

St. Leo Social Justice Page

Social Supportive Services: Holy Thursday is - Tuesdays through Fridays

Next week, the entire Christian World will gather and recall the Passion of Christ. We will read scriptures and enact liturgies that stir our hearts, to hopefully, a deeper love for God and Neighbor. We will do that next week here at St. Leo's as well.

But sometimes we forget. We forget that Christ walks among us. The Passion of Christ is lived out every day in the sufferings and hopes of humankind and of God's Creation. Our liturgies and rituals are not an end to themselves. They are invitations to enter the Wounds of Christ in a real way by engaging in compassionate love for those in need and to truly work for justice in & for our world.

Holy week at St. Leo's is every week. The Servant Christ, who washes the feet of others happens **Tuesdays through Fridays – 9:30am to 4:00pm.** The naked are clothed, the hungry fed. The sorrowful are comforted, the forgotten called by name. We seek justice and work to serve others. We speak their names. We literally remove the rags from their swollen, painful feet. Feet that have only known cold and steps of desperation and tenderly give them care.

Dear Volunteers, thank you for being the **Servant Christ** for others. Thank you for all the dedicated time and love given. Thank you for being willing to stay in the *Wounds of Christ* and to show love to all of us that carry burdens too heavy at time, to bear alone.

Keeper of Bees

Volunteer Note: Volunteers needed for *Social Supportive Services* and our *Laundry Ministry* to those unhoused. If you can help – **Please contact Rick VM/TEXT 253 229-4114**

Catholic Relief Services – RICE BOWL

Next Thursday is **Holy Thursday** and at that liturgy we will be taking up your offerings in support of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) – **RICE BOWL**. This is a most critical time for CRS and the mission of RICE BOWL. The work of serving those in need has not diminished, but unfortunately the financial assistance and the very infrastructure to get vital aid to those suffering has been severely handicapped by changes in federal policy.

Please give generously on Holy Thursday to support RICE BOWL CRS as they work to live out their call to be Servant Christ in a wounded world.

St. Leo's Honeybees: New colonies Arrive next Sunday!

As I have been reporting, we have been working very hard to keep our over wintered colonies alive and health. Naturally we have had some losses and the arrival of new colonies that will help our apiaries and get some new genetics into our honeybee population.

We are also delivering bee colonies to Bellarmine to boost their apiary, and a parishioner will start her 1st apiary too!

We plan to improve our intervention with the colonies as we strive to address their health and habitat needs. I will also work to improve my note taking that will help direct our work throughout the season

Have a Blessed Holy Week