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April 5, 2026



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WWW.STLEOCATHOLICCHURCH.ORG • OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 AM - 4 PM
DAILY MASS: MONDAY-SATURDAY: 8 AM • CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 1:30PM-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

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March 28 & 29
 \$53,942



Celebrating our Faith

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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.

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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.. \$263,516

Goal Attained..... 39%

= 10% of Goal

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 11

3:30 pm Fr. Tim
 3:30 pm-Overflow Fr. Jack
 5:30 pm Fr. Tim

Sunday, April 12

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

Changes may occur without notice.



Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - EASTER SUNDAY - THE STONE MOVED, AND SO CAN YOU
"He saw and believed." (John 20:8)

Easter begins while it is still dark. That detail matters. Resurrection does not wait until everything feels clear, cheerful, or emotionally organized. Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb carrying grief, confusion, and love. Peter and the beloved disciple come running with more questions than answers. And there, in that strange and holy emptiness, everything begins to change. The tomb is not full of proof in the neat way we might prefer. It is full of signs, absence, wonder, and the quiet beginning of faith.

That feels true to real life. Most of us do not arrive at belief because every question has been solved. We arrive because, somewhere in the middle of fear and longing, grace begins to break open what seemed sealed shut. Easter tells us that God can work even when all we see at first is an empty place where something used to be. A marriage may still feel fragile. Grief may still ache. The future may still look uncertain. But the stone has been moved. Death is no longer final. Despair is no longer reasonable as a permanent address.

The risen Christ does not simply improve life a little. He changes the meaning of everything. Suffering is no longer the end of the story. Failure is no longer the last word. Even the rejected stone can become the cornerstone. Which is excellent news for those of us who have had at least one week in life where our plans rose from the dead less successfully than Jesus did.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, on this Easter day, raise my heart with You. Where I am tired, breathe new life. Where I am fearful, give me hope. Where something in me feels sealed shut, roll back the stone and teach me again how to believe. Amen. Acts 10:34a, 37 to 43; Psalm 118; Colossians 3:1 to 4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b to 8; John 20:1 to 9*

MONDAY, APRIL 6 - FEARFUL, OVERJOYED, AND STILL RUNNING
"Do not be afraid." (Matthew 28:10)

The women leave the tomb "fearful yet overjoyed," which may be one of the most accurate descriptions of the spiritual life ever written. That is how many holy moments feel. We sense that God is doing something real, and we are thrilled, unsettled, grateful, and slightly overwhelmed all at once. The resurrection does not turn human beings into emotionless statues of certainty. It meets them in the middle of pounding hearts and trembling legs and sends them forward anyway. What is beautiful here is that Jesus does not wait for the women to become perfectly composed before entrusting them with the news. He meets them on the road. He lets them fall at His feet. Then He sends them. In other words, courage is not the absence of feeling shaken. It is the willingness to keep moving after hearing the voice of Christ. Many people wait to serve God until they feel more ready, more peaceful, more qualified, or less messy. Easter has a different message. Go now. Speak now. Trust now.

Meanwhile, the guards and religious leaders try to control the story with money and spin. That also feels familiar. Human beings have always been tempted to manage truth when truth becomes inconvenient. But resurrection is gloriously stubborn. It refuses to stay buried, and it refuses to be silenced. Which is comforting, because some of us have tried to manage our own spiritual lives with denial, distraction, and maybe a patry.

Prayer: *Risen Lord, when my heart feels fearful yet overjoyed, help me keep moving toward You. Give me courage to trust what You have done, to speak what I have seen, and to follow You even when faith still makes my knees wobble a little. Amen. Acts 2:14, 22 to 33; Psalm 16; Matthew 28:8 to 15*

TUESDAY, APRIL 7 - WHEN HE SPEAKS YOUR NAME
"Mary!" (John 20:16)

Mary Magdalene stands outside the tomb weeping, and at first she does not recognize Jesus. She mistakes Him for the gardener, which is both understandable and strangely beautiful. In a way, she is not entirely wrong. The risen Christ is the new gardener, standing in the dawn of a new creation, tending the ruined places of the human heart and bringing life where death had seemed to settle in permanently.

