

May 17, 2020

From Fr. Jim . . .

Mother's Day: Last Sunday, the second Sunday of the month of May, was Mother's Day. We always want to give thanks to God for all mothers and for their witness to the Lord's love for us all. We thank God for the way they imitate Jesus' love with the many ways that they give up their own life so that we may have better lives. Moms, thanks so much for all the love that you show us and for passing on the faith to us. To all mothers who have taught us first how to pray, we continue to pray for you and to love others as you also have taught us.

Let us pray for all mothers, who have given us life and love that they may be shown reverence, respect and love. Let us pray for mothers who have lost a child through death that their faith may give them hope and their family and friends support and console them. Let us pray for mothers who have had an abortion that they may be restored to life and renewed to life. Let us pray for single parent mothers that they receive the strength, support and resources they need. Let us pray for refugee and immigrant mothers who have left their families to come to this country and who live in fear of being deported and separated from their new families that they have started here. Let us pray for mothers who have died that they may rest forever in the peace of Christ. In this month of May which is Mary's month, may the mother of our Lord intercede for us and ask her Son for the blessings of a full life and health in mind, body and spirit for all mothers.

Prayer for the blessing of Mother's on Mother's Day (taken from Book of Blessings, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota, 1989, p. 106). This was included as part of the final blessing at mass last weekend.

"Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless all mothers, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Holy Mary, Mother of God and our mother, pray for us and intercede for us now and always. Thanks for showing us how to say "yes" to the will of God and for giving birth to the presence of God in our lives. Show us how to always welcome and receive your Son's life and love now and forever. Amen.

Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry Monthly Overhead Sponsor for May: Generous Anonymous Donor

The Catholic faithful who reside in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and all other Catholics in the archdiocese continue to be dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. Those who are at risk or fearful that they or their family might become sick are encouraged to stay home and join the Church by viewing live-streamed Masses.

All events, classes, and meetings at St. Leo's are canceled until further notice.

Join Fr. Jim as he livestreams Sunday Mass at 10:30am at:
RCC St. Leo Church Cincinnati:

https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rcc%20st%20leo%20church%20cincinnati&epa=SEARCH_BOX

You are invited to visit St. Leo Church to pray in the sanctuary, or to use the computers in Centennial Hall by appointment only.

Fr. Jim is happy to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment only.

Please call the office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 10:00am and 1:30pm to make your appointment.



You can read the **Sunday bulletin** at: www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin

You can read **Fr. Jim's letter** at: www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim

You can **make your Sunday Offering** at: www.saint-leo.org/DonateNow

or, you can drop off your Sunday Offering in the slot in the back door of the rectory, or you can mail your Sunday offering to: St. Leo the Great Church 2573 St. Leo Place, Cincinnati, OH 45225
For more information: visit our website at: www.saint-leo.org Or visit our Facebook page at: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church.

Food Pantry hours are Mon. Wed. and Fri. 1 to 3:30pm **Parish members are encouraged to visit the pantry if needed.** Special considerations have been implemented at the Food Pantry. Call 921-1044 each day to be certain the pantry is open. You will be expected to wait outside.

Hunger Walk is going VIRTUAL this year! Support St. Leo Food Pantry by supporting the 2020 Hunger Walk

JOIN OR DONATE TO OUR TEAM at:

fsfb.convio.net/site/TR/HungerWalk/HungerWalk2020?team_id=11540&pg=team&fr_id=1430

or, cincinnatihungerwalk.org. Be sure to look for St. Leo Church Pantry

or, make your check payable to: Freestore Foodbank Hunger Walk

Be sure to designate St. Leo Church Pantry as your recipient.
Mail to: Freestore Foodbank Hunger Walk, 1141 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Your support is VERY important! ALL money designated for St. Leo Food Pantry goes to our account. This is our "money in the bank." Due to your generosity last year, we currently have a balance in our account. Our goal this year is to have enough money at the FreeStore FoodBank to last us until the 2021 Hunger Walk! With your help we can do it!