

October 25, 2020

From Fr. Jim . . .

About the Gospel: The United States Constitution rests on the founding principles stated in the Preamble: "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." This is the defining vision for the Constitution and for our country. All subsequent individual laws ought to flow from this defining vision.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." With the Great Commandments, Jesus clearly states the defining vision of the community of his followers. "The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." With the great commandments, we see how Jesus came not to abolish the law but to fulfill it. The Great Commandments sum up and fulfill the Ten Commandments. The focus is not so much on individual acts of what we do or do not do but more on living in a right loving relationship with God and each other. The Commandments and our obedience to them must flow from our relationship with God and they must express the love we have for God and one another. Over all of these, put on love!

Also, it is important to remember that the Great Commandments are viewed on a horizontal line and not a vertical one. That is to say: We don't love God first and then neighbor and then ourselves. To love God means we love neighbor and ourselves. To love neighbor, means we love God and ourselves and to love ourselves means we love God and neighbor. Over all of these, put on love!

Next Sunday, November 1, at the 10:30 Mass, we will celebrate The Order For The Blessing On the Fifteenth Birthday. In many Latino countries, for Latino girls, the fifteenth birthday is a special occasion. Before the final blessing for Mass, Jeanette Perez will make an act of thanksgiving and of a personal commitment to lead a Christian life. She gives thanks to God for the gift of life and asks for the Blessed Mother's intercession to be a Christian woman. She receives a blessing, and the congregation is blessed, and Mass is dismissed. Congratulations Jeanette! May you continue to grow in wisdom age and grace now and always.

During the Mission Month of October, Pope Francis reminds us that, as baptized Christians, we are called personally to mission – especially at this time – to bring Christ's love to those most forgotten around the world. What will your answer be? "Here I Am, Send Me" is the response we will all endeavor to live out this World Mission Sunday, Oct. 18, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and generosity to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. You can give online at <https://www.givecentral.org/pontificalmissionsocieties>, or mail a check made payable to "Mission Office," to 100 East Eighth Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202. Many thanks for your support!

Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you would like a copy of St. Leo's 2019-2020 Fiscal Report.



October 25th: Su Casa is sponsoring a drive-thru health fair in St. Leo's parking lot featuring cleaning supplies, sanitizer, food, baby items and diapers, COVID-19 testing, and flu shots. Please stop by between 1:00 pm-4:00 pm.

St. Leo's is in need of a new computer with Office Suite (Word, Excel, Publisher) on it, and a printer such as an HP ColorLaserJetPro M542dn. Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.

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

Sunday Mass: 10:30am, limited seating available, or 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

Mass Times: Wednesday-11:30am, Thursday-7:00pm, Saturday-6:00pm, Sunday-10:30 am

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.

"Belonging to Christ, and the resulting way of life, do not isolate the believer from the world, but rather make him or her the protagonist in a service of love for the common good." ~ Pope Francis