

## **October 31, 2021** **From Fr. Jim. . .**

**NOVEMBER 1, Feast of All Saints:** Our Bishops dispense us from the obligation of attending Mass on Holy Days only when the Holy day falls on a Saturday or a Monday. This is done primarily out of courtesy to the growing difficulty for priests, musicians and the faithful to attend two major masses within twenty-four hours of each other and pray them well. When full schedules for both the Sunday and the Holy Days are kept then it is quite possible that priests and musicians could be attending six or more masses and it can put the faithful in a very uncomfortable position of having to choose which feast or mass they will attend if they are unable to go to two masses within twenty-four hours.

The Holy Days of Christmas and the Immaculate Conception are exceptions. The faithful are always expected to attend Mass on these days regardless of what day of the week they are to be celebrated. The church puts special emphasis and importance on these days because the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is the National Feast Day for our country and Christmas needs no explanation. When the obligation to attend mass is dispensed, the faithful are still invited to gather to celebrate Eucharist on that day and opportunities should be available for them to do so but there would be no need for a full schedule of masses.

The feast of All Saints is a wonderful time for the faithful to gather at the tables of Word and Eucharist to give thanks to God for the great sharing in the life of God that God offers to all of us. The life of God and our sharing in it, is made visible in the life of the saints both the official saints named and listed by the church throughout the ages and still being named and listed today and the unofficial saints of all the baptized who have been called to live their lives in holiness and grace through this world to the next one.

November 1 is a Monday this year, so the Obligation to attend Mass has been dispensed and there are no Masses on Monday at St. Leo. For those who want to attend Mass on this Holy Day, you are invited to St. Boniface. I will have Mass at 9:15am for the school, but there is plenty of room, feel free to join us. Fr. Pat McCloskey, OFM has Mass at 7:30am in English and Fr. Louis Gasparini has Mass at 7pm in Spanish. Everyone is welcome at St. Boniface!

**Cincinnati State is offering FREE ESL classes and conversation groups until December 18, 2021!** Beginner and intermediate classes are Tuesday and Thursday 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. in the main building. Contact Preston Frasch at [preston.frasch@cincinnatiastate.edu](mailto:preston.frasch@cincinnatiastate.edu). Conversation group will be Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m. in the ATLC building contact Daniel Zimmer at [Daniel.zimmer@cincinnatiastate.edu](mailto:Daniel.zimmer@cincinnatiastate.edu) for details.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT- with Father Nathan Cromly-** On Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup>, take a break from the world and spend a day focused on God. From 8: 30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Light ministries located at 5418 Moeller Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45212. The cost of the day is \$60 which includes breakfast, lunch and

snacks. Register at <https://eagleeyeministries.brushfire.com/saint-john-leadership-network/515641>



**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](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](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)

We are in need of clothing racks for the upcoming coat drive and 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](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.**

### **MARCH FOR LIFE 2022- January 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, pray at 3:00 p.m. each day for family peace.** Catholics believe that God loves and cares for everyone, and that God knows their pain and concerns. Catholics for Family Peace invite you to join them in prayer at 3:00 p.m., wherever you are, pray for those suffering from violence and abuse and those who use violence to control others. To learn more, please visit [www.Catholicsforfamilypeace.org](http://www.Catholicsforfamilypeace.org).

**Youth Coat Drive-Thru Giveaway-** Those who are in need of a new coat please join us on Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. if you are interested in volunteering at this event please fill out the form from this link: <https://forms.gle/dfLSj6Yyn9tUPynGA>

"Jesus, have mercy on me!" Let us make this prayer our own today. Let us repeat it. We must ask Jesus, who can do everything, for everything. He cannot wait to pour out his grace and joy into our hearts." ~~ Pope Francis