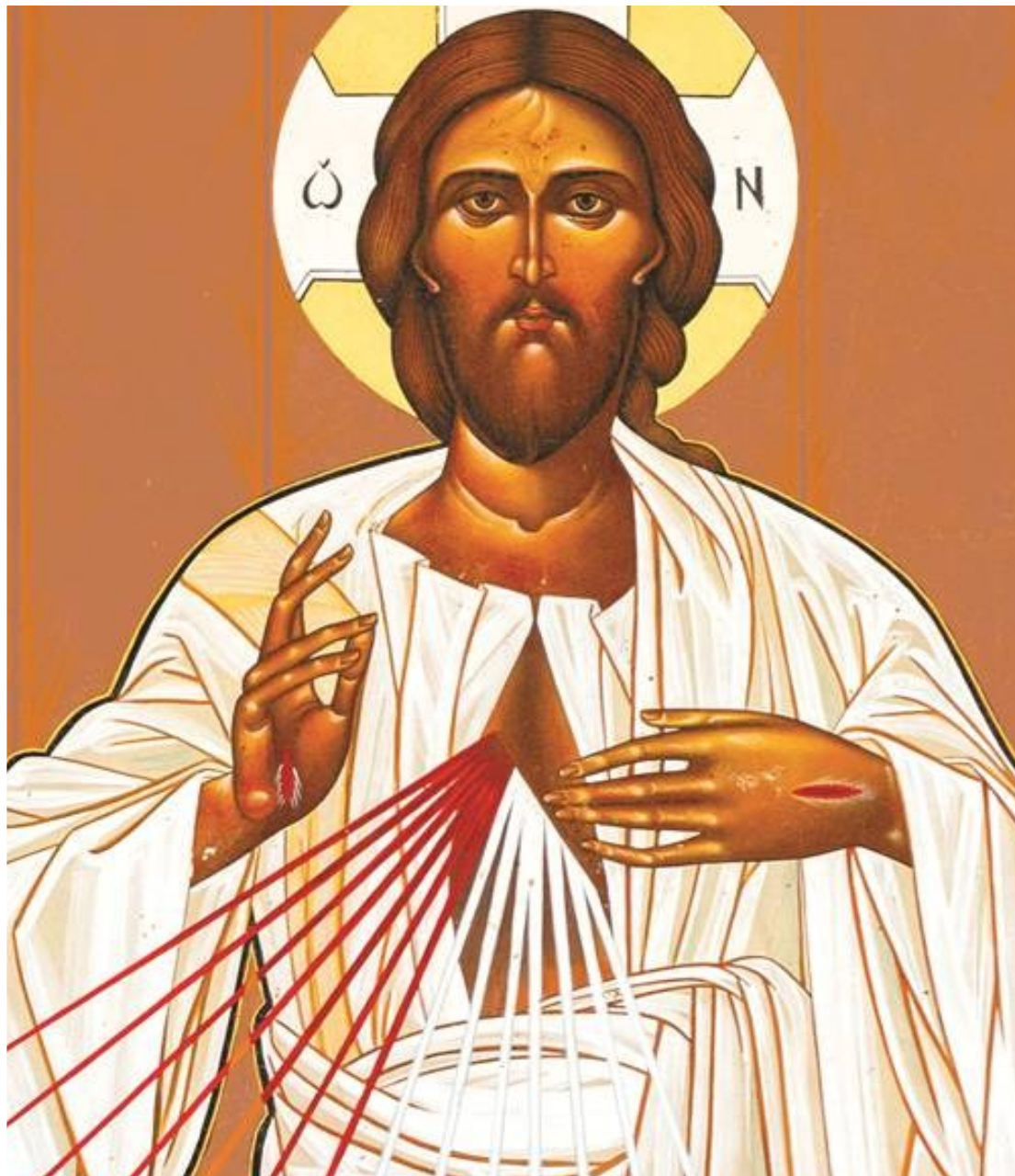


ST. LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

*We are a welcoming Catholic Community
called by God to live out the message of
Christ in love and service to all people.*

April 12, 2026



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DAILY MASS: MONDAY-SATURDAY: 8 AM • CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 1:00PM-3PM
SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES: 3:30 & 5:30 PM • SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 5 PM

MISA EN ESPAÑOL DOMINGO - 3 PM Y LAS CONFESIONES ANTES DE LA MISA • MASS IN POLISH: 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - 1:30 PM

Parish Staff

Rev. Jarek (Jaroslaw) Sniosek	Pastor
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Winter Talley	Musician

Parish Church Support

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Holy Thursday, April 2
\$2,860

Good Friday, April 3
\$2,468

Shrines of the Holy Land, April 3
\$3,511

Easter Vigil & Sunday
April 4 & 5
\$81,639

Celebrating our Faith

BAPTISM OF INFANTS

Baptisms of children under 7 years old are offered every fourth Sunday of each month in Spanish and every second Sunday of the month in English. Please visit our website or contact our office for details and requirements.

