ST. LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 16, 2022 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Wedding Feast at Cana (1819) by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld, Hamburger Kunsthalle

FR. CHRISTOPHER M. GOBER, PASTOR 335 Springdale Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC 27104 Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM • (336) 724-0561 www.stleocatholic.org By transforming into wine the water of the jars used for the Jewish rites of purification, Jesus performs an eloquent sign – He transforms the Law

of Moses into the Gospel, bearer of joy.

– Pope Francis

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 15 8:00 AM, Church 5:30 PM, Sunday Vigil Sunday January 16 7:30 AM Church 9:00 AM Church 10:30 AM Church 10:30 AM BBPC 12 Noon Church Monday, January 17 8:00 AM, Church Tuesday, January 18 8:00 AM, Church Wednesday, January 19 8:00 AM, Church Thursday, January 20 8:00 AM, Church Friday January 21 8:15 AM, Church Noon, Church Saturday, January 22 8:00 AM, Church

5:30 PM, Sunday Vigil

Sunday, January 23

7:30 AM Church 9:00 AM Church 10:30 AM Church 10:30 AM BBPC 12 Noon Church Richard Lawrence Golden † Chris R. Eagan †

Jim Nickle People of the Parish Ted L. Rausch † Francisco Arguello Eva & Jimmy Lasecki

Patricia Bunch

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Beth Hoeing

Ray Eckerman † Diane Ferrelli

Rose M. Reshtar † Living & deceased members of the Black & Kantor families †

Judi Nickle † Paul Zohorsky † Rosemary Cook † People of the Parish Jose Ellazar † & Kenneth Lampart †

To schedule a Mass Intention, please call the church office at 336-724-0561.

PLEASE NOTE: To protect our most vulnerable, masks are required at two weekend Masses — Saturday, 5:30 PM; and Sunday, 12 Noon. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

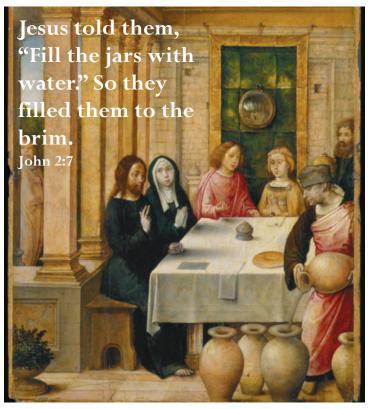
STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 12/31/2021

Actual YTD Offertory/Donations:	\$727,711
Budgeted YTD Offertory/Donations:	\$690,800

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Beginning Balance:		\$13,838
Donated:		\$15,070
Expended for Outreach:	(18,366)	
Balance available for Easter:		\$10,542



The Marriage Feast at Cana (c. 1500) by Juan de Flandes Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

PARISH INFORMATION

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish family! Please take time to register online through our parish website at www.stleocatholic.org.

Hospitalizations: Please call the parish office if you or a family member enter the hospital, or if you would like an appointment with a priest to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Privacy laws prevent our priests from knowing when you are in the hospital.

Baptisms: The Sacrament of Baptism is held twice a month on Saturdays at 11 AM by appointment only. Baptism Preparation Class, offered once each month, requires the attendance of both parents. Please contact the parish office for specific dates, to register for the class, and to schedule a baptism. To complete a Baptismal Information Form, please visit our website at stleocatholic.org.

Marriages: Couples must contact a parish priest at least six months before the proposed wedding date. Also, couples must be registered with the parish for at least three months before marriage preparation can begin. Weddings are only held on Saturdays at 11 AM or 2 PM.

Annulments: For information, please contact Dick and Mary Ellen Foley at 336-766-6294.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for the Week of JANUARY 16, 2022

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-1 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21 & 23/Mk 2:18-22 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-37, 40-51/Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/Mk 3:7-12 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11/Mk 3:13-19 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21 Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30/ Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Please Remember in Prayer:

