

# Church of St. Leo The Great

Roman Catholic Church – Piedmont Avenue at Ridgeway



## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday: 12:10pm  
Saturday: 8:00am  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am

## PARISH OFFICE

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## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Joseph T. Nguyen, Parochial Administrator  
Norah Hippolyte, Pastoral Assistant  
Gerry Barañano, Parish Council President  
Marilynne Homitz, Finance Council Chair  
Rosario Dueñas, Business Manager

## WEEKEND MINISTERS

Paul Janowiak, SJ  
Henry A. Ormond, O.Carm.  
Brent Otto, S.J.

## IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Peter Okafor

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## SACRAMENTS

Baptisms by appointment.  
Godparent Classes: 1st Tues. 7:30pm and 3rd Sat. 1:00pm  
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 - 4:30pm  
and by appointment.  
Matrimony by appointment at least six months in advance.  
Anointing of the Sick by appointment.  
Funerals by arrangement.  
Faith Formation by arrangement.

## ~OUR PARISH MISSION~

As a worshipping Roman Catholic parish family, the community of Saint Leo the Great seeks to encourage the active practice of Christ-like love by each of us. By sharing our God-given talents and resources, we aim to respond to the needs and concerns of our members while striving to establish God's reign of love on earth as it is in heaven.

**OUR WARMEST WELCOME** to all who worship with our parish community, whether long time residents or new arrivals. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Day \_\_\_\_\_ Eve \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

- New Parishioner
- Change of Information
- Moving: Remove from list
- Please call me - best time \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like to serve as \_\_\_\_\_
- Please expedite registration because \_\_\_\_\_

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**AUGUST 9, 2015**

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

2 Cor 9:6-10 ; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 ; Jn 12:24-26

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

(August 10- August 16, 2015)

Monday	12:10pm	Josefa Rivast†
Tuesday	12:10pm	Mitch Mignano†
Wednesday	12:10pm	Mitch Mignano†
Thursday	12:10pm	Eugene Welsh†
Friday	12:10pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	8:00am	Linda Mignano
	5:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	8:30am	Terrance Jackson†
	11:00am	Rafael and Emiliana Fulguera†



In the charity of your prayers, please remember: Carol Adam, Jim Colby, Joseph Connolly, Juanita Estrellas, Clifford Franco, Ernestine Gerlach, Raymond Griego, Donald Hatchett, Sybil Hippolyte, Wendy Jose, Ann and Maria Koci, Herminia Koneff, Rita Litton, Barbara and Leland Maes, Charles Martin, Fr. Tom Ng, Juanita Reyes, Alice Tinkelenberg, Delores Wilcox, and all other parishioners who are ill.



*Pray for the soul of our Faithful Departed*  
**MAUREEN MARY KELLY**  
 &  
**DONALD DOROTHY**  
*"Rise to new life!"*

**BREWS AND VIEWS**



The Brews and Views team has had an initial meeting. We have narrowed down our topics and we are currently pursuing speakers for our next series of events. We need additional assistance; we need someone to work on the marketing/advertising portion of this important work of our parish. If you are

available to give us a hand, please contact Norah Hippolyte at [stleo@pacbell.net](mailto:stleo@pacbell.net) or 510-654-6177. Thank you

**PARISH PICNIC**



Have you ever played bocce ball? What about horseshoes? If you come to the picnic and have a bocce ball set or horseshoe set, maybe you could organize a game. The Parish Picnic is Sunday, September 13, at about 12:00PM at the Streamside Picnic area of Lake Temescal East Bay Regional

Park. Our picnic area is closest to the Broadway Terrace entrance of the Lake. Burgers, franks, drinks, and other essentials will be provided. Please see the sign-up sheet in the vestibule for additional items needed including rides. Thank you

**This Week's Calendar**  
 (Week of August 10 - August 16, 2015)

<b>Mon.</b>	7:30pm	Divine Mercy	Rectory
<b>Tues.</b>	7:30pm	Scripture Study	Rectory
<b>Wed.</b>	7:30pm	Brews and Views Mtg.	Rectory
<b>Sat.</b>	1:00pm	Godparent Prep	Lacey Room



**FROM POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL LETTER "LAUDATO SI ON THE CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME"**

**Regarding "Continuity of Church Teaching"**

"Saint John Paul II became increasingly concerned about this issue. In his first Encyclical he warned that human beings frequently seem "to see no other meaning in their natural environment than what serves for immediate use and consumption". Subsequently, he would call for a global ecological conversion. At the same time, he noted that little effort had been made to "safeguard the moral conditions for an authentic human ecology". The destruction of the human environment is extremely serious, not only because God has entrusted the world to us men and women, but because human life is itself a gift which must be defended from various forms of debasement. Every effort to protect and improve our world entails profound changes in "lifestyles, models of production and consumption, and the established structures of power which today govern societies". Authentic human development has a moral character. It presumes full respect for the human person, but it must also be concerned for the world around us and "take into account the nature of each being and of its mutual connection in an ordered system". Accordingly, our human ability to transform reality must proceed in line with God's original gift of all that is." ~ 5

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)

**FINANCE COUNCIL NEWS**

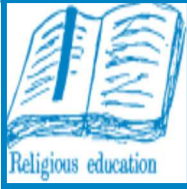
Fr. Joseph Nguyen wants to let you know that he has invited Kevin Kennedy to serve on the Finance Council and he has graciously accepted. Kevin joins Marilynne Homitz, Chandra Miller, Angie Minor and Jim Nemechek in this opportunity to be of service to our parish. Members of the Finance Council welcome your input and concerns.

