

December 27, 2020

From Fr. Jim . . .

Please let me say thanks for all the ways you have gifted me and the pastoral staff this holy season with prayers, presents, cards, blessings and well wishes. Thank you so much.

Also, I want to thank all of you for your generous giving of your time, talent and treasures to allow St. Leo to be and become the parish that God is calling us to be. God is truly uniting us in our diversity through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and through the Eucharist. Our prayer is strong and beautiful when we are all together and participating as fully as we can. Thanks for your welcome of each other and the sharing of your faith. Thanks for supporting the work we do here and for considering St. Leo not just "my parish" but "our parish."

We are all members of God's family. We are brothers and sisters in the Lord. Today, on this Feast of the Holy Family, we celebrate the joy of God taking on our flesh and dwelling in us and how we are made aware of this incredible gift in and through our families. Our nature is and can be a holy one. As God shares in our nature, we share God's holiness. As God used the Holy Family for the growth, development, and nurturing of God's merciful love, our Lord Jesus Christ, then all of our families are most holy because all of our families are places where God's mercy reigns – where mercy is received and given. I am so grateful for my own family and for God's family that we are truly becoming under the name of St. Leo. Thank you all so much for being God's holy family to your own families and to your church family.

I am so incredibly grateful for the gift of partners and friends of St. Leo. Together we are accepting the call that it is not just your church or my church but our church together. It has been a blessing for St. Leo to be a beneficiary of the generosity of so many partners and friends. For our many physical needs and for some of our spiritual needs, there is no way we could meet all of them without the help of others. I am also grateful for your willingness to share what we have been given to help others and to do our part in the partnerships. Our prayer ministry is a big help to others and many people count on our care for them in this way. During the Christmas Season, please keep all our benefactors and partner parishes in your prayers in a special way. On each end of any partnership, giving and receiving are equally important for all participants. Again, thank you so much for understanding this and for your cooperation and collaboration in building the kingdom of God.

I and our great parish leadership team wish you God's every blessing for a peace-filled and Christ-filled New Year. You have our promise that you will remain in our prayers and we

appreciate remaining in your prayers, too. May the Angel's announcement to the Shepherds be more of a reality for you and yours in 2021: "Peace on earth and good will to all!"



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

You can read the Sunday bulletin at:
www.saintleo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin
You can read Fr. Jim's letter at:
www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim

St. Leo's is in need of Amazon Gift Cards for our wish list items and office needs. Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.

WELCOME GUESTS! If you are visiting with us today, we want you to know how welcome you are, whether you have come from another parish here in the Archdiocese, from across the river, or from further reaches. Thank you for praying with us. Feel free to join us as often as you can! REGISTER PLEASE! If you are attending St. Leo regularly and consider us "your parish," please register yourself and your family. Call the office at 513-921-1044 to register.

2021 Contribution Envelopes and Calendars

We have prepared the 2021 contribution envelopes and calendars. Since many of you are joining mass through Live Stream, please contact the office if you would like your envelopes to be mailed. If you have not received envelopes in the past, and would like to receive them please let us know. If you would like to make your contribution online instead please contact Amy Kleeman at 513-921.1044 ext. 30.

"Everyone is called to contribute with courage and determination to the respect for the fundamental rights of every person, especially the "invisible": of the many who are hungry and thirsty, who are naked, sick, outcast or imprisoned." ~~~ Pope Francis