

**Matrimonio:** Todo Católico que desee contraer matrimonio debe contactar la parroquia por lo menos seis meses antes del evento. Para mayor información comunicarse con Diacono Jose Lopez 703-825-1983

**Sacramentos para Estudiantes de Secundaria**: llamar a la Oficina de Jovenes al teléfono 703-591-6089, ó email a **stleosyouth@gmail.com**.

**Grupo divina misericordia.** Colaboran con los sacerdotes en el ministerio de los enfermos, visitándolos y orando con ellos. Contacto Gilma Orozco (571-238-6634).





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