CONFIRMATION

At confirmation we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and confirm and renew our baptismal promises committing to a life of maturity in the Christian faith. Unconfirmed Catholics wishing to receive the Sacrament should contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for suitable instruction. Unbaptized or non-Catholics can be confirmed at the Easter Vigil when they are baptized or received into the Church as a part of Order of Christian Initiation of Adult. To enroll in OCIA, please call Griselda Cisneros at 992-0901.

EUCCHARIST

Parishioners who wish to bring communion to their spouses should contact the parish office to pick up a pyx with the St. Leo's inscription on it. Please use this pyx when approaching to receive a host for your spouse or a family member in the Communion procession during Mass. If you need to receive a gluten free host due to a medical condition please arrive 15 minutes before Mass begins and inform the Sacristan.

RECONCILIATION

Individual confession with a priest is the principal means of absolution and reconciliation of grave sins within the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation frees us from sinful patterns of behavior and calls us to complete conversion to Christ. Confessions are heard at 1:30pm-3:00pm on Saturday in English during season and 2pm on Sunday in Spanish in the Church. You may also approach any of our parish priests to hear your confession at another suitable time.

THE RITE OF ANOINTING

A person does not need to wait until the point of death to receive this sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient. The Sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after the anointing but becomes ill once again, or if, during the same illness, the person's condition becomes more serious. For those who are about to depart from this life, the Church offers the person Penance, Anointing of the Sick, and the Eucharist as Viaticum (food for the journey) given at the end of life. Contact the Parish Office at 992-0901 to be connected with the priest on duty.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are a registered parishioner of St. Leo and plan to marry in our parish please contact our office at least six months prior to the tentative wedding date. Weddings cannot be scheduled until the marriage preparation process is complete and it is determined that the parties are free to marry.

ANNULMENT - Re-establishing the freedom to marry.

An annulment is more accurately described as a declaration of matrimonial invalidity. It is an official determination made by an ecclesiastical court that at the time of the marital consent exchanged by the parties a specific component of the marriage was lacking or defective. Hence, the marriage failed to be a marriage as defined by the Catholic Church. If you wish to reestablish your freedom to marry in the Church, please contact a parish priest to be your advocate in presenting your case to the Tribunal.

VOCATION

If you think that you have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life please speak with one of our priests, or contact the Diocesan Director of Vocations at 941-484-9548, visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/vocations

2026 CFA

Making Your Pledge to the Catholic Faith Appeal


Our new CFA goal for 2026 is \$664,000. Please consider making a pledge to help us pay our Diocesan tax directly. We encourage you to do this, as this is the best and most efficient way to help the parish. You may have already received a pledge card in the mail from the diocese, or you can pick one up at the doors of the church or in the Parish Office. The funds collected support numerous ministries throughout the Church.



Our Goal..... \$664,000

Contributions to date.. \$367,088

Goal Attained..... 57.84%

 = 10% of Goal

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 18

3:30 pm Fr. Tim
5:30 pm Fr. Tim

Sunday, April 19

7:30 am Fr. Stan
9:30 am Fr. Stan
11:30 am Fr. Jarek
1:30 pm-Polish Fr. Jarek
3:00 pm-Spanish Fr. Gustavo
5:00 pm Fr. Jack

Changes may occur without notice.



Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) PEACE IN LOCKED ROOMS - "Peace be with you." (John 20:19)

The doors are locked, and not just physically. The disciples are afraid, uncertain, trying to make sense of everything that has just unraveled. And into that very human space, Jesus does not knock. He enters. He does not begin with explanation or correction, but with a gift: peace. Not because everything is resolved, but because He is present.