Everything changes when Jesus speaks her name. Not a lecture. Not a dramatic argument. Just one word, spoken with love. That is often how grace works. We may spend long stretches feeling disoriented, praying through tears, not quite recognizing what God is doing. Then suddenly, in prayer, Scripture, the Eucharist, or some quiet moment of mercy, the Lord speaks to us in a way that becomes unmistakably personal. He reminds us that faith is not only about ideas we hold. It is about being known.

There is something healing in that. We all carry moments when we feel unseen, reduced, or misunderstood. Easter answers those wounds not with vague optimism, but with a Person who calls us by name. And then, like Mary, we are sent. The encounter becomes a mission. "I have seen the Lord" is still the most important sentence a Christian can learn to live. It also beats "I have seen my inbox," which, for most people, is far less transformative.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, speak my name in the places where I feel lost, weary, or overwhelmed. Help me recognize Your voice, cling to Your presence with love, and carry the joy of knowing You into the life I am called to live today. Amen. Acts 2:36 to 41; Psalm 33; John 20:11 to 18*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 - WHEN JESUS JOINS THE WALK
"Were not our hearts burning within us?" (Luke 24:32)

The road to Emmaus begins with disappointment. The disciples are walking away from Jerusalem carrying shattered expectations. Their sentence says it all: "We were hoping." Almost everyone knows the ache inside those words. We were hoping the diagnosis would be better. We were hoping the relationship would heal. We were hoping life by now would look different. It is one of the saddest phrases in ordinary human speech because it names the place where hope has started packing its bags.

And that is exactly where Jesus joins them. He does not wait for them to become cheerful or spiritually impressive. He walks with them while they are confused, discouraged, and talking in circles. He listens. He teaches. He reinterprets their pain in light of God's larger story. That is one of the great gifts of the risen Christ. He does not merely remove us from difficult roads. He meets us on them and slowly helps us see what we could not see before.

Their eyes are finally opened in the breaking of the bread. That detail matters because many people still recognize Jesus that way, not always in dramatic miracles, but in Eucharist, Scripture, companionship, and the quiet moment when the heart suddenly wakes up again. Easter faith often returns not all at once, but one step, one conversation, one meal, one burning heart at a time. Which is merciful, because some of us would miss a resurrection if it did not come with coffee and a map.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, walk with me on every road where I feel disappointed or tired. Stay near when my hope grows dim. Open the Scriptures, break the bread, and set my heart burning again with the quiet fire of Your presence. Amen. Acts 3:1 to 10; Psalm 105; Luke 24:13 to 35*

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 - PEACE FOR TROUBLED HEARTS
"Peace be with you." (Luke 24:36)

When Jesus appears to the disciples, they are startled, frightened, and not exactly performing like a group ready for a mission. Even after hearing the reports, even after the empty tomb, they still struggle to believe what is standing right in front of them. That makes this Gospel remarkably comforting. The risen Lord does not enter the room demanding polished faith. He enters with peace for people whose hearts are still racing.

Then He does something almost humorous in its simplicity: He asks for something to eat. The resurrection is glorious, but it is not vague or ghostly. Jesus is not a religious idea floating above human life. He is risen in a way that is embodied, real, and present. He shows wounds. He takes food. He opens minds. In other words, the Lord meets His disciples not only in soaring inspiration, but in ordinary human reality. He is holy enough to conquer death and humble enough to sit down for baked fish.

