

July 8, 2018

***From Fr. Jim . . .***

Next Saturday, July 14 is our Latino Fest or Culture Fest. Our Latino parishioners organize it and their intention is to celebrate all of the cultures that comprise the wonderful diversity that we experience here at St. Leo the Great. The Culture Fest starts at 1pm and will end at 9:30pm. We will stop at 6pm for Mass and the Culture Fest will continue again, after Mass, in the parking lot.

We welcome all of our parishioners, guests and visitors to celebrate Mass with us as well as enjoy the great food, fun and prayer of the Culture Fest. We are delighted that you would take time to pray with us and to celebrate our diversity. All of us at St. Leo are very grateful that God has brought us together and is teaching us how to be Church. We consider our diversity to be a tremendous blessing and we are so grateful for your interest in us, support and encouragement and for all the ways that you share the Lord's mission and ministry with us. The Latino Fest is another way to bring us all together to praise God for the great work that God is doing with all of us and to do it through prayer, praise, song, fun and food – lots of great food.

Our Guatemalan parishioners who sponsor this Latino Fest each year really want to show their appreciation to St. Leo's for the opportunity that they have been given to be members of St. Leo Parish. They do not want to be their own parish within our parish but we want to be one parish together. You will see signs of this in our prayer and worship and in the varieties of food at the Festival that represents the different nationalities that comprise the parish community. Like in years past, musical groups from St. Leo and other faith based communities in the area will provide praise and worship music throughout the day. Please come and join us and bring everyone with you! May all that we do be for the praise and glory of God!

