

January 9, 2022

From Fr. Jim. . .

The Christmas story with the three Magi who traveled from the East to find the baby Jesus and pay him homage and the great message that the gift of salvation is for all people and nations, caravans of dromedaries bearing gifts going to Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph with the child Jesus fleeing into Egypt give indication that migration and immigration was a common way of life for the people in the time of Jesus. Even today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord that officially ends the Christmas season and marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry as an itinerate preacher, supports this theme. How many times did Jesus have to be careful passing through and preaching the Gospel in Samaria?

Yes, migration and immigration is in our Christian spiritual blood and we all accept that everyone is on a journey through this world to the next one. As we journey, we are meant to do so together, hand in hand with all of our brother and sister travelers, supporting one another. We were never meant to do this alone. We must do it together, praising God, building God's kingdom of love, mercy and peace and excluding no one along the way with our eyes constantly fixed on our eternal home of heaven. We are all strangers, no longer!

The following is a wonderful prayer from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

Prayer for Migrant Families: Loving Father, we pray that you provide divine protection to all migrants, particularly those who are driven from their homes due to war or violence, who are uprooted due to environmental degradation and climate change, or whose material poverty pushes them to find opportunities elsewhere. Show us how we might reach out to these vulnerable populations and help them to begin a new life in a new home. Open our hearts, so that we may provide hospitality for all who come in search of refuge. Give us the courage to welcome every stranger, as Christ in our midst. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. (2015 USCCB, Washington, D.C.)

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2021

If you are itemizing on your tax return and need a contribution statement for your weekly envelope donations, please call the Parish Office at 921-1044.

WELCOME NEW YEAR, 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.

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

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You can **read Fr. Jim's letter** at:

www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim

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https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref=wl_share. **Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**

The Pope Wants to Hear From You!- The Holy Father is asking for as many of the baptized as possible to participate in the diocesan meetings to discuss ways the Church can better advance the message of salvation through the collaborative input of its members. For the Cathedral Deanery the town hall meeting will be held on Saturday January 29th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Saint Francis Xavier Parish in downtown Cincinnati. You can sign up to participate using the Archdiocesan website at www.catholicaoc.org. If you have questions please call Mike at 513.884.4916 or Rita at 513.236.9498.

2022 Cincinnati Men's Conference- "*Actor Jim Caviezel (Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ) and Raymond Arroyo (EWTN/ FOX News) are coming to Cincinnati April 2, 2022 to speak at the Cincinnati Men's Conference. Go to www.CincinnatiMensConference.com to get tickets. Give the gift of spiritual uplift this Christmas season, your men will thank you!"*

The tri-state's largest Catholic Men's Conference of 2022 is coming, featuring Matthew Kelly and Gus Lloyd! Please join us for the 2022 E6 Catholic Men's Conference, which will be taking place on Saturday, February 26rd 2022, at the East Central High School Performing Arts Center in St. Leon, IN (35 minutes northwest of Cincinnati). We cordially invite every man to attend this 7th annual event. Please join us for inspiring talks, confession (available all day), celebration of the Holy Mass and fraternity with fellow men of Christ. We pride ourselves on presenting a quality, substance-driven, inspirational and faith-filled event that will change men's lives and help equip them to be the man Christ calls them to be. **Do not miss this!** Tickets are on sale now at www.e6cmc.com.