We know those locked places. We build them carefully, sometimes quietly, out of worry, regret, disappointment, or simply the desire to avoid what feels overwhelming. Yet Christ does not wait for us to become ready. He steps into the middle of it, wounds and all, and speaks peace where we expected pressure. Thomas gives voice to what many carry beneath the surface: I need something real. And Jesus does not dismiss that need. Faith is not the absence of questions, but the courage to bring them honestly to Christ. Mercy means He enters our closed spaces and does not leave, which is both comforting... and quietly life changing.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, come into the places I keep closed. Speak Your peace into my fears and doubts and help me trust Your mercy more than my uncertainty. Amen. Acts 2:42 to 47; Psalm 118; 1 Peter 1:3 to 9; John 20:19 to 31*

MONDAY, APRIL 13 - WHEN GOD MOVES WITHOUT PERMISSION

"The wind blows where it wills." (John 3:8)

Nicodemus comes at night, thoughtful and sincere, carrying questions shaped by logic and structure. Jesus answers him in a way that unsettles that framework. You must be born from above. The Spirit moves like the wind. You can hear it, feel it, but you cannot control it. It is not the kind of answer that fits neatly into a plan.

That can be difficult for us, because we prefer clarity and predictability. We like growth we can measure and progress we can manage. But God's work in us is rarely that tidy. It often comes quietly, like a breeze that rearranges something within us when we were not expecting it.

The early Church prays not for comfort, but for boldness, and the place begins to shake. Which is a gentle reminder that when we invite God to move in our lives, He may actually do so. The deeper question is not whether God is working, but whether we are willing to release control long enough to follow where He leads.

Prayer: *Holy Spirit, move in my life even when I do not understand how. Teach me to trust Your work and to follow where You lead. Amen. Acts 4:23 to 31; Psalm 2; John 3:1 to 8*

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 - THE FREEDOM OF OPEN HANDS

"They had everything in common." (Acts 4:32)

The early Christian community is beautiful and, if we are honest, a little unsettling. No one clings tightly to what they have. People share freely. Needs are met. It sounds inspiring, and also like something that quietly challenges how we tend to live.

At the heart of it is not loss, but freedom. When nothing owns you, you are finally able to love without calculation. You can give without fear of running out. Barnabas becomes known as a source of encouragement, not because of one dramatic gesture, but because his life consistently made others stronger.

We tend to hold tightly to what we believe will secure us. Time, money, control, even our opinions. But the resurrection gently invites something different. Open hands, open hearts, open lives. And over time, we begin to discover that what we release in trust does not diminish us. It enlarges us.

Prayer: *Lord, loosen my grip on what I cling to out of fear. Teach me the quiet freedom of generosity and make me a source of encouragement for others. Amen. Acts 4:32 to 37; Psalm 93; John 3:7b to 15*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 - WHEN GOD OPENS DOORS

"The angel of the Lord opened the doors." (Acts 5:19)

The Apostles are locked in prison, contained, silenced, finished. At least, that is how it appears. Then in the middle of the night, God opens the doors and sends them right back to doing the very thing that led them there.

There is something quietly striking about that. The authorities are guarding an empty jail, while the Apostles are already back in the temple, continuing their mission. It reminds us that God's work cannot be contained by circumstances, systems, or expectations.

We all know places that feel like prisons. Fear that keeps us quiet. Patterns that hold us back. Situations that seem permanently fixed. And sometimes, without much warning, God opens a door we had stopped expecting to move. The deeper question is whether we will recognize it... and step through.

Prayer: *Lord, open the doors that keep me stuck. Give me the courage to walk into the life You are quietly inviting me to live. Amen. Acts 5:17 to 26; Psalm 34; John 3:16 to 21*

THURSDAY, APRIL 16 - WHEN TRUTH IS NOT CONVENIENT

"We must obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:29)

It is one thing to believe something privately. It is another to remain faithful to it when it becomes uncomfortable. The Apostles are told to stop speaking about Jesus, and their response is simple and steady. They cannot. Not because it is easy, but because it is true.

Most of us live in a quieter tension. We balance conviction with convenience. We soften what we say, delay what we know we should do, adjust when pressure builds. And sometimes that is understandable, because doing what is right can quietly cost more than we anticipated.

But there are moments when the Gospel calls for clarity. Not loudness or force, but integrity. A quiet refusal to reshape truth for comfort. Following Christ may cost something, but it also roots us in something deeper than circumstance, something that does not shift when everything else does.

Prayer: *Lord, give me the courage to live with integrity. Help me to follow You with quiet strength, even when it is difficult. Amen. Acts 5:27 to 33; Psalm 34; John 3:31 to 36*

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 - WHEN SMALL IS ENOUGH

"What good are these for so many?" (John 6:9)

A large crowd, a real need, and a very small offering. Five loaves and two fish. It is not much, and everyone knows it. The question feels familiar. What difference can this possibly make? It is the kind of moment where logic quietly suggests that what we have will never be enough.

