

May 29, 2022
From Fr. Jim. . .

Please remember that next week is the great Feast of Pentecost. Our parishes speak different languages, and we celebrate a diversity of gifts, and we have our unity in the one God. This Feast could easily be our parish Feast Day as it could easily be the patronal feast for the universal church throughout the world.

Isn't the Spirit so evident in the unity that is among the diversity of people, gifts and languages that we are so blessed to share? Our diversity is more a blessing than it is a barrier to us being church together. This, too, is due to the presence of the Spirit who is always by our side to show us the way, to teach us how to love God and one another, to help us love others as God loves us and to accept, tolerate, forgive, bear with, console and heal one another in the name of the Lord. This defines our unity in the midst of all of our diversity. We especially give thanks to God for the unity we know in receiving and in doing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

But as much as we are blessed and as much as we have grown and are growing in the love of God and the life of the Spirit, we must stay hungry for the ways of God and dependent on the Holy Spirit always for further growth. We must be aware of the barriers that still exist that can separate us or get in the way of the call to unity that God wants for us. Not being able to speak a common language well for all of us leads to normal and natural misunderstandings and hurt feelings and trusting each other when it looks like and feels like it is time to stand ground and fight, or appreciating other ways of doing things or that there is more than one right way or that any one culture is not the only way or always the best way, continue to challenge our patience, compassion and perseverance with one another. We must always lean on the Spirit for these challenges. The Spirit is the only one who can help us and who will give us attitudinal adjustments when needed. Come, Holy Spirit, Come! Fill the hearts of your faithful. Enkindle in us your fire. Recreate with us and renew the face of the earth.

Today is the Feast of the Ascension. Years ago, now, the Bishops of the United States gave permission to move this Feast from Thursday to the Sunday before Pentecost. It takes the place of the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The Readings and Prayers used for this weekend are from the Mass for the Feast of the Ascension. Where the Lord has gone, we hope to follow. With the grace and virtues of the Holy Spirit, may we all live now for then.

Mass and Healing Service- There will be a mass and healing service on Wednesday June 1st at 7: 30 p.m. at Saint Ignatius Church located at 5222 North Bend Road in Monfort Heights. For more information visit www.LRC1.org.

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>.

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_=wl_share. **We also have a request for a baby crib. Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**

HELP US CELEBRATE!! Join us for Father Jim's Life of Service retirement mass and party. On Sunday June 12th help us celebrate at 11:00 a.m. mass at St. Boniface (no mass at St. Leo that Sunday) and a reception immediately following in the school gym and cafeteria with light bites, and drinks. If you wish to share a picture or special memory to highlight Fr. Jim's significance in your life, please send your photo or letter to the address below to be presented to Fr. Jim at his reception to 2573 St. Leo Place Cincinnati OH 45225 or email akleemanstleo@aol.com

HURRY ITS ALMOST TIME -HUNGER WALK 2022!! Mark your calendars for Monday May 30th and Join our team St. Leo's Lighting the Way for the 2022 Annual Hunger Walk! To join our team or to donate go to <https://cincinnatihungerwalk.org/2022> and look for the donate or join team button and pick St. Leo's Lighting the Way for us to get the credit. There are also registration forms in the back of church.

TREASURE CHEST NEWS- With the changes that are occurring, the retirement of Father Jim and the combining of parishes we have decided to discontinue the Treasure Chest effective immediately. We want to thank Marianne Brater for her years of service and dedication to this project. We will be introducing a new fundraising effort called "4Grand", look for this announcement around August. If you have questions or concerns about this please call the office at 513.921.1044.

"Mary is the icon of our own vocation, since we, like her, are called to be holy and blameless in love (Eph 1:4), becoming images of Christ." ~ Pope Francis