

November 20, 2022

My Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord,

Do you recall an occasion in your life when you've held back and held on—to your composure, your self-respect, and your manners—when you were scolded or questioned harshly by another person? It's a difficult posture to maintain because, at times, you *are* in possession of the truth, and the other party is sadly mistaken. It is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, who, in Luke's Gospel today, is jeered at, snubbed, and reviled, but remarkably, Jesus remains silent, calm, and always forgiving in light of this barrage of verbal abuse. He remains silent except for one critical sentence he utters to a criminal who defends him: "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23: 43). These words were Jesus' last conversation with another person in the Gospel of Luke, and these words should fully resonate with each of us on our own earthly journey.

How wonderful for this criminal hanging on a cross to be comforted and receive his eternal salvation because he recognizes the truth: Jesus is Our Lord and Savior! No other words were needed. And perhaps no other words are needed in the midst of any anguished circumstances in our own lives, if our faith is strong and we truly embrace these words: "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13). As difficult as it may be, silence is often just what is needed when there is truly nothing beneficial to say.

The Feast of Christ the King was inaugurated in December 1925 by Pope Pius XI to serve as a reminder to all of us, Catholics and the rest of the world, that Jesus Christ is Lord of the Universe, both as God and Man. In 1969, Pope Paul VI took steps to further enhance this feast day. To emphasize Christ's universal reign, he changed the name of the celebration to "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of All." He also changed the date to the last Sunday in the liturgical year, emphasizing even more strongly the connection between Christ's kingship and His second coming (advent). Pope Paul also raised the feast to the highest rank of celebration on the Church calendar, that of a Solemnity.

The Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe, invites us to repeat with faith the prayer of the Our Father, which Jesus himself taught us: 'Thy kingdom come.' Thy kingdom come, O Lord! A kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace!—St. Pope John Paul II

Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

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You can **read Fr. Rudy's letter** at:

www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromthePastor'sDesk

Toy and Clothing Drive

Mark, your calendars for December 4th! From 1:00 p.m. -4:00pm in Centennial Hall! This is meant to be adult shopping only, please try and leave your children at home.

Upcoming Dates to Mark on your Calendar:

November 19th – Retreat – All Youth Groups

December 3rd and 4th - Toy and Clothing Sale

December 18th - Festival of Lights – FAMILY NIGHT, more information to follow

ITEMS NEEDED: The food Pantry has an urgent need for plastic bags. Don't forget the Food Pantry is in dire need of items we hope you can help! You can see our latest request 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.**

We are in need of clothing racks and storage bins for the upcoming toy and clothing drive. We would love to receive gift cards to help with our everyday needs, please consider Meijer, Walmart, Staples, Amazon, Kroger, or Home Depot when donating. You can see our latest needs on our Amazon Wish List Link-

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Volunteers Needed- St. Leo's Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to help serve our Community. The Food Pantry is open M-W-F from 1: 00 p.m. -3:30 p.m. and we ask volunteers to arrive around noon to help set-up. If you are interested in volunteering please call 513.921.1044.

JOIN US FOR A PILGRIMAGE TO FOUR RELIGIOUS SITES IN EUROPE- June 6-16, 2023 travel from the Benedictine Monastery of Montserrat and the cave at Manresa, to the grotto at Lourdes where St. Bernadette met "the Immaculate Conception," to Lisieux to celebrate the centennial anniversary of St. Therese's beatification, to Tours, home of St. Martin. Please call and schedule an information meeting to answer your questions, contact Greg Niehaus at 513.541.5560.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development – In the United States, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. Please consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Please join us after Thanksgiving Mass in Centennial Hall for our annual Thanksgiving Day Meal!

Congratulations to our parishioners from Saint Xavier High School who made honors during the first quarter: Erik De Leon Bernardo, and Robert Ramos Morales

