

July 15, 2018

From Fr. Jim . . .

I want to extend a very special welcome to all of our guests and visitors who are here with us to celebrate mass and then to continue our praise and worship in our parking lot at the Latino Fest, Saturday, July 14. 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. I want to thank our Latino community for hosting and organizing this event and everyone who has helped to make this day a success. Again, welcome to everyone and enjoy the day! May God be praised in all that we do.

