

May 30, 2021
From Fr. Jim . . .

Feast of the Holy Trinity: It is difficult to fully understand this feast but without understanding the theology behind this incredible feast, we do experience God in our lives as Father, Son and Spirit. We experience their love and unity and we share this same love and unity. We are blessed and all creation is blessed in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We begin and end our praying always in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We profess our faith in the Father and in the Son and in the Holy Spirit. We are baptized and baptize others with these very words and in the name of the Trinity. God gifts us with divine life and love and we share God's life and love always in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. So, on this wonderful Feast, let us pray: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever! Amen. Alleluia!!

Congratulations to all who are graduating. We ask God's blessings on all who are graduating this year. We thank God for their goodness and achievements and we ask the good Lord to be with them and guide them into their next level of studies or their career or whatever it is that they will do. If they have yet to decide, may God bless their discernment and may they use their knowledge and skills to contribute to the goodness of our society and world and to become the best that they can possibly be. I always like to use this time as an opportunity to encourage all of our graduates to stay connected in faith to their parish church communities. If they are not already involved with one of the liturgical ministries (usher, cantor, choir, lector, Eucharistic minister) would they please consider using their gifts to build up our parish church in these ways? We need them and we want them to grow with us in serving the Lord.

We remember all those who served in the military and have died and all those who are still serving our country in the military and fighting for our freedom. To those who have gone before us, may God grant you eternal rest, peace, and blessings forever. To those who are serving our country and have served our country, gratitude, prayers, and peace, always.

An end in sight?! Beginning with the weekend of June 5 and June 6, the Bishops of Ohio have reinstated the obligation to attend Sunday Mass or the Saturday Vigil Mass and Mass on Holy Days. I believe on June 2, Governor DeWine is removing the restrictions of social distancing and wearing masks for those who are fully vaccinated. After the statewide mandate is lifted, there will be no mask mandate for churches of the archdiocese. However, there will still be one section in church reserved for those who still need to social distance and wear masks. I continue to encourage everyone who is eligible to receive the vaccine to do so, for your own health and everyone's freedom.

As has always been the case, those who have a serious reason are exempt from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. This includes those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immunocompromised, or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety of contracting coronavirus in a large group of persons.

We will be working hard at St. Leo's to restore our liturgies back to its fullest expression and to welcome you back with great joy and eagerness.

Bicentennial Marian Pilgrimage Event
Saturday June 19th!
Celebrate the Conclusion of the Marian Pilgrimage; follow them at Mary2021.org for the latest updates!!



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

Our youth group would really enjoy bubbles, basketballs, or any outdoor activities to be used during the summer months. We also are in need of 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. Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.

ITS NOT TO LATE!!! JOIN OR DONATE TO OUR TEAM ST. LEO PANTRY PARTNERS- Support St. Leo Food Pantry by supporting the 2021 Hunger Walk! The walk will be virtual this year on May 31st. Your support is VERY important! ALL money (even shirt money) designated for St. Leo Food Pantry goes to our account. To JOIN or DONATE to St. Leo's Team go to <https://cincinnatihungerwalk.org/2021> Then Click on JOIN TEAM, SCROLL to find St. LEO PANTRY PARTNERS, CLICK on it. From here you can JOIN OUR TEAM or DONATE. Paper registration forms can be find in church, all registration and money needs to be turned into St. Leo's by Sunday May 22. If you need help please call Amy at 921.1044.

MONDAY May 31st-This year's Hunger Walk will be at St Leo's. Join us on May 31, from 9am-10am to walk and clean up the neighborhood around St. Leo's. Call or Text: Judie 513-767-8088 or Rodrigo 513-284-2391.Help make St. Leo's look beautiful.