Denise Sprinkle, Robert L. Sprinkle, Jr., Virginia Noxon, Irma Gadson, James Anthony Schwarz, Diane Ferrelli, Myles Harris, Enriko, J. Denise, Audrey E., Karen Publick, Richard Boswell, Bruce Sanchez-Barkey, Joanne Kohl, Judith Erwin, Sarah Schrodt, Chris Stoehrel, Elaine Schrenk, Katie James, Scott Morton, Neal McInerney, John, Francisco Arguello, Leslie Richard, Roger Krupel, Ann Gardner, Mary O'Sullivan, Teresa O'Connor, Jimmy Lasecki, Michael Keaton, Dixie Keaton, Paul Morrison, Timothy & Crista, Eddie Munoz, Leone/Zemon Family, Wayne Meredith, Tyler & Allayn Gover, Mary Ann Maynard, Paudie O'Shea, Mary Ann Huton, Mark Price, Marilyn Benack, Nick Patella, Zachary Taylor, Diana Beauchamp, Alex Cruz, Mayre Beauchamp, Manolo Mendoza, Caraline Lilly Christensen, Gregory Maldonado, Finley Price, Selena Vazquez, William & Dorothy Publick, Kelly Boyette, Cecile Esko, Rod Rockefeller, Jennifer Bolles, Eric Paswater, Betty Graves, Kimberly Lucado, Michael Leo Edwards, Melissa Publick, Sheila Johnson, Chris Puliselic, Evie Wiggins, Brian Almond, Andy Mazzo, Della Seay, Suzanne Faulk, Abbey Faulk, Lee Garner, Gail Gessner, Cindy & Robert Brown, Jeff Lineberry, Nina & Nicholas Fingar, Andrew Hayes, Jack Grantham, Christina Ruiz Grantham & Family, Mark Boone, Donald Smith, Robert Posodos, LaDonna Jensen, Gina Kim, Mariann Carothers, Lorraine Haendel, Georgia Mae Brady, Peyton Holland, Robbie Brewer, Tom Publick, Elaine Kincaid, Ryan Gover, all others who are ill, their caretakers, and those we hold dear.

Have a prayer request? Please email info@stleocatholic.org or call the church office at 336-724-0561. Names on our prayer list remain there until you request their removal. Please let us know if there is healing or resolution.

Simplify your offertory with Online Giving. Sign up on the parish website at stleocatholic.org

Weekly Schedule

Monday, January 17 Office & School CLOSED for MLK Day Tuesday, January 18 Cursillo Group-4:00-5:30 PM, St. Cecilia Room Rosary Group-6:00 PM, Church Wednesday, January 19 Eucharistic Adoration—after 8:00 AM Mass—5:00 PM Morning Bible Study—9:30–11:15 AM, BBPC Scriptural Rosary-11:30 AM, Church RCIA—6:30–8:00 PM, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room Choir Rehearsal—7:00-8:30 PM, Church Thursday, January 20 Men's Gospel Group—7:00–7:45 AM, St. Cecilia Rm St. Monica Novena 9:00 9:45 AM, Church St. Dorothy's Guild-6:30-8:00 PM, Showfety Rm Friday, January 21 Men's Cursillo-7:00-8:00 AM, BBPC Confessions—11:15–11:45 AM, Church Saturday, January 22—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Confessions—8:30 AM & 4:00 PM, Church Cursillo Group—9:00 AM, St. Cecilia Room

Eucharistic Adoration



Wednesday after the 8:00 AM Mass until 5:00 PM

Vivere, non vivacchiare! - Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati



(We should never just get by; we should live!)

FRASSATI YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

A young adult group inspired by Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Women's Group

Mondays, 7:30 PM, Bethany's house. First Mondays, we pray the rosary together; the rest of the month we read a book and discuss. New members are always welcome! Contact bethany.fischer23 @gmail.com.

Men's Group — 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 8:00 PM. Email Michael at hubbard.mc427@gmail.com.

Thirsty Third Thursdays: January 20, 7:00 PM. Meet at JuggHeads, 4843 Country Club Rd., W-S.



Please contact the parish office to register for a Baptismal Preparation Class and schedule a Baptism.

NOTE: You must register before the class and date of Baptism. You may also visit our website at stleocatholic.org for more information and to complete a *Baptismal Information Form*.

Upcoming Baptism Times, 11:00 AM

January 29 • February 19 & 26 • April 23 May 21 & 28 • June 11 & 25 • July 23 & 30 August 20 & 27 • September 10 & 24 October 22 & 29 • November 12 & 19

Baptismal Preparation Classes, 7:00 PM

February 1 • March 1 • April 5 • May 3 June 7 • July 12 • August 2 • September 6 October 4 • NovembNer 1 • December 6

PROJECT RACHEL

If you are suffering from the effects of an abortion, there is help and there is hope. Through volunteers, professional counselors and clergy, Project Rachel helps men, women and families deal spiritually and psychologically with their participation in an abortion and offers a means to extend the healing grace of God. For information, call **919-852-1021** or email **project.rachel**@**raldioc.org** or

visit us online at **www.rachelnc.org**

St. Monica Novena

Join us on **Thursday mornings**, **9:00-9:45AM**, in the church to entrust the petitions of our parish family to the intercession of St. Monica within a beautiful Novena and other prayers. *If you can't join us, leave your prayer intentions in the marked box in the church, near the statue of Our Lady*.