We ask the same question in quieter ways. What difference does my effort make, my kindness, my attempt to do something good in a complicated world? It often feels too small to matter. And so we hesitate, not because we do not care, but because we are not convinced it will change anything.

But the miracle does not begin with abundance. It begins with willingness. Someone offers what they have, and Christ receives it, blesses it, and multiplies it. We are not asked to do everything, only to offer something. And in His hands, even the smallest offering becomes part of something far greater than we could have arranged.

Prayer: *Lord, take what I have, even when it feels small. Use it for Your purposes and teach me to trust You with what I cannot control. Amen. Acts 5:34 to 42; Psalm 27; John 6:1 to 15*

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 - WHEN JESUS COMES IN THE STORM

"It is I. Do not be afraid." (John 6:20)

The disciples are rowing, doing what they are supposed to do, and suddenly the wind rises. The water turns rough, and everything becomes harder than expected. It is a familiar experience. You are doing your best, and life still becomes unsettled in ways you did not plan.

Then Jesus comes, not by removing the storm right away, but by walking through it. On the very thing that feels overwhelming. And their first reaction is fear, which is understandable. Sometimes even help feels unfamiliar, especially when we have grown used to carrying things on our own.

Then comes the voice. It is I. Do not be afraid. Faith does not promise calm waters. It promises that we are not alone within them. And often, that quiet presence of Christ is enough to carry us forward, even before the storm begins to settle.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, when life feels unsettled, remind me that You are near. Help me to trust Your presence, even when the waters are still rough. Amen. Acts 6:1 to 7; Psalm 33; John 6:16 to 21*

For the full version of each day's reflection,
visit CatholicJourneyToday.com
and journey deeper with Scripture, prayer, and daily encouragement.

The Dedication and Blessing of the Outdoor Stations of the Cross March 26, 2026

With the collaboration of Father Jarek, the concept for the project to renovate the Outdoor Stations of the Cross was born in early spring of 2024. A dedicated committee of Ladies' Guild members led by Project Chairperson, Deb Connor, laid the groundwork, met with parishioners who were responsible for the original project, landscapers, and the contracting company. Marble pedestals to hold the existing station sculptures were ordered in March of 2025 with installation beginning the following October. The highly successful memorial brick fundraiser project began in the fall. In addition, a major component of fundraising followed with the solicitation of Patrons of the Calvary Garden donors. These donors, or a loved one they chose to memorialize, will be recognized on a bronze plaque, mounted on a granite base, and installed near the three crosses. The installation of this memorial will soon complete the renovation project.

The St. Leo Ladies' Guild and Father Jarek would like to thank all of the parishioners who supported the fundraising efforts by purchasing raffle tickets, attending the Guild Fashion Show and other events, and purchasing memorial bricks. Additional gratitude goes to the Patrons of the Calvary Garden, and the special donors who assisted with this project through donations for a memorial bench or pedestal and even the sod.

This beautiful ceremony led by Fr. Jarek, ended with a prayer and the blessing of the Garden.



Outdoor Stations Of the Cross Committee with Fr. Jarek
Shirley Sobczak, Cheryl Janes, Beth Daniels,
Deb Conner (Chairperson) and Estelle Bernot.
Missing was Corine Savelli



PEACE IN A LOCKED ROOM: WHEN FAITH FEELS STUCK

A reflection on John 20:19-29, when Jesus comes into locked rooms and says, "Peace be with you" by Father Jarek

The doors were locked. Not just closed, but locked, secured against the outside, against uncertainty, against whatever might come next. The disciples were not gathered in courage, but in fear. Everything they had hoped for seemed to have unraveled... and nothing had yet been put back together.

It is a deeply human scene. Because if we are honest, most of us know what it is like to live behind locked doors, not made of wood and hinges, but of worry, regret, exhaustion, or quiet disappointment. Like the way we double check the front door at night, or sit quietly in the living room after the house has grown still, carrying thoughts we do not quite know what to do with. We lock things down when life feels uncertain. We try to control what we can, manage what we cannot, and quietly hope tomorrow feels more stable than today. Sometimes those worries have names... a diagnosis, a family situation, a decision that weighs on us longer than we expected.

