

He is not here;
he has Risen!
Lk 24:6

St. Leo the Great Parish

April Newsletter 2018



Unity in our diversity and the spirit of family are displayed in this cross made of wooden blocks with messages of love and gratitude written on them by members of St. Leo's youth group during their first retreat together. We are one in Christ.



Welcome to the Family!!

The Easter Season will be a time of great rejoicing at St. Leo's as nearly 80 persons will be receiving at least one of the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

The celebration begins at the Easter Vigil when members of the Campos family are received into the church. Dad was Catholic and those under seven were baptized last year. One of those baptized, Moises, will receive First Communion at the Vigil. The family had been taking part with others in the RCIA classes led by Jeanne Hunt and catechists from our covenant partner parish, Our Lady of Visitation.

Dad Emilio was invited to St. Leo's by his sister and soon encouraged his family to join him. Mom Amber said that at first they were hesitant, but decided as a family to give it a try. In the beginning it felt awkward, but soon the whole family was coming to church three times a week and it felt like home. The family is getting active in the community, and helping wherever they can. Amber and daughter Angelica are now singing in one of the Spanish choirs.

The Sunday after Easter more than 40 Hispanics will be receiving the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. There will be a wedding at the 10:30 am Mass on April 15 and the entire congregation is invited. On the three following Sundays there will be four baptisms each week.

In mid-May two African young women will be received into the church, receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. There will be six baptisms and seven First Communions. One of the families explained that war in their homeland and lack of pastoral care in the refugee camps didn't offer them the opportunity to receive these sacraments. They are looking forward to officially joining their parish family.

And it is with great joy and love that we welcome them. We are truly one in our faith and diversity.



Looking forward to the Easter Vigil are members of Campos family (front row) Moises, Esperanza, and Elidia with son Jason; (back row) Emilio, Angelica, mom Amber holding Maribel, and Dad Emilio.