

June 14, 2020

From Fr. Jim . . .

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ: At the Last Supper, Jesus took bread and broke it and then took a cup of wine and passed it around. "This is my body and this is my blood," he said. This is the Eucharist of the church and just as the Eucharist is blessed, broken and passed around so, too, when our very lives are broken open, passed around and shared with others, we are living as the Body of Christ in the world, today. The Eucharist is our nourishment for living our faith and the way we can nourish others with living bread. As we feast on the Eucharist; live our faith; love others as God loves us and lay down our lives so that others may have life then we feed others with the living bread come down from heaven. We make real the presence of Christ.

Today we give thanks for the real presence of Christ in word and sacrament and in the people of God who feast on this heavenly food and who are formed and shaped into the Body of Christ in the world today. It is so very important that we become what we eat. In the Eucharist, we celebrate how much the Lord loves us, cares for us, lays down his life for us, offers us eternal life and glory and strengthens us so that we can truly live as if we are heaven bound. The Eucharist is our way of life to love others as we ourselves are loved.

Thanks to all who have lived Eucharist for us and who still live Eucharist for us today. Thanks to all who have sacrificed to pass the faith on to us. Thanks to all who lay down their lives that we might live; who pour out their lives that we might have life. Thanks to all who are Eucharistic ministers and who bring the Lord to the sick. Thanks to all who celebrate the Sunday Eucharist; who partake of this heavenly food and who dare become and live as the Body of Christ. Thanks, and praise to God for loving us so deeply and for remaining present to us in this Sacrament and in the lives of all who believe.

Welcome to the Lord's Table to all who are preparing or have prepared to make their first communion. If the date has been canceled because of the Virus, take heart! It will be rescheduled as soon as possible and as soon as we are able. You are not forgotten, and we pray for you at our Sunday Eucharist and we long for the day when we can welcome you. "Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever." How we pray is what we believe and is also how we live. And at a time when many of us still cannot safely leave our houses to come to church, we must continue to live as the Body of Christ and sacrifice ourselves so that others can have life. We are what we eat. We are the Body of Christ for each other and for the world.

Soul of Christ, Sanctify me. Body of Christ, heal me. Blood of Christ, drench me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ strengthen me. Good Jesus, hear me. In your wounds, shelter me. From turning away, keep me. From the evil one, protect me. At the hour of death, call me. Into your presence lead me, to praise you with all of your saints forever and ever. Amen.

(Anima Christi or Soul of Christ found in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.)

"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."
Galations 3:28

Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry Monthly Overhead Sponsor for June: Sunrise Treatment Center

St. Leo Church, a multi-cultural urban parish in North Fairmount, is hiring a part-time, 3-day a week, 9am-3pm, Receptionist/Office Worker. Telephone communication skills required. Knowledge of

computer & light bookkeeping, accuracy, and good organization necessary. Interviews will be conducted virtually. Email resume to: stleocinti@aol.com.

The Catholic faithful who reside in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and all other Catholics in

the archdiocese continue to be dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. Those who are at risk or fearful that they or their family might become sick are encouraged to stay home and join the Church by viewing live-streamed Masses.

All events, classes, and meetings at St. Leo's are canceled until further notice.

You are invited to join our entire parish community to pray together virtually every day at Noon and 6:00pm.

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 are invited to visit St. Leo Church to pray in the sanctuary, or to use the computers in Centennial Hall by appointment only. Fr. Jim is happy to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment only.

Please call the office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 10:00am and 1:30pm to make your appointment.

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

You can **make your Sunday Offering** at: www.saint-leo.org/DonateNow

or, you can drop off your Sunday Offering in the slot in the back door of the rectory, or you can mail your Sunday offering to: St. Leo the Great Church 2573 St. Leo Place, Cincinnati, OH 45225.

For more information: visit our website at: www.saint-leo.org or visit our Facebook page at: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church.

It is NOT too late to support the 2020 Hunger Walk

DONATE TO OUR TEAM at: cincinnati-hungerwalk.org. Be sure to look for St. Leo Church Pantry or, make your check payable to: Freestore Foodbank Hunger Walk Be sure to designate St. Leo Church Pantry as your recipient.

Mail to: Freestore Foodbank Hunger Walk, 1141 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Your support is VERY important! ALL money designated for St. Leo Food Pantry goes to our account. This is our "money in the bank." Our goal this year is to have enough money at the FreeStore FoodBank to last us until the 2021 Hunger Walk! With your help we can do it!

Peter's Pence Collection, June 27-28 allows the Holy Father to support victims of war and natural disasters and others most in need of assistance.

