

June 16, 2019

From Fr. Jim . . .

Feast of the Holy Trinity: It is so very 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!!



Happy Father's Day: It is great to celebrate this holiday on the Feast of the Holy Trinity because we honor God as Father and parent and are grateful for God's gracious and merciful love to us all. Thanks to all our dads for your great love and for bringing God's love to us by the many ways you selflessly care for your children.

There is a Scripture that says, "Let no one on earth call you Father. There is only one Father – your Father in heaven." Other religions use this line when they want to make a negative point about priests having the title of "father". I always thought the title was given and could be given to anyone trying to imitate the love and care of the one true Father or parent. This is the only way that anyone can truly be a father or a parent. It cannot be of one's accord but can only be of God and under God's name. So, again thanks to all our Dads for reflecting the love of God to everyone you serve. May you be blessed as you bless so many. The following blessing is taken from Book of Blessings, pg. 648:

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless all fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. 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.

Welcome to Everyone! I appreciate all of you very much: parishioners from St. Leo and parishioners from all the parishes I have been so privileged to serve; my family and friends; our partner parishes; those with whom I have celebrated the sacraments and share the spiritual and corporal works of mercy; the staff at St. Leo and all those with whom I have had the privilege to work. In these past forty years, we have prayed, laughed, danced, cried, struggled and rejoiced together. We have shared meals, stories and our lives. We share the eucharist and we live eucharist for each other. We have grown in love and friendship for God and each other. You are the joy of my ministry and priesthood. Thank you so much! And thank you for joining with me today to thank and praise God for his goodness and kindness to all of us on this Feast of the Holy Trinity. Please be sure to stay for a catered meal of fried chicken in the church undercroft immediately following the 10:30 Sunday Mass.

Youth Program

Monday, June 17, 10:00 – 2:00pm

Wed. June 19, 10:00 – 2:00p

Tuesday, June 25, Kings Island, children ages 5-10 years old

Wednesday through Sunday, June 26-30, ABIDE - High School

Wednesday, July 3, Zoo Field Trip, \$5.00 per child

June 16th: Fr. Jim's 40th Anniversary of Priesthood Celebration Mass and fried chicken dinner immediately after Mass.