

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 2019-2020

A Message from Fr. Mark

Spiritual Nourishment for Lent!

This year for our parish mission for Lent we will gather in the church to hear inspiring talks by “the cooking priest”, Father Leo Patalinghug. Father Leo is the host of a weekly international TV show, "Savoring Our Faith" which airs on Eternal World Television Network (EWTN). He has also appeared on the Food Network, and defeated celebrity chef, Bobby Flay on an episode of his show, “Throwdown,” in 2009. Fr. Leo is a renowned chef, author, podcast host, theologian, international speaker, relationship expert, black-belt martial arts instructor, and even a breakdancer!

Fr. Leo will give two mission talks in the church: On Sunday, March 22 he will speak about the saints, and on Monday, March 23 he will speak about the Eucharist. After the mission, on the following day, there will be a ticketed dinner and cooking demonstration in our parish hall. Tickets will be only \$25 and should be purchased ASAP from our parish office. Tickets for children under 12 years old are only \$10. Proceeds will benefit Fr. Leo’s non-profit organization “Plating Grace.”

I am very excited about the fact that Fr. Leo is coming to our parish to give our Lenten Mission this year. He studied theology in Rome at the same places where I studied theology: the North American College and the Gregorian University. I spoke to him on the phone and was very happy when he told me that for his cooking demonstration, he will teach us how to make “Penne alla Vodka”, which was my favorite pasta dish when I lived in Rome! Please call the parish office to register as soon as possible for our mission so that we will know how many people will be gathering with Fr. Leo at the table of the Lord!

Sincerely,
Fr. Mark