"Nothing is far from God." — St. Monica

Please remember those who have died:

ALL WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES TO ABORTION

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

RESPECT LIFE Build a Culture of Life



"9 Days for Life" is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join us in prayer for life, **January 19—27.**

For more information and the full novena text, visit respectlife.org/9-days-for-life.

MARCH FOR LIFE January 21 — Washington, D.C.

11:30 AM — North Carolina Mass for Life Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave., N.E.

12 Noon — Rally for Life National Mall at 12th Street

1:15–4:00 PM — March for Life For information, visit marchforlife.org

The 49th annual March for Life will proceed as planned in 2022. Tens of thousands of prolifers from around the nation will once again



converge to peacefully protest the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision on Roe v.

Wade, which legalized abortion in all 50 states, and to celebrate life from the moment of conception to natural death. It is the largest human rights demonstration in the world.

January 22 DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

While we pray always for an end to abortion, this date is set aside by U.S. bishops to pray that the legal guarantee of the right to life be fully restored in our country. It is also a day to atone for the violations against the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

Join millions of believers in a unified plea to Our Lord that change will come in 2022.

Catechesis: "The Mother of Jesus was There."

Jesus attends a wedding, where He will begin to be revealed and His disciples will come to believe in Him. The setting points to the eternal wedding banquet to come, in which Jesus is the Bridegroom Fully Revealed. It also points to the Mass and the spiritual life in general. In all of it, Mary holds a significant place: "the Mother of Jesus was there." (John 2:1) It is Mary who initiates the revelation of Jesus to His disciples.

Mary says to Jesus, "They have no wine." (John 2:3) She is asking her Son to perform a miracle, because she knows He can do it. This action also demonstrates that Mary is concerned not only that we have the basic necessities of life, but also that we have wine. It does not mean Mary spares us from the Cross and its suffering, but it does show that Mary is inclined to bring us joy in life.



Jesus's response is unexpected: "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." (John 2:4) If we take this expression literally, Jesus would be guilty of dishonoring his mother, even breaking the Fourth Commandment. But this expression did not have that meaning at the time of Christ. "What have you to do with me?" — or "How does your concern affect me?" — was a response to someone whom you would obey.

The same expression figures in the healing of the Gerasene demoniac. The demon "fell down before Him and said with a loud voice, 'What have you to do with me,

Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." (Lk 8:28) The demon used the common phrase to indicate his obeisance to Jesus, just as Jesus indicates that He wills to obey His mother. (Lk 2:51) Far from showing disrespect, it shows that Jesus continued to obey his mother well into manhood. Mary knows Jesus will do as she asks and simply says to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5)

But why does he call her *Woman?* This way of speaking also has negative connotations today; but Jesus, by calling Mary *Woman*, indicates that she is the New Eve. He will address her in this way once more from the Cross when He says, "Woman, behold your son!" (John 19:26)

Jesus connects the wedding feast at Cana with the Passion of Christ. At Cana, Jesus changes water into wine; at the Last Supper, He transubstantiates wine into His Blood, and at the Crucifixion, this Blood is poured out to save us. Mary is present from beginning to end. In the life of Christ, the Sacraments, the spiritual life, and in Heaven, the mother of Jesus is there.

— J. Patrick Yodzis, www.heartofthechurch.net

"The sacrament of Matrimony signifies the union of Christ and His Church. It gives spouses the grace to love each other with the love which Christ has loved the Church; the grace of the sacrament thus perfects the human love of the spouses, strengthens their indissoluble unity, and sanctifies them on the way to eternal life." — Council of Trent, DS 1799

A Catholic Marriage is a Covenant, Not a Civil Contract

Sacred Scripture begins in Genesis with the creation and union of man and woman and ends in Revelation with "the wedding feast of the Lamb." (Rev 19:7, 9) Scripture often refers to marriage, its origin and purpose, the meaning God gave to it, and its renewal in the covenant made by Jesus with his Church. It says man and woman were created for each other.

