

April 17, 2022
From Fr. Jim. . .

An Easter Greeting: Alleluia! The Lord is truly risen! His grace and peace be with you all. I extend to you the Lord's blessings for a happy and holy Easter. May you see how dying with the Lord also means rising with him. May you come to see how resurrection has the final say in our lives and may Alleluia be the song that is always on our lips and in our hearts. Have fun in these Easter days. Learn to live life to the fullest. Live fully God's love, justice, and peace. Rejoice and be thankful because grace abounds in Jesus Christ and there is always hope.

An Easter Reflection: As signs of spring become evident, we rejoice in the new and risen life the Lord gives to us all. We are blessed to be children of the Resurrection. We rejoice, too, in the new life we can give each other in the Lord's name as the Body of Christ. We have been made anew to live as Christ's body. We are, indeed, happy and blessed. What is new with you after your Lenten journey and after doing works of penance, prayer, fasting and giving alms? How is this a Happy Easter? Can you see signs of resurrection and grace? In yourself? In others? In the world? Have the restrictions and limitations created by the pandemic helped you to see what really matters and is most important in life? Is less, more? If so, how is your life filling up with the greater gifts? It really is Easter and alleluia is our song.

We pray so well: Holy week is the greatest week of prayer for the church. I thank everyone who contributed to the wonderful, deep, and intense prayer of this past week. I thank the singers, musicians, planners, decorators, priests, deacon, ministers, pastoral staff, maintenance staff, video crew and all our volunteers at St. Leo and St. Boniface for the gift of self and wonderful faith in preparing and leading us to pray this holiest of weeks. It is an honor and a privilege to pray Holy Week together.

Welcome: One of the signs of Easter that I appreciate the most is the people who gather with us for our liturgies. Whether you worship with us each week, or you are a visitor, or you have returned from school, or you are here because it is Easter, a special welcome to everyone. We are happy and blessed that you can be here to celebrate this solemn and wonderful feast. We hope you always feel welcome at St. Leo and St. Boniface.

An Easter Hymn: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever; Day when our Lord was raised, breaking the kingdom of death. All the fair beauty of earth from the death of winter arising! Every good gift of the year now with its master returns. Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the author of life and creation. Treading the pathway of death, new life you give to us all. God the Almighty, the Lord, the ruler of earth and the heavens, Guard us from harm without; cleanse us from evil within. Jesus the health of the world, enlighten our minds, great Redeemer, Son of the Father supreme, only begotten of God. Spirit of life and of power, now flow in us, fount of our being, Light that enlightens us all, life that in all may abide. Praise to the giver of good! O Lover and Author of concord, pour out your balm on our days; order our ways in your peace.

Happy Easter, everyone! Alleluia!!

GARDEN RENOVATION STILL

NEEDS HELP – We are welcoming native plants if anyone has some to divide or donate, as well as shrubs for along the back fence. We are looking for volunteers to help prep the garden, weed, plant flowers, clean, re-structure as well as maintain the area. If this is something that interest you please send an email to akleemanstleo@aol.com



Happy Easter- Our CRS Rice Bowl journey is ending, but our prayers, and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda and commit to share our Easter joy with those in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice bowl or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give

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

Please continue your generous almsgiving but donating, you can see our latest request on our [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref_=w_l_share) Wish List Link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref_=w_l_share. **We also have a request for an electric stove. Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**

LOOKING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR COLLEGE? Any high school senior looking for a scholarship? The Archbishop Alter Scholarship Fund was established to promote African American Catholic leadership. This is a four-year renewable grant. For more information or to apply go to: <https://resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/african-american-pastoral-ministries> the deadline is April 22, 2022.

Solemn VesPers At Mount St. Mary's Seminary and School of Theology- MTSM has an event left in its Music and Liturgy Series for the 2022 season. This event is free and open to the public. The next event is Sunday April 24th at 7:00 p.m. Eastertide Choral Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday- in person and Live streamed www.athenaeum.edu/live

Congratulations to: Robert Morales Ramos, and Erik Bernardo De Leon for achieving honors for third quarter at St. Xavier High School.