In many ways, we carry those locked rooms with us. We listen, we watch, we try to stay informed about what is happening in the world and in our own lives, telling ourselves it will help us feel more prepared. And yet, often it only leaves us more unsettled, especially when so much feels beyond our control... in our families, in our health, in the world around us. It is a bit like checking the weather again and again before a storm, hoping the forecast will suddenly improve. It rarely does. Beneath it all is the same quiet hope: maybe something will make us feel more at peace.

And then, into that room, without warning, without permission, without the doors even being opened, Jesus comes. He does not wait for them to unlock anything. He does not stand outside and knock until they are ready. He simply appears in the middle of their fear and says, "Peace be with you." Not as a greeting, but as a gift. He offers peace first, before anything is explained, before anything is fixed. Not because the situation has improved, but because He is there.

This is where Divine Mercy begins, not when everything is resolved, but when everything still feels unfinished. Jesus does not lead with explanation. He does not say, "Let me clarify what just happened," or "Here is the plan going forward." He offers peace first. A peace that does not depend on clarity, or control, or even understanding. A peace that comes from knowing that we are not alone... and that God is not finished with our story.

Then He shows them His wounds. Not hidden. Not removed. Still there. The Resurrection does not erase the wounds, it transforms them. The marks of suffering remain, but they no longer speak of defeat. They speak of love that endured, of mercy that held firm. And perhaps this is one of the most difficult truths for us to accept: that God does not always remove what has hurt us, but He enters it, redeems it, and gives it a new meaning. We often pray for a life without wounds. God offers something deeper... a life where even our wounds are not wasted, even the ones we thought we would have healed by now.

Thomas was not there that first evening, and when he hears about it, he struggles to believe. It is easy to criticize him, but Thomas is simply honest. He gives voice to what many feel but rarely say: I need something real. And when Jesus returns, He does not correct Thomas harshly or dismiss his doubt. He meets him in it. "Put your finger here... see my hands." Mercy does not shame doubt, it accompanies it. It allows space for questions while gently leading us toward trust... the kind of trust that often grows slowly, over time.

What is striking is that Jesus does not wait for perfect faith before He gives Himself. He comes into fear, into confusion, into doubt. He comes into locked rooms. And He still comes the same way today, not when we have everything figured out, but often when we feel the most stuck, the most unsure, the most unable to move forward.

There is something quietly freeing in this. We do not have to force our way into peace. We do not have to solve everything before we can rest. We do not have to wait until life is tidy to invite God into it. He is already willing to step into the middle of our unfinished, unresolved, sometimes messy reality and say, "Peace be with you." And sometimes that peace does not change everything around us right away... but it steadies us enough to take the next step.

So perhaps the question is not whether our lives are locked, but whether we are willing to notice that Christ is already standing within them. Already present. Already speaking peace. Not the kind that removes all struggle, but the kind that holds us steady in the middle of it. And maybe that is where faith begins again. Not in certainty, but in presence. Not in having all the answers, but in discovering we are not alone in the questions... and that we never have been, not even in the moments we were most sure we were.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDST OF UNCERTAINTY

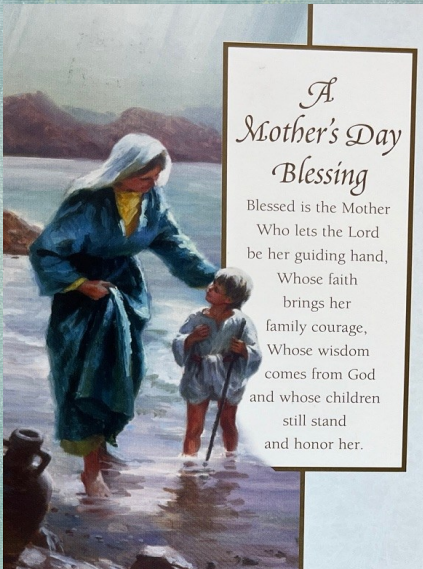
Lord Jesus,
You know the places I try to keep closed,
the quiet fears I carry,
the questions I do not always say out loud,
the burdens that have stayed with me longer than
I expected, the ones that have followed me quietly
through the years.

And still, You come.
Not when I have it all figured out,
not when I feel strong or certain,
but right into the middle of my unfinished life,
just as it is.

Speak Your peace into my restless heart.
Not a distant or fragile peace, but a real one,
the kind that steadies me
when nothing around me feels steady,
the kind that reminds me I am not alone.

When I do not understand, help me trust.
When I feel stuck, help me take the next small step.
When I am tempted to retreat behind my own walls,
give me the courage to let You in.

