

June 26, 2022
From Fr. Jim. . .

Dearest parishioners of St. Boniface and St. Leo,

Friday, July 1st, it is official. I am retired. Two weeks ago, we gathered at St. Boniface on the Feast of the Holy Trinity to celebrate and thank God for bringing us together and teaching us all how to dance with the Trinity to the love and grace of God. Thank you for such a wonderful celebration and profound expression of love, faith, and trust in God and in each other. I am humbled, honored, and deeply grateful for all the ways you so generously gifted me and showered me with kindness, encouragement, support, friendship, and love, not just at the Mass and celebration but all through the years.

I thank all of you for being partners with me in ministry, serving God's people and building God's kingdom. These last couple of months, you have given me additional joy and blessing as I watched you accept delegation for tasks, service, and ministry. It is an incredible joy to see the faith being passed on through you and I thank God for you every time I see you yielding to the Spirit to guide you to the truth.

I especially thank the past and present staff in our parishes with whom I have had the privilege to share ministry. God has blessed us tremendously by bringing us together in work, ministry, and prayer. Especially in times of disagreement, I value and respect your endless passion to do what is right and just for the people of God and those entrusted to your care. Your dedication, experience, expertise, willingness to go the extra mile, putting others' needs before your own give profound witness to your love for God and neighbor. We are all partners and collaborators together with the Spirit in the ways of grace for all of God's people. Again, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve God's people with all of you. Let's continue to pray for each other to stay passionate to serve the Lord and follow his will.

In retirement, I will be assisting Fr. Rudy with weekend help for Sunday Mass. I will be the presider at the 4pm Mass at St. Boniface on Saturday, the 6pm Saturday Mass at St. Leo and the 10:30 Sunday Mass at St. Leo. When school is in session, I will continue to help with school liturgies at St. Boniface. I will also have the two weekday Masses at St. Leo 11:30am on Wednesdays and 7pm on Thursdays.

July 1st, Fr. Rudy is your pastor and eventually he will have two Comboni priests to assist him. One is not expected to be available until December. He and they need and want your help. First, to keep the parishes functioning and operating and second, to collaborate and consult with them in developing a plan for when over time our five parishes in our family will function fully as one parish. Help them shape it and design it to become a functioning parish fully alive to continue the work and mission the Lord has entrusted to us.

Beacons of Light, is designed to be a collaborative and consultative effort with parish leaders, staff, parish councils, parishioners, and the Archdiocese. Our family of parishes is wonderfully diverse. With such diversity comes the unity that defines the universal church and the talents and gifts of the Spirit to build, renew, restore, heal, forgive, and love in the Lord's name.

Please welcome your new pastor and parochial vicars as well as each other and all others as you have welcomed me – with the hospitality of the Eucharist. Keep learning to pray the Eucharist well and together and being the Body of Christ who sacrifices for the common good and respects and treats everyone as brothers and sisters in the Lord. I retire with a joyful heart having been blessed by your hospitality and welcome to journey the paschal mystery together. May you continue to welcome others on the journey with you and may God's blessings abound for you as you follow his will and bring much needed renewal to parish life. Thanks for everything. Union in prayer always. In his love, Fr. Jim



Golden Anniversary Mass- Married couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2022 are invited to attend the Golden Anniversary Mass on Sunday August 14th at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Please register to attend by completing the online form at: <https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources/wedding-anniversary-certificate-request>.

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

GARDEN RENOVATION HELP– We still have a few garden beds left that need a little tender care. We are still welcoming native plants if anyone has some to divide or donate, as well as shrubs for along the back fence. We are still looking for volunteers to help 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

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 by donating, you can see our latest request on our Amazon Wish List Link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref_=w_l_share. **Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**

"On July 1, we will move on to the next major phase of Beacons of Light, implementation of the new Families of Parishes and the start of intentional pastoral planning within each of those Families. This planning will be rooted in sincere prayer and open collaboration as each Family together discerns the best and highest use of their shared resources to radiate the love of Christ and form a strong, vital community of evangelization and service centered on the Eucharist. As we move forward into an unsure and sometimes confusing future, let us stay united as the Body of Christ, ***confident that the Holy Spirit is with us until the end of time.***"

Mass and Healing Service- There will be a mass and healing service on Wednesday July 6th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Ignatius Church, located at 5222 North Bend Road in Monfort Heights. For more information visit www.LRC1.org.