

July 25, 2021
From Fr. Jim . . .

A Day of Rest: Last Sunday's Gospel reminded us that Jesus and the disciples needed to get away to a deserted place to reflect on their ministry and to rest for a while. Every minister and disciple of the Lord needs to do this.

Sunday is still considered a day of rest from our labors for Christians. This follows the creation account in the Book of Genesis when on the 7th day the Lord rested from all that he had done. In the Church's long tradition and history, the Sabbath was always considered a day of rest although the strict legalities and restrictions on what was work have lessened for some people of faith. Resting on Sunday and using it for the most part as a day of prayer, relaxation and enjoyment is still a way to "keep holy the Lord's Day." Treating Sunday in this way, prepares one for the rigors of work and ministry for the upcoming week and can help one regain focus and balance in life. It also helps to build relationships and promotes quality time with friends and family as well as with God and the church family.

This too gives good cause for taking vacations as long as they are a time for rest and relaxation. I am sure that many of us have taken vacations whereupon when we return home, we feel that we need to take a vacation from our vacation! It is so important to take time to smell the roses and to do things that we enjoy doing and to have fun with family, friends, and others. May God not only bless the work of our hands but also our time to rest, reflect and relax.

Thank You and God's Blessings: We are called to rest often during our lifetime and one way is by retirement. Stephanie Sepate, our Business Manager, is retiring from her position with us on July 30. She has served the church and especially St. Leo Parish for a long time. We will miss her faithfulness, dedication, and expertise. She has helped us grow the food pantry and managed the parish budget through difficult times. She has helped the parish grow to be a place of welcome for everyone by allowing our parish mission and the needs of the people to be top priorities. She was always diligent in finding the right support to do the spiritual and corporal works of mercy well.

May God bless her greatly with the rest she deserves and bless all the new adventures God may have in store for her. Peace, Blessing, Prayers, Gratitude always from all of us to her!

Vacation Time: From Sunday July 25 to Friday July 30, I will be on vacation. There are no Masses on Wednesday and Thursday this week. I will be back for Masses on Saturday and Sunday. Blessings to all.

On Tuesday July 27th at 11:00 a.m. bring your children to read stories, participate in activities, and learn in an event brought to you by the Mexican Consulate. You and your family can participate at The Price Hill Public Library located at 970 Purcell Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45205. There will be FREE books for all children, to reserve your spot text Jessica at 513.235.3426, activities and stories will be in Spanish.

"During summer time, let us learn how to take a break, turn off the mobile phone to gaze into the eyes of others, cultivate silence, contemplate nature, regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God."~~~Pope Francis

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&pa=SEARCH_BOX

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



There are a few items that have been added to our Parish Wish List! **We are looking for a kitchen table with 8 chairs, and a bedframe that can fit a full size mattress. We are also starting to collect school supplies for our Back Pack drive that is coming up in August. The Food Pantry is looking for rolling luggage if you have any to donate!** We would love to receive gift cards to help with our everyday needs, please consider Staples, Amazon, Kroger, or Home Depot when donating. You can see our latest needs on our [Amazon Wish List Link](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref_=wl_share) 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.**

Youth Program Summer Events

Monday, **July 26**, FC Cincinnati Soccer with lunch 10:00am-12:00pm
Monday, **August 2**, FC Cincinnati Soccer with lunch 10:00am-12:00pm
Wednesday, **August 4**, End of Summer Party 9:00am-12:00pm
Saturday, **August 14**, Day of Hope 12:00pm-4:00pm
Sunday, **August 15**, St. Leo Backpacks

New Missals and Music Books – Last year, the supplier for our missals was acquired by another company and we have had regular billing and service issues ever since. As a result, we are moving to a new supplier. Unfortunately, due to a large number of churches reopening suddenly, the supplier is currently out of the combined English/Spanish missal we selected. Instead, they have sent separate English and Spanish missals for the current period. At the beginning of Advent, we will again have a combined English/Spanish missal. In addition, we have selected a new 3-year Music Book, which accompanies the new missal.