

April 4, 2021

From Fr. Jim . . .

An Easter Greeting: Alleluia! The Lord is truly risen! His grace and peace be with you all. I extend to you the Lord's blessings for a very happy and holy Easter. May you see how dying with the Lord also means rising with him. May you come to see how resurrection has the final say in our lives and may Alleluia be the song that is always on our lips and in our hearts. Have fun in these Easter days. Learn to live life to the fullest even if we are still restricted and limited. Be thankful because grace abounds in Jesus Christ and there is always hope.

An Easter Reflection: As signs of spring become evident, we rejoice in the new and risen life the Lord gives to us all. We are greatly blessed to be children of the Resurrection. We rejoice, too, in the new life we are able to give each other in the Lord's name as the Body of Christ. We have been made anew in order to live as Christ's body. We are, indeed, happy and blessed. What's new with you after your Lenten journey and after doing works of penance, prayer, fasting and giving alms? How is this a Happy Easter? Can you see signs of resurrection and grace? In yourself? In others? In the world? Have the restrictions and limitations created by the pandemic helped you to see what really matters and is most important in life? Is less, really more? If so, how is your life filling up with the greater gifts? It really is Easter and alleluia is our song.

We pray so well: Holy week is the greatest week of prayer for the church. I thank everyone who contributed to the wonderful, deep and intense prayer of this past week. I thank our choir and musicians and the video crew. It is an honor and a privilege to pray Holy Week together.

Welcome: One of the signs of Easter that I appreciate the most is the people who gather with us for our liturgies. Whether you worship with us each week, or you are a visitor, or you have returned from school, or you are here because it is Easter, a special welcome to everyone. We are happy and blessed that you can be here to celebrate this solemn and wonderful feast. We hope you always feel welcome here at St. Leo.

An Easter Hymn: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever; Day when our Lord was raised, breaking the kingdom of death. All the fair beauty of earth from the death of winter arising! Ev'ry good gift of the year now with its master returns. Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the author of life and creation. Treading the pathway of death, new life you give to us all. God the Almighty, the Lord, the ruler of earth and the heavens, Guard us from harm without; cleanse us from evil within. Jesus the health of the world, enlighten our minds, great Redeemer, Son of the Father supreme, only begotten of God. Spirit of life and of power, now flow in us, fount of our being, Light that enlightens us all, life that in all may abide. Praise to the giver of good! O Lover

and Author of concord, pour out your balm on our days; order our ways in your peace.

Happy Easter, everyone! Alleluia!!

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

Now that Spring is here we are in need of a new Lawn Mower!!
<https://www.homedepot.com/p/Toro-Lawn-Boy-21-in-Rear-Wheel-Drive-Gas-Walk-Behind-Self-Propelled-Lawn-Mower-with-Bagger-17752/315052423>
Toddler size (1 year, 2T, and 3T) bibs for the Sacrament of Baptism. 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.

We prayed, fasted and gave alms- and now we rejoice because Christ is Risen! Our Lenten journey with the CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of having a loving God that is alive and accompanies us always. Let's do the same by being present to our global family by caring for their material and spiritual needs. Don't forget to turn in your CSR Rice bowl next week April 10th and 11th!

SAVE THE DATE- May 31st, 2021 Virtual Hunger Walk- Support St. Leo Food Pantry by supporting the 2021 Hunger Walk, ALL entries are online this year! JOIN OR DONATE TO OUR TEAM! Make sure to pick St. Leo Church Pantry as your community agency. Your support is VERY important! ALL money (even shirt money) designated for St. Leo Food Pantry goes to our account. Be on the lookout for more registration details for information visit <https://freestorefoodbank.org>

