

# St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

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JESUS SAID  
TO HIS PARENTS,  
“WHY WERE YOU  
LOOKING FOR ME?  
DID YOU  
NOT KNOW  
THAT I MUST BE  
IN MY FATHER’S  
HOUSE?”

LUKE 2:49

THE HOLY  
FAMILY  
of JESUS,  
MARY, AND  
JOSEPH

DECEMBER 26, 2021





**OFFICE HOURS  
HORAS DE OFICINA**

Monday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Saturday Closed

**MASS SCHEDULE  
HORARIO DE MISA**

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. (En Español)

12:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Monday-Thursday 6:30 a.m.

Friday 12:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Sacramento de la Reconciliación**  
Saturday 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**ADORATION / ADORACION**  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Exposición del bendito sacramento  
Temporarily Closed

**PASTOR**  
*Rev. Frank Macias*

**DEACONS / DIÁCANOS**  
Bob Caldwell, Gerard Gonzalez,  
Robert Ibarra, J. Mark Luther

**PARISH ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL  
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PARROQUIAL**

Bookkeeper	Michael Morin
Administrative Assistant	Teresa Sanchez
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St. Vincent De Paul (210) 533-7334

**Baptisms**

Parents must bring a legal state birth certificate into the church office and register. Padrinos / Sponsors must be a baptized Catholic and have received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.

If married, must be married in the Catholic faith.

**Weddings**

Please call our office to make an appointment with our pastor at least 6 months in advance.

# Mass Intentions

Sat., December 25 <b>5:00 p.m.</b> <b>Readings:</b> Is 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25	Sister Camen Najera (d) Mary Louis Munoz (d) Jesse Leija (d) Johnny Leija (d) Jacob Fuentes (d)	Humberto Gutierrez (d) Wilma Gutierrez (d) Charlie & Hazel Bernhard (d) Esteban Amador (d) Gabriel Barrera (d)
<b>Sunday, December 26</b>	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b>	<b>Second Collection: Religious Education</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>Readings:</b> 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52	Rafael Suniga (d) Lilia Huerta (d) Oralia Benavides (d)	Agustin Mora (d) Cecilia P. Torres (d)
<b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>Readings:</b> 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52	Margarita Medellin (d) Sister Camen Najera (d)	Victor Ibarra (d) Mr. & Mrs. Rito Diaz (d)
<b>12:00 p.m.</b> <b>Readings:</b> 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52	Al Didner (d'b'day) Cindy & Pedro Flores (d) Ryan Soto (d)	Moises Perez (d) Teresa Fernandez (d)
<b>2:30 p.m.</b> <b>Readings:</b> 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52	Rafael Suniga (d) Rudy Villa (d)	Ethan Jackson (d)
Mon., December 27 <b>6:30 a.m.</b> <b>Readings:</b> 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8		
Tue., December 28 <b>6:30 a.m.</b> <b>Readings:</b> 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 / Mt 2:13-18	Agustin Mora, Jr. (d'anniv)	
Wed., December 29 <b>6:30 a.m.</b> <b>Readings:</b> 1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35	Nicole Noel Ayala (d'b'day)	
Thu., December 30 <b>6:30 a.m.</b> <b>Readings:</b> 1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40	Grace McDaniel (d'b'day)	
Fri., December 31 <b>5:00 p.m.</b> <b>Readings:</b> 1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18	Susan Guerra (d)	

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus

This feast urges us to see in the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph a "shining example" for all family life. In their mutual love and forbearance, in their patience in times of trial, and in their total obedience to God's will for them, the Holy Family shows us how to live together in peace.

Scripture Insights

Though today's readings refer to obedience only once, obedience is a thread woven through all the Scriptures for this Feast of the Holy Family. To modern ears, the word obedience grates a bit. Isn't that just for children? Doesn't it suggest a subservient state unworthy of adults?

The Bible understands obedience as humankind's fundamental attitude toward God. In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word shema means both "hear" and "obey"; it signifies an attitude of listening with readiness to act on what one hears. As the covenant people were called to hear and heed God's Word, so also the people called on God to listen and respond to their prayer.

Hannah, long barren, pleaded with God for a son, and the first reading tells us that God was listening. Samuel was God's word of response to her prayer, and Hannah in turn heard and obeyed in gratitude, offering him as nazirite, set apart for sacred purposes. Numerous psalms, like today's responsorial psalm, give praise for the many ways God listens and responds to our prayer.

In the second reading, Christians are called to keep the divine command to "believe in...his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded" (1 Jn 3:23). The author of this letter echoes the perspective of the Gospel according to John, which presents Jesus as divine Word made flesh. Jesus Christ not only speaks but is God's Word made visible, calling us to hear and obey.

Luke presents a breathtaking scene: a twelve-year-old Jesus, whom the Evangelist has already described as "a savior...who is Christ and Lord." (2:11), listening to Mary and Joseph, "obedient to them" (2:51). Though he remained in the Temple because he heard and obeyed his heavenly Father, he behaved the same toward earthly parents. He grew in wisdom and age—and in obedience.

News from the 2022 Festival Committee

Thank you for everyone that came to breakfast on Dec. 5 and participated in the raffle.

The winners of the raffle were:

- 1st Robert Delgado
2nd Margie Dominguez
3rd Armando Rivera
4th Jessica Apolarin

More news and updates to follow Blessings, St. Leo's Festival Committee

Personal Missalettes

Unidos en Cristo/United in Christ Missalettes are available in our parish office for a donation of \$5.

Limited quantities of "Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word, 2022," are available for purchase in the parish office for \$14. English and Spanish editions available.

New Year Mass Schedule

Friday, Dec. 31, 2021 New Year's Eve

- 5 p.m. Vigil Mass
No 12 p.m. Mass
No Midnight Mass
Office Closed

Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022 New Year's Day

9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mass

Additional ushers are needed for the 5 p.m. Saturday mass. If you are interested in participating in this important ministry, please contact the office or Tom Kiolbassa at (210) 922-7525 for further information.

St. Leo's The Gabriel Project ministry is in need of the following items:

- Toddler Bed
High Chair
Gently used boy's



& girls clothes (2T, 3T, 4T,)

If you'd like to donate these items, Please call Virginia Losoya @ (210) 722-2984



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus' parents returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found ...

Grid of letters: H I M, N I M, T T E P, H E E L

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Answer: him in the temple