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ORATORY OF ST. LEO THE GREAT

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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St. Leo Oratory Clergy

Rector: Rev. Canon David N. Silvey

Superiors of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

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Project Manager & Maintenance: Mr. Michael R. Wolf

Director of Sacred Music: Mr. Ross C. Schmittgen

Assistant Director of Sacred Music: Mrs. Aubrey L. Harris

Organist: Mr. Robert A. Wisniewski

Regular Mass Schedule

Sundays:
8:00am Low Mass & 10:30am Sung Mass

Mondays & Wednesdays:
Low Mass at 7:00 *in the morning*

Tuesdays & Thursdays:
Low Mass at 7:00 *in the evening*

Fridays: Low Mass at 12:00 noon

First Fridays: additional Low Mass at 7:00pm

Saturdays: Low Mass at 9:00am

Regular Confession Schedule

Sundays: 7:15–7:55am & 9:45–10:25am

Mondays: 7:45am–8:15am

Tuesdays: 6:30–6:55pm

Wednesdays: 7:45–8:15am

Thursdays: 5:50–6:40pm

Fridays: 11:30–11:55am

1st Fridays: additional 5:50–6:30pm

Saturdays: 8:30–8:55am

Adoration

Thursdays: 5:45pm Holy Hour

1st Fridays: 5:45pm Holy Hour of Reparation

1st Saturdays: Exposition & Devotions after Mass

Divine Office

Sung Compline fifteen minutes following most Tuesday & Thursday 7:00pm Masses during the year. Please consult the weekly schedule for confirmation.

Welcome to St. Leo Oratory!

St. Leo Oratory is an apostolate of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest under the authority of the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Columbus. The Institute celebrates Holy Mass according to the 1962 Roman Missal, commonly known as the "Traditional Latin Mass."

Registration as a Member of the Oratory: Active, registered members fulfill their Sunday obligation weekly or at least regularly at the Oratory, and contribute to the Oratory according to their means. If you would like to register, pick up a form or contact the Oratory office.

Conversion to the Catholic Faith: Those interested in becoming Catholic are encouraged to contact the rector of the Oratory by phone (614–443–7685) or email (stleo@icksp.org).

Infant Baptism: Parents requesting infant baptism for their child should be active, registered members of the Oratory. Infants should be baptized within the first few weeks after birth (Code of Canon Law, 867 §1), so contacting the rector in advance is recommended.

First Communion & Confirmation: Parents should be active, registered members of the Oratory. Contact the rector for information on preparation and enrolling your child for these sacraments.

Extreme Unction (Anointing of the Sick):
If an individual is facing serious illness or death, call 614–443–7685.

Holy Matrimony: At least one party should be an active, registered member of the Oratory. Couples should contact the rector at least seven months prior to their desired wedding date for more information. The Oratory wedding policy is available upon request.

Oratory Groups

Check the upcoming events column for announcements & schedule changes. For information, email stleo@icksp.org for transferal to the appropriate group.

Society of the Sacred Heart: The formal society for lay members within the spiritual family of the Institute of Christ the King.

Holy Name Society: Men's confraternity promoting reverence for the Holy Name & spiritual growth. Meets on 3rd Monday of the month.

Confraternity of Christian Mothers: Assists Catholic women in living faithfully their vocation of motherhood. Meets monthly.

Sursum Corda: Young adults 18–40. Meet-up at Plank's on Parsons the 1st Sunday of the month, event the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Teen Youth Group: Meets regularly for fellowship, fun activities & service events.

Adult Choir: Gregorian Chant and Renaissance Polyphony. Rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

Children's Choir: Registration required. Rehearses most Tuesdays during the year at 6pm.

Children's Catechism: Registration required. Four levels. Classes most Tuesdays during the year beginning at 4:45pm.

Contributions to the Oratory — Thank You!

You may contribute by cash, check or online donation. Make **checks** out to "Institute of Christ the King" with "St. Leo Oratory" in the memo line. Mail or drop in the Sunday collection. **Online donations:** Use the QR code to set up one - time or recurring donations.

Monday, December 8:
Cash/Checks: TBA
Sunday, December 14:
Cash/Checks: TBA Online: TBA

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 21
Fourth Sunday of Advent *(1st class; Violet)*
8:00am — *Special Intention*
10:30am — *Members & Benefactors of St. Leo Oratory*

Monday, December 22
Feria — Mass of Fourth Sunday of Advent *(2nd class; Violet)*
7:00am — *Special Intention*

Tuesday, December 23
Feria — Mass of Fourth Sunday of Advent *(2nd class; Violet)*
7:00pm — *Richard Eric Wolf, RIP (by Rhonda Kvidt)*
Compline (begins 15 minutes after Mass)

Wednesday, December 24
Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord *(2nd class; Violet)*
7:00am — *Special Intention*

