

November 21, 2021

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 C. During this year, we will be hearing from the Gospel of Luke. 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 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 their wonderful generosity and kindness.

Be sure to remember St. Leo's on GIVING TUESDAY which is the largest world wide day for giving, November 30th, 2021

#GiveCatholic:

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/1284/event/31878>

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

We are in need of clothing racks for the upcoming toy and clothing drive. We would love to receive 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.**

Thanksgiving Meal Distribution - Thanksgiving Day meals can be picked up on Thursday November 25th, right after the 10:00 a.m. mass.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2022- January 19th – 22nd in Washington D.C. This trip gives you the full March for Life experience with the march itself, the opportunity to meet with Ohio representatives and opportunities for prayer, processing and learning. We are in need of sponsors for this event, the cost of each student to go on this trip is \$325. If you are interested in sponsoring please call the office at 513.921.1044.

This weekend is the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, which is an annual collection for the US bishops' anti-poverty, gospel justice program.

St. Nicholas Toy and Clothing Giveaway-

Mark, your calendars for December 5th! from 2:00 p.m. -5:00pm in Centennial Hall, details to come.

In these very difficult times, especially for our sisters and brothers in the 1,100 mission dioceses, the archdiocesan Mission Office thanks you for your World Mission Sunday donations to the Holy Father's Pontifical Mission Societies. If you wish to have further information please contact Dr. Mike Gable at: 513.263.6680.

Congratulations to these students from St. Xavier High School on achieving honors for the first quarter:

Erik Bernardo De Leon

Robert Morales Ramos