**Our Weekly Offering**



	August 1/2, 2015	Year-to-Date Sundays/HolyDays
<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$4,824</b>	<b>\$147,847</b>
<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$6,315</b>	<b>\$189,450</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>\$1,491</b>	<b>\$41,603</b>

**Our operational expenses average \$9,300 per week.** Last weekend's contributions brought our shortfall to seven weeks behind our year-to-date budget objective. The parish councils and staff are currently evaluating necessary measures to eliminate this chronic weekly deficit.



**CHRISTIAN ENRICHMENT CORNER**

**The Christian Enrichment Corner is Back**

We have a fresh start for children and youth beginning Sunday, September 13, at 9:45AM in the Fr. Lacey Room. This first session will be our student orientation day. We will pray, hand out copies of prayer books, establish class space, and discuss class rules. All children and youth registered in any of our Christian Enrichment sessions should plan to attend. Our final pre-registration day is August 17. We will have a sign-up table in the vestibule this weekend. Sign-up information is available in the vestibule in the information rack.

**What is Christian Enrichment?**

Christian Enrichment is the title we give for all of our sacrament preparation, on-going faith formation, RCIA/RCIA adapted for Children, and adult faith formation. We make available Scripture Study sessions, a Divine Mercy Prayer Group, Brews and Views, RCIA, and Eucharistic Adoration for adults. Our High School teens are encouraged to participate in our Confirmation Preparation sessions. Intermediate age and Middle School age children who have received First Holy Communion are invited to attend On-Going Faith Formation sessions. Adults wishing to enter more deeply into Catholic spirituality are may explore RCIA. Information about all of these different sessions is available at the Christian Enrichment Registration Table August 8 and 9.

**Parent Welcome Back Meeting**

Parents of all children and youth registered in any of our Christian Enrichment programs are asked to attend our Parent meeting on Tuesday, September 8, at 7:00PM in the Fr. Lacey Room. We will use this time to review the calendar, sign up volunteers, and discuss curriculum.



**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE!**

Consider expanding your role in the parish. Think and pray about whether you would enjoy becoming an Acolyte or an Eucharistic Minister. Maybe you have a secret love of singing - the 11am Sunday Choir would love to meet you! There are also fulfilling opportunities to become a lector or an usher. If you like children, helping with the Children Liturgy of the Word program could be a really meaningful addition to your spiritual life. These roles are all easy to learn, and plenty of guidance is provided. Please call the parish office to enlist!



**Consider Helping in a New Ministry**

Consider becoming an adult volunteer catechist to those with Special Needs in a small group setting. SPRED (Special Religious Education Department) provides ongoing faith formation for children, teens or adults with developmental disabilities. For more information, call 510-635-72582 or email [info@spredoakdiocese.org](mailto:info@spredoakdiocese.org). You can also go online and look at the website [www.spredoakdiocese.org](http://www.spredoakdiocese.org)

**DEBT REDUCTION**

**\$3,348,422: RENOVATION'S TOTAL COST**  
**\$764,924: DEBT STILL OWED**

**\$4,639** collected for the **third quarter**

Our debt reduction collections continue to be just enough to pay the interest of our debt and cover only a minimal fraction of the principal balance. Please be attentive to this meaningful obligation. Let us pray for guidance in our giving so that as a parish we can become debt free.

**THIS WEEK'S SPIRITUAL QUESTION**



*What is "Elijah's desert" in my own life? how does my partaking of the bread of life strengthen me for my life's journey?*



**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS**

St. Vincent de Paul will be holding its annual Back To School Open House event on Saturday August 15 from 9:30AM-1:30PM and need volunteers to help make the day a success. If you are available and would like to help give away supplies, make book marks or serve the children in the family dining room, please contact Muna Texier, Volunteer Manager, at 510-719-0774. Thank you to the many people who contributed supplies and made a financial contribution. They could not do this without you!

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**



**Religious Order Jubilarian Celebration**

On Saturday, August 22 at 10am at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland, CA, as part of the "Year of Consecrated Life," Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the all Religious and especially Religious Order Jubilarians in the diocese. All are invited to attend to thank these Religious and the Jubilarians for their years of service in the Diocese of Oakland. For more information please visit [Oakdiocese.org/YCLMass](http://Oakdiocese.org/YCLMass)

**SAVE THE DATE!**



The new parish directory will be coming this year. Photo sessions are scheduled for October 1-3, 2015. More details to follow soon.