

May 9, 2021

From Fr. Jim . . .

Mother's Day: Today, Sunday, May 9, is Mother's Day. We always want to give thanks to God for all mothers and for their witness to the Lord's love for us all. We thank God for the way they imitate Jesus' love with the many ways that they give up their own life so that we may have better lives. Moms, thanks so much for all the love that you show us and for passing on the faith to us. To all mothers who have taught us first how to pray, we continue to pray for you and to love others as you also have taught us.

Let us pray for all mothers, who have given us life and love that they may be shown reverence, respect and love. Let us pray for mothers who have lost a child through death that their faith may give them hope and their family and friends support and console them. Let us pray for mothers who have had an abortion that they may be restored to life and renewed to life. Let us pray for single parent mothers that they receive the strength, support and resources they need. Let us pray for refugee and immigrant mothers who have left their families to come to this country and who live in fear of being deported and separated from their new families that they have started here. Let us pray for mothers who have died that they may rest forever in the peace of Christ. In this month of May which is Mary's month, may the mother of our Lord intercede for us and ask her Son for the blessings of a full life and health in mind, body and spirit for all mothers.

Prayer for the blessing of Mother's on Mother's Day

(taken from Book of Blessings, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota, 1989, p. 106). This was included as part of the final blessing at mass last weekend. "Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless all mothers, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Convocation of Priests: On Wednesday, April 21, I gathered with my brother priests of the Archdiocese for our annual convocation. During that day of reflection and prayer, we devoted part of our time to the issue of racism, "Antiracism: A Call for Pastoral Care and Action." We heard from Bishop Sheldon Fabre, chair of the U.S. Bishops Ad Hoc Committee on Racism, Archbishop Schnurr, two professors from the University of Dayton, and four of our fellow Catholics who shared about their experiences of racism in their lives. It was a powerful event which carried forth the message of 'Open Wide Our Hearts: An Enduring Call to Love', the 2018 pastoral letter on racism from the U.S. bishops. Our Archdiocese is actively engaged in confronting the sin of racism, and there is still much work to do. I ask that you pray for these efforts to continue to bear good fruit, and I encourage you to reach out to the Social Action Office of the

Archdiocese if you are interested in learning more about these initiatives.

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

This summer we are looking to have side walk chalk, bubbles, soccer balls, or any outdoor activities donated for our youth groups. 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.

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.

We are looking for volunteers to help plant vegetable seeds in the community garden on Saturday May 15th at 8: 30 a.m. to join please email Judie at judiekuhlman@gmail.com or text Rodrigo Juarez at 513.284.2391.

2021 Contribution Envelopes –have been prepared they are located at the back of church for pick up. Please contact the office if you would like your envelopes to be mailed. If you have not received envelopes in the past, and would like to receive them please let us know. If you would like to make your contribution online instead please contact Amy Kleeman at 513-921.1044 ext. 30.