

From Fr. Jim . . .

Feast of Christ the King: Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. Pius XI established this in 1925. At that time, totalitarianism was on the rise with its destructive forces all over the world. Bolshevism reigned in Russia, Fascism in Italy, the blood of civil war flowed in many places, and new dictatorships were springing up everywhere. So, against these ominous forces, the Pope proclaimed: Pax Christi in regno Christi: "the Peace of Christ in the reign of Christ." What threatens the reign of Christ in the world and in our lives today? What confuses us as to whom and what rules? Where can we announce: "The peace of Christ in the reign of Christ?" Is Christ the king of our hearts?

Advent: Can you believe that Advent begins next weekend? It is the beginning of a new liturgical year – Year B. During this year, we will be hearing from the Gospel of Mark. The Season of Advent is a time for vigilance, watchfulness and waiting for the Lord's coming – how he has come, is come and for when he will come again. How has he come to you, is coming to you and will come to you with his saving, redeeming merciful grace and love? How can we become prepared to receive him into our lives and hearts more deeply than we have received him before? Please refer to the reflections and prayers that will appear in our bulletin each week.

What are we going to do for Advent this year? Live as children of the light and "walk as children of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts so when the Lord comes, we can go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom." (Rite of Infant Baptism). During the liturgical year of Advent, we will hear the Prophets announce that a light will shine in the darkness of the world. There will be invitations to receive the light of God's love and grace and to follow this light through this world to the next world. Living our faith with good works and deeds, acts of mercy, prayer, growing in good relationship with the Lord and others is to walk as children of the light. These are ways to keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts and ways to be prepared and ready for the Lord. During Lent, we often ask ourselves, "What Am I going to do for Lent this year?" During Advent, we can ask, "What am I going to do for Advent this year to be prepared and ready for all the comings of the Lord into our lives? For all the existing darkness that still exists in the world, let us live as children of the light and blaze a trail of light with the virtues, works and acts of mercy and faith to announce that the Lord has come, is come and will come again.

Mass on Thanksgiving Day is 10am. Because of Covid we are unable to have our sit-down thanksgiving dinner as we have had in past years. But our friends from St. Susanna Parish in Mason, Ohio are preparing 30 turkeys with some side dishes. So, after Mass, there will be a walk through our church hall and carry-out dinners will be available for you to take home and enjoy. As always, thanks to St. Susanna for your wonderful generosity and kindness.

Youth Coat Drive-Thru Giveaway

Those who are in need of a new coat please join us on Sunday November 22nd from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

St. Leo's is in need of an 18-Volt ONE Lithium-Ion Cordless Impact Driver Kit with catteries, Charger and Bag. Two area rugs, one 9x12, and 8x10. We are also in need of Amazon Gift Cards. Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.

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

Mass Times: Wednesday-11:30am, Thursday-7:00pm, Saturday-6:00pm, Sunday-10:30 am

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.

Thanksgiving Meal Distribution

Thanksgiving Day meals can be picked up on Thursday November 26th, right after the 10:00 a.m. mass. Thank you so much to everyone who has made this meal possible.

St. Leo's Annual Toy and Clothing Sale

Mark, your calendars for December 6th! Help make Christmas Memories for those in need. Our annual Toy and Clothing Sale is Sunday December 6th from 2:00 p.m. -5:00pm in Centennial Hall. Looking to help with the Toy and Clothing Drive check out our wish list on Amazon:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28HAJQIBAM03E?ref_=wl_share. Also, donations of new and gently used toys and infant clothing are needed and will be gladly accepted. Any items you would like to donate can be turned in at St. Leo's Parish office December 1st – 4th from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. or on Saturday December 5th from 10:00a.m. – noon. Volunteers are needed and most appreciated to accept items and help with set up on Saturday December 5th, 10:00am until noon. We could also use help on the day of the sale, Sunday December 6th, help to set-up, move product and clean-up will help make the sale more successful and easier for all involved. If you would like to volunteer on either day please email Judie Kuhlman at judiekuhlman@gmail.com