By their marriage, the couple witnesses Christ's spousal love for the Church. One of the Nuptial Blessings in the liturgical celebration of marriage refers to this in saying:

"Father, you have made the union of man and wife so holy a mystery that it symbolizes the marriage of Christ and his Church."

The Sacrament of Marriage is a covenant, which is more than a contract. Covenant always expresses a relationship between persons. The marriage covenant refers to the relationship between the husband and wife, a permanent union of persons capable of knowing and loving each other and God. The celebration of marriage is also a liturgical act, appropriately held in a public liturgy at church. Catholics are urged to celebrate their marriage within the Eucharistic Liturgy.

- U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults

Catechesis: The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

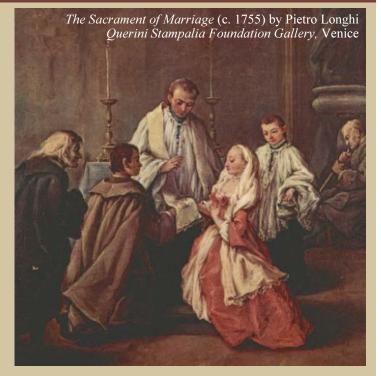
Christ instituted seven sacraments in the

Church that touch all stages and important moments in the Christian life. The sacraments of initiation — Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist — form the foundations of Christian life. (*CCC 1210-1212*) Once initiated, we are called to continue Our Lord's work of healing and salvation (*CCC 1421*) with grace from two more sacraments, Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick. The remaining two, Holy Orders and Matrimony, are "sacraments at the service of communion" and address a vocation in the adult Christian life.

The Church recognizes the goodness of marriage in the story of Jesus's first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana. On the threshold of His public ministry, He was there, enjoying a wedding reception and celebrating a friend or relative's union with another. Cana indicates marriage is an efficacious sign of Christ's presence. (*CCC 1613*)

As Catholics, we believe God is the author

of marriage, and Christ raised it to the dignity of a sac-



rament. It is not a purely human institution. The couple is called to marriage as a vocation. Their response to life within a family is bound up in the health of Christian society and of all humanity. *(CCC 1603)*

Marriage is not immune to the effects of evil in the world. Discord, domination, infidelity, jealousy and conflicts can lead to hatred and separation between couples. But none of it stems from the nature of man or woman, nor from the relationship. Rather, it comes from sin. The couple, then, needs God's grace to heal their wounds and uphold their wedding vows. The Sacrament of Matrimony offers that grace as a fruit of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. (*CCC 1615*) With sacramental grace, each spouse can help the other overcome self-absorption, egoism and the pursuit of personal pleasure to become self-giving.

The Catholic bride and groom are ministers of God's grace who mutually confer the sacrament upon one another in their consent before the Church. They receive the Holy Spirit, who seals their covenant to give them strength in fidelity and love for one another. (*CCC 1624*) Each is called to encourage the holiness of the other through their common faith and expression of Christian values and by receiving the Eucharist together. — MMKY

Getting Married at St. Leo Catholic Church



— OR —

St. Leo receives up to 60 requests for weddings each year. Wedding Guidelines are in place to ensure that our beautiful church is available for the celebration of the sacraments of registered and active St. Leo parishioners and their families.

For a couple to be married at St. Leo, one of two conditions must be met:

1. The bride or the groom is a registered, active, and regularly contributing member of St. Leo and has been so for at least three months prior to the commencement of their six-month marriage preparation period. To be an active member means attending Mass every Sunday and supporting the parish financially.

2. The bride or groom is a registered, active, and regularly contributing member of another parish, but attended St. Leo as part of their childhood. The pastor of the bride or groom's home parish must certify that the couple would be eligible for marriage in his parish.

Marriage Preparation is Required

Candidates for the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Leo must go through a marriage preparation program. Parishioners of St. Leo who wish to be married in another parish may be enrolled in our parish marriage preparation program as long as the first condition is met — they are registered, active, and regularly contributing members of St. Leo and have been for at least three months.

When a couple meets with one of the parish priests, he will explain the marriage preparation program to be completed before the celebration of the wedding.

Marriage is More Than a Wedding

A wedding is a simple ceremony lasting only a few minutes; marriage is a lifetime commitment of sacrificial love in a solemn and sacramental covenant. Wedding preparation and marriage preparation are different things. Marriage preparation helps to prepare couples for a lifelong sacramental commitment.

For additional information, please contact Mary Beth Young at mbyoung@stleocatholic.org

Can't we get married on the beach?