And in all that feels unresolved,
uncertain, or incomplete,
teach me to recognize You,
standing gently beside me,
still speaking the words I need most:
"Peace be with you." Amen.



*A
Mother's Day
Blessing*

Blessed is the Mother
Who lets the Lord
be her guiding hand,
Whose faith
brings her
family courage,
Whose wisdom
comes from God
and whose children
still stand
and honor her.

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets
to remember your loved ones
are available in the front entrance
of the church and in the Parish Office.

FORMED



We are pleased to provide for all our of parishioner the ability to access this wonderful website filled with thousands of wide ranging movies, programs, audios, such as the Lives of Saints of History and Modern Day, The Sacraments, Bible Study, Children's Entertainment, Praying at Home, and Movie Night selections.

To access FORMED choose the link on our website, search "St Leo Bonita" to find us in the drop box, and sign up for your own account.

We Pray for the Recently Deceased of Our Parish

Daniel Badillo



Volunteers Needed for Prison Outreach

Join the team of Diocesan volunteers who enter county jails and state prisons within the 10-county Diocese of Venice to do pastoral outreach, distribute the Eucharist and facilitate programs. Priests, Deacons, and lay volunteers are encouraged to assist in this ministry. Volunteers will first participate in an orientation program before entering the facility and will shadow experienced volunteers until they feel comfortable. Times and days vary by facility.

Please contact Joe Mallof at 224-217-7139 or
Bob Hiniker at 863-558-0407
to learn where you can fit into this joyful opportunity.

Welcome to
St. Leo Church

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

- Gerald & Carol Bouchard
David & Joan Heaton
Frank Cipullo
Michael & Annette McCann
Enrique Santos Coy Juan
Charles & Lisa Straface
Tiziano & Eulalia Bernabe Mateo
John T & Cynthia D Hockman
Ken Marzec
Shelly McCormick
Ann Smith
Cesar Paz Domingo
Yuri Simon-Angeles
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Stephen H & Amy L Kyle
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Omar Ortiz Hernandez
Marco Garcia
Michael & Insuk Sanicola
Joseph & Marie Vitulli
Joseph & Jennifer Sebes
Benito, Samantha & Isabella Samara Pinas Estala
Cesar, Patricia & Patrick Mendoza
Michael, Caroline & Connor Burns
Tamara Jones
Keith, Patricia & Jason Carroll
Thomas & Tracy Nedbal
Joseph & Mary Stone
Mary Burke
Nancy Barr
Thomas & Susan Mackenzie-Riley
Rosaria Liput
Ramon Antonio Garcia
Ignacio, Gabriella & Isaiah Velasco
Matheus, Jaciaria, Cecilia & Pietro Barion
Katerlin Revolorio
Manuel Angel Jimenez
Mario & Julie Estala Hernandez
Kenneth & Patricia Delaney
Stanley & Jane Pachura
Bridget Bartkowiak
Lon & Julianne Voigt

THE INFINITE LOVE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, reveals the very heart of the Gospel: that God's mercy is greater than our sin and more powerful than our despair. Instituted by Pope John Paul II in 2000, this feast draws from the revelations of Saint Faustina Kowalska, reminding us that God's love is without limits and His forgiveness is always new.

