

**June 19, 2022**  
**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.

**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.)

**Golden Anniversary Mass-** Married couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2022 are invited to attend the Golden Anniversary Mass on Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Please register to attend by completing the online form at:  
<https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources/wedding-anniversary-certificate-request>.

There will be a second special collection on June 26<sup>th</sup> for The Peter Pence Collection, to support the Universal Church and the works of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works.

These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

**GARDEN RENOVATION HELP-** We still have a few garden beds left that need a little tender care. We are still welcoming native plants if anyone has some to divide or donate, as well as shrubs for along the back fence. We are still looking for volunteers to help plant flowers, clean, re-structure as well as maintain the area. If this is something that interest you please send an email to [akleemanstleo@aol.com](mailto:akleemanstleo@aol.com)

You can **read the Sunday bulletin** at: [www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin](http://www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin)

You can **read Fr. Jim's letter** at: [www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim](http://www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim)

Please continue your generous almsgiving by donating, you can see our latest request on our Amazon Wish List Link: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref\\_=wl\\_share](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.**

"On July 1, we will move on to the next major phase of Beacons of Light, implementation of the new Families of Parishes and the start of intentional pastoral planning within each of those Families. This planning will be rooted in sincere prayer and open collaboration as each Family together discerns the best and highest use of their shared resources to radiate the love of Christ and form a strong, vital community of evangelization and service centered on the Eucharist. As we move forward into an unsure and sometimes confusing future, let us stay united as the Body of Christ, ***confident that the Holy Spirit is with us until the end of time.***"

**Mass and Healing Service-** There will be a mass and healing service on Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at St. Ignatius Church, located at 5222 North Bend Road in Monfort Heights. For more information visit [www.LRC1.org](http://www.LRC1.org).

Congratulations to our parishioners from St. Xavier High School who achieved honors during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter: Erik Bernardo De Leon, Robert Morales Ramos, and Gary Vasquez.