Sacred events belong in sacred places, and secular events belong in secular places. Canon Law requires weddings to take place inside a church to remind the Church of the sacred nature of marriage, the special participation of God and His Church, and the place of every marriage in the life of the Church. The beach or a vineyard is a nice place, but not a sacred place. Moreover, neither is a place where Catholic people ordinarily meet to worship God in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and one another. While a wedding alfresco is not allowed, your reception can be anywhere you like.

Why so many rules about weddings?

The Church takes marriage very seriously, because God takes it very seriously. Marriage, a sacred covenant and tremendous gift from God, is a visible sign of His love and commitment to His people. It is the foundation of the family and of society, central to the life of the Church. Marriage is also a public act celebrated as part of the Church's liturgy and introduces the couple into a special state of life in the Church. Because of its significance, the Church has an obligation to make sure marriage is celebrated in the right way, according to the right forms, to attend to the spiritual health of all of God's people.

Guidelines for Wedding Flowers at St. Leo

Traditionally, couples hire florists to provide altar arrangements and, sometimes, a nosegay for our Blessed Mother, then donate the flowers to the parish for use at liturgies following the wedding. It is a time-honored gesture of thanksgiving to God and to the parish for their spiritual support. St. Dorothy's Guild, a ministry at St. Leo, is pleased to offer floral services for weddings. In lieu of hiring a florist, couples can engage the services of the guild for arrangements, bouquets, corsages and boutonnieres to benefit the parish. For details, contact Mary Margaret Yodzis at mmkyodzis@stleocatholic.org



Please remember that Faith Formation classes **start at 9:00 AM** and **run until 10:15 AM.** Attendance is required throughout the year.

If your child will be absent because of illness or another reason, please contact the Faith Formation office at **lgarner@stleocatholic.org**

FIRST

January 16	Class, 9:00 AM
January 23	Class, 9:00 AM
January 30	Class, 9:00 AM
February 6	Class, 9:00 AM
February 13	Class, 9:00 AM
February 20	NO CLASSES

Parent Meeting

Parents of children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion must attend one of the two offered meetings on **Tuesday, February 1 — 10:00 AM** or **6:30 PM**,

downstairs in the Parish Center.

All books, materials and dates will be provided.

LIFE TEEN WINTER RETREAT with Skiing!

February 11-13 Boone, NC

Space is limited for our Life Teen Winter Retreat on Joy, with some slope action! Cost of \$125 includes ski rental & lift pass. Sign up at stleocatholic.org/ life-teen



LIFETEEN meets Sunday, January 16, 6:00–8:00 PM, Youth Room.

We begin a new series on identity. Come for tacos, the Identity Crisis game, and talk about how we are created good.

EDGE meets January 23, 6:00-8:00 PM. No Life Teen that week.

Summer registration is open for Steubenville Atlanta, our mission trip, and our Works of Mercy weeks. For details, see the Life Teen or Edge pages on **stleocatholic.org**



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.

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Choose the "parishioner" option, enter St. Leo Catholic Church, then your name and email. Check your inbox for a link.

FORMED









Applications for the 2022 –2023 school year at St. Leo Catholic School are open for Pre-K through 8th Grade. Our Pre-K has a few half-day and full-day spots left. Call 336-748-8252 to schedule a tour, or come to our next Open House: Wednesday, March 16 9:00-11:00 AM

If you haven't had a chance to donate yet, please give to our Lion's Share campaign. We are over the half-way mark! Donate online at <u>stleocatholic.com/donatetoday</u>

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

St. Leo Catholic School is looking for substitute teachers and After School Care subs. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact our principal, Gary Callus, at gcallus@stleocatholic.com



2021 Tax Requests

To request your 2021 Tax/Donor Statement from St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, please email our parish finance assistant, Julie Gunnell, at jgunnell@stleocatholic.org.

PLEASE NOTE: If you make donations through our online giving program, you can log in to your account and print out your 2021 giving history. If you need assistance, call the Parish Office at (336) 724-0561.

DIOCESE of CHARLOTTE







Partners in Hope

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Cocktail reception, 5:30 PM — Dinner & Program, 6:30 PM Join us in person! If you are not able, join us via livestream. For the safety of all guests, please note that current local guidelines, in response to COVID-19, at the time of the event will be followed. To register, please go to ccdoc.org/pih

Questions? Email partnersinhope2022@gmail.com or call 336-714-3228.







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