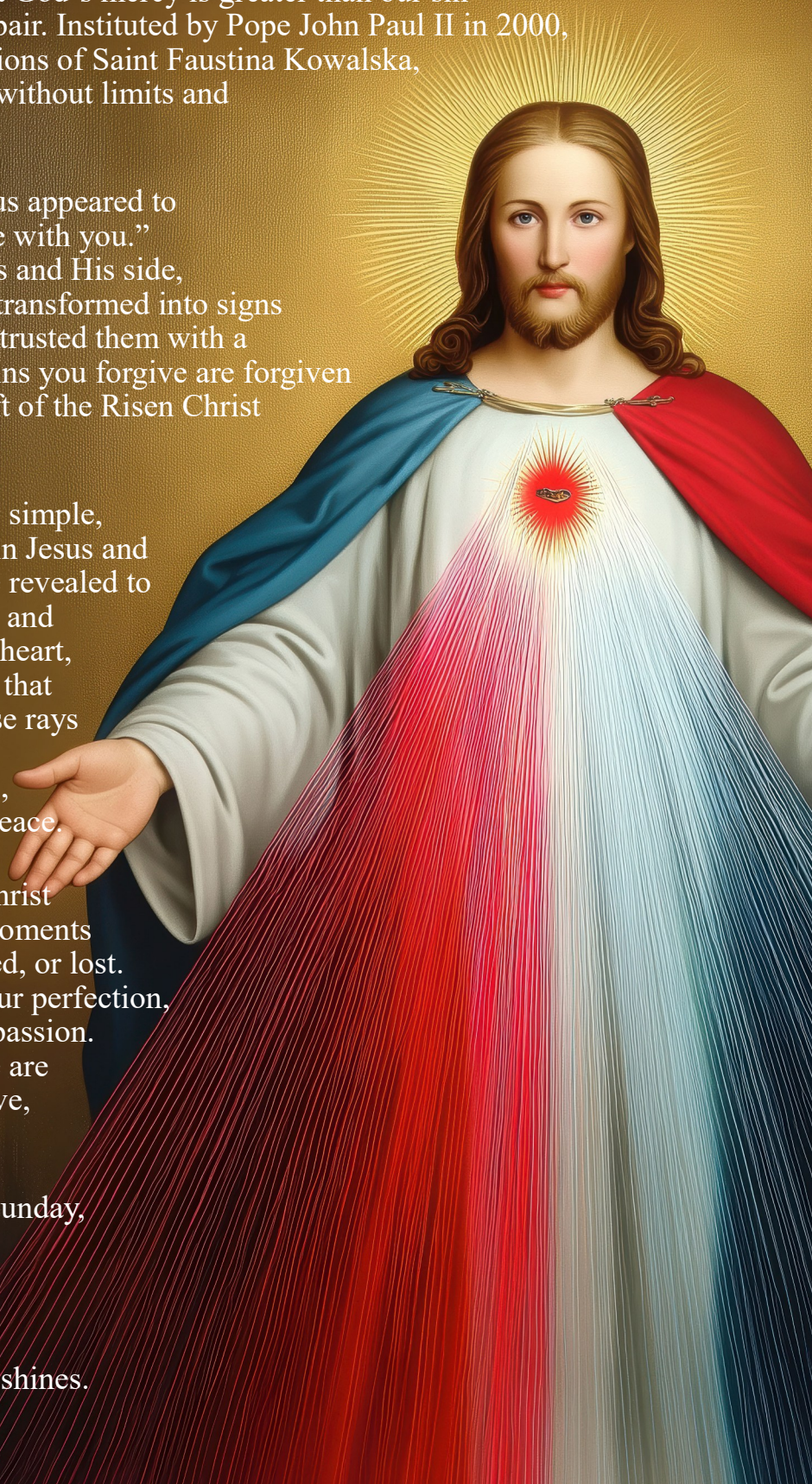
On that first Easter evening, Jesus appeared to His disciples and said, "Peace be with you." Then He showed them His hands and His side, the wounds of His Passion now transformed into signs of mercy. In that moment, He entrusted them with a profound gift, saying, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:23). The first gift of the Risen Christ to the Church was mercy.

The message of Divine Mercy is simple, yet deeply transformative: trust in Jesus and be merciful to others. The image revealed to Saint Faustina shows rays of red and pale light flowing from Christ's heart, symbols of the Blood and Water that poured forth from His side. These rays remind us of the sacraments, the ways God's grace reaches us, bringing healing, renewal, and peace.

This feast invites us to turn to Christ with confidence, especially in moments when we feel unworthy, burdened, or lost. His mercy does not depend on our perfection, but flows from His infinite compassion. When we receive that mercy, we are strengthened to share it, to forgive, to heal, and to love more deeply.

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we are reminded that mercy is not simply a feeling, but a way of life. In every wound, Christ's mercy is the answer. In every darkness, His light still shines.

Jesus, I trust in You.



There will be a
Divine Mercy Novena
and Chaplet with Holy Hour
Today, Sunday April 12th
at 1:30pm in the Church.



The St. Leo Ladies' Guild awards four, \$4000 scholarships to individuals interested in furthering their education at a university, community college, or a technical or trade school. Applicants must have been members of St. Leo the Great parish for at least one year prior to submitting an application and

demonstrate an involvement in St. Leo activities, in their school or in their local community.

Applications are due by April 27th and may be obtained in the parish office or by contacting Clare Sasak at cesak27@aol.com or Judie Dougherty at jmdougherty6229@gmail.com



The St. Leo Food Bank is always in need of supplies to share with local food pantries.

All unopened, non-perishable foods that are not expired are welcomed.

You may continue to drop off your donations when you come to Mass or at our office Monday - Friday from 8am-4pm.