Thursday, December 25
Nativity of Our Lord *(1st class; White)*
12:00 midnight — *The Hoops Family, Friends & Benefactors both living & deceased (by Katherine Hoops)*
7:30am — *Special Intention*
9:30am — *Members & Benefactors of St. Leo Oratory*

Friday, December 26
St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr (*2nd class; Red*)
Commemoration of the Octave of the Nativity
12:00 noon — *Helen Limes (by Bullard Family)*

Saturday, December 27
St. John, Apostle & Evangelist (*2nd class; White*)
Commemoration of the Octave of the Nativity
9:00am — *Special Intention*

Sunday, December 28
Sunday in the Octave of the Nativity *(2nd class; White)*
Commemoration of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs
8:00am — *Special Intention*
10:30am — *Members & Benefactors of St. Leo Oratory*

Registration open for Confirmation 2026 and First Holy Communion 2026

- *The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be conferred on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 11:30am, and **First Holy Communion** will occur on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at the 10:30am Mass.*
- *Deadline to enroll for both is Sunday, January 18. Parents ordinarily should be active, registered members of the Oratory.*

For Confirmation:

- *Use the QR Code to complete registration.*
- *Any child who will be 10 years old or older by May 2, 2026 should be enrolled. Any child who will be 9 years old before February 1, 2026 may be enrolled. The rector has determined that this date should be the cutoff for several reasons.*
- *More info will be forthcoming; parents should plan for confirmation prep classes for the candidates at 12:15pm on Sundays, Feb. 8, Feb. 22, March 1, March 8, & March 22. These classes are not optional. If candidates have to miss a class for a good reason, parents should alert the rector and explain.*
- *Candidates will be interviewed after Easter on a date to be determined.*

For First Holy Communion:

- *Use the QR code to complete registration.*
- *Any child who has reached the age of reason and whom the parents deem ready may be enrolled (usually age 7 or 6).*
- *Candidates will be interviewed and make their First Confession after Easter on dates to be determined.*

Oratory Children's Catechism 2025—2026

4:45pm High School Catechism *(Canon David Silvey)*

5:00pm Level 3 (ages 11-13) *(Abbé Chistopher Wood)*

5:30pm Level 1 (ages 7 & under) *(Canon David Silvey)*

5:30pm Level 2 (ages 7-10) *(Abbé Chistopher Wood)*

Upcoming classes:

Tuesday, January 13
Tuesday, January 20
Tuesday, January 27
Tuesday, February 3

Children's Choir

Rehearsals will resume in the New Year on a day to be determined

Holy Name Society — Confraternity for Men

The men of the Holy Name Society are dedicated to honoring God and transforming culture through prayer and personal spiritual development. Meetings begin at 6pm with Holy Hour, followed by meeting and dinner.

Upcoming: Monday 1/19 and Monday 2/23

Jan. 3: Confraternity of Christian Mothers Meeting

The mission of the CCM is to assist Catholic women in living faithfully their vocation of motherhood, taking as their model Mary, the Mother of Sorrows. Interested women are welcome to join their next meeting on Saturday, January 3 after 9am Mass and Devotions. *Email ccmstleo@gmail.com for more info.*

Christmas Masses

12:00 Midnight Mass
First Mass of Christmas — *Dominus dicit*

7:30am Mass at Dawn
Second Mass of Christmas — *Lux fulgebit*

9:30am Mass of the Day
Third Mass of Christmas — *Puer natus est*

Confessions one hour before Midnight Mass
No confessions on Christmas morning

Christmas Octave

Friday, December 26 — St. Stephen, Protomartyr
12:00 noon Low Mass

Saturday, December 27— St. John the Evangelist
9:00am Low Mass followed by Blessing of Wine
Bring your wine to be blessed

Sunday, December 28 — Sunday in the Octave
8:00am Low Mass; 10:30am High Mass

Monday, December 29
7:00am Low Mass

Tuesday, December 30
7:00pm Low Mass

Wednesday, December 31
No morning Mass; no confessions at 7:45am
11:30am Confessions
12:00 noon Low Mass followed by *Te Deum* & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
***A plenary indulgence can be obtained under the usual conditions by attending the* Te Deum.**

Thursday, January 1— Octave of Christmas
*****Holy Day of Obligation*****
8:00am Low Mass; 10:30am High Mass
High Mass preceded by *Veni Creator Spiritus* hymn.
***A plenary indulgence can be obtained under the usual conditions by attending the* Veni Creator.**
No evening Holy Hour, Mass, nor confessions

Diocesan Disciple Maker Survey

Canon Silvey asks all registered members of St. Leo Oratory to participate in this Diocese-wide survey requested by Bishop Fernandes. It will take about 10 minutes. Use QR code.

Teen Youth Group: Next Meetings

Saturday, January 10 at St. Leo former convent:
Preparing Epiphany sacramental sachets & Pizza 10am–1pm

Saturday, March 14 at St. Leo former convent:
Film King of Kings *& Soup Supper 5pm–8pm*

Contact Mrs. Julie Kiesel for more info: tmj_52@yahoo.com

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