THESE ITEMS ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED

- COOKING OIL
- DRIED BEANS
- MASECA (CORN TORTILLA FLOUR)
- WHITE RICE
- TOOTHPASTE
- TOOTHBRUSHES
- BAR SOAP
- SHAMPOO/BODY WASH
- TOILET PAPER
- ANTIBACTERIAL WIPES
- CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES
- CANNED TUNA & CHICKEN
- FLOUR & SUGAR
- CANNED SOUP
- POWDERED MILK
- PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY
- CEREAL
- JUICE

If you prefer, you may donate money directly to St Leo Food Bank.

These funds will be dispersed to those in need both directly, and through our partner parishes and organizations.

Babies always need

- Wipes
- Formula
- Baby Wash
- Baby Shampoo
- Diapers (especially size 6)

We appreciate your generosity!





Welcome to our newly baptized brothers and sisters, along with those who received their First Holy Communion and those welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church.

The beauty and excitement of the liturgy was shared with them by their sponsors and a church filled with welcoming parishioners at the Easter Vigil on April 4th .

May their lives and hearts be filled with God's unending love and grace.

DR. JIM PAPANDREA

THEOLOGIAN. HISTORIAN. SPEAKER. SINGER/SONGWRITER.

Faith & Ale is a monthly gathering of Catholic men. Join us at St. Cecilia Catholic Community in Fort Myers for our April 16th event, titled:

April 16 "The Original Church: Busting the Myths About Early Christianity"

We invite you to register for this event and see our season's lineup on our website www.faihandale.com/register/. Review the details of this event below:

- Start time 6:30pm, doors open at 6pm.
- St. Cecilia Catholic Community
5632 Sunrise Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33919
- \$10 Suggested Donation (pizza & drink)
- Register www.faihandale.com

Jim is currently a Professor of Church History and Historical Theology at Garrett – Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL.



Men and women are invited to join the Ladies of St. Leo's Sing a Long group which visits nursing homes and assisted living facilities on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 2pm during season. The next gathering is April 14th at American House, 11400 Longfellow Ln, Bonita Springs. Contact Penny at 314-412-4022 . for more information.



PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR
STUDENTS
WHO WILL BE
RECEIVING THE
SACRAMENT
OF FIRST
EUCCHARIST.



Please Pray
for Our
Confirmation
Students



NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
MONDAY 8:00 am	APRIL 13 +George M. Farias	Terry Farias
TUESDAY 8:00 am	APRIL 14 + Stevie Hemmer	Grandma & Grandpa Simon
WEDNESDAY 8:00 am	APRIL 15 +Kelly & +Wilbert Family	Their Loving Family
THURSDAY 8:00 am	APRIL 16 +Helen Zack	Patrice Wolff
FRIDAY 8:00 am	APRIL 17 +Shirley Koss	Barbara Koss
SATURDAY 8:00 am 3:30 pm 5:30 pm	APRIL 18 +Kay & +Zola Grana +Danny McCloskey + Thomas Gilligan	Pati & Peter Grana Shirley & Ted Host Carmen De Marrais
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am 3:00 pm - Spanish 5:00 pm	APRIL 19 +Keith +Kerri & +Peter Myers +Edward Hayes The Parishioners of St. Leo Special Cumulative Intentions +Ta and +Ka Braun	Their Loving Wife, Mother & Grandmother Sal & Maureen Bellino Gail Braun



Flowers this week are dedicated to Parishioners of St. Leo

Candles this week are dedicated to †Deceased Parishioners of St. Leo

Please Pray for Our Troops

Lt. Marco Colavecchia
Brian Dearcia Leon
Michael DeSantis
Cpt. Mary Kate Flynn
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All are welcome to join the JMJ Rosary Makers as they make beaded string rosaries. The instructions, supplies and tools required will be provided. Since prayer and evangelization are needed more than ever, so are rosaries.

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ST LEO'S RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Meetings are held in the Nest Café on the last Friday of each month at 9am. For questions contact Loretta at 917.886.7273 or Peggy at 239.293.3201.



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St. Leo's Respect Life Ministry



Please join Co-Chairs Loretta Ede & Peggy Davis at the monthly meeting, Friday, April 24th, in the Nest Café at 9am. Meetings are held on the last Friday of every month at the same place and time. All are welcome to attend, participate in discussions, and join in prayerful support of the St. Leo Respect Life Ministry.



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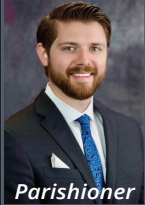


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