That matters for us because many people imagine peace as the absence of trouble. But Easter peace is different. It arrives right in the middle of confusion, fear, and unanswered questions. It is the gift of Christ's presence before it is the removal of all discomfort. He stands among troubled hearts and says, in effect, "It is really Me. Do not be afraid." That is still the word the Church needs to hear, especially on days when our inner life feels like a room full of locked doors.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, come into the closed rooms of my heart and speak Your peace. Where I am frightened, steady me. Where I am confused, enlighten me. Where I am burdened, remind me that Your risen presence is real, near, and stronger than my fear. Amen. Acts 3:11 to 26; Psalm 8; Luke 24:35 to 48*

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 - BREAKFAST AFTER FAILURE
"Come, have breakfast." (John 21:12)

This Gospel is full of tenderness. The disciples go fishing, perhaps because they do not know what else to do. They return to something familiar, and after a whole night of effort, they catch nothing. That scene has the ring of truth to it. Many people know what it is like to work hard, feel tired, and come up empty. There are seasons when prayer feels unproductive, work feels fruitless, relationships feel stalled, and even good intentions seem to bring in wet nets and very little else.

Then Jesus appears at dawn. He does not begin with a reprimand. He begins with guidance, abundance, and breakfast. That is pure Gospel. The risen Christ meets worn out disciples not with contempt, but with provision. He stands on the shore with fire, bread, and fish, as though to say: I know you are tired. Come eat. Come rest. Come back into friendship. This is especially moving because Peter, who denied Jesus near a charcoal fire, now meets Him again near another charcoal fire. Grace has a way of revisiting painful places in order to heal them.

There is something deeply hopeful here for anyone carrying regret. Failure does not disqualify the disciples from communion with Christ. Their empty nets do not repel Him. Their confusion does not make Him disappear. He comes right into their ordinary morning and fills it with mercy. Which is a relief, because many of us have discovered that after a difficult week, spiritual maturity can look suspiciously like needing breakfast and forgiveness.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, meet me at the shorelines of my weariness and disappointment. Fill the empty places in me with Your mercy. Feed me with Your presence, restore what failure has shaken, and teach me that Your love still waits for me at dawn. Amen. Acts 4:1 to 12; Psalm 118; John 21:1 to 14*

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 - WE CANNOT KEEP QUIET

"It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20)

By the end of the week, the disciples do not look like the same people we met in fear behind locked doors. Peter and John stand before powerful opponents with remarkable boldness. The leaders are astonished that such ordinary men speak with such clarity and courage. That is one of the quiet marvels of Easter. The resurrection does not only comfort people. It changes them. It gives backbone to the timid, conviction to the uncertain, and a voice to those who once kept hiding. What makes their witness so compelling is that it is rooted in experience. They are not defending an abstract theory. They are speaking about someone they have encountered. That is why the authorities cannot finally silence them. Real contact with Christ has a way of making faith less performative and more alive. A person who has truly tasted mercy, truly been lifted, truly seen grace at work, cannot keep reducing religion to custom, habit, or polite ceremony. Sooner or later, joy becomes audible.

The same pattern appears in the Gospel. Jesus rebukes unbelief, not to shame the disciples, but to send them. The Church is born from people who were doubtful, corrected, changed, and commissioned. That should encourage us. God does not wait for flawless messengers. He sends people who know what it is to struggle and yet have met the risen Lord. Which is fortunate, because if perfection were required, the Gospel would be preached mostly by decorative statues.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, make my faith living, clear, and courageous. Free me from a timid discipleship that stays silent when love should speak. Help me carry into the world the truth of what I have seen and heard in You: mercy, life, and hope stronger than death. Amen. Acts 4:13 to 21; Psalm 118; Mark 16:9 to 15*

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HAPPY EASTER: THE STONE MOVED, AND SO CAN THE HEART

By Father Jarek

There are moments in life when the heart begins to feel heavier than we ever expected. Not all at once, and not always dramatically. Sometimes it happens slowly. A conversation does not go the way we hoped. A relationship grows distant. A diagnosis changes the rhythm of ordinary days. A disappointment lingers. A worry keeps circling. And before long, something inside us begins to harden. We still function. We still show up. We still smile when needed. But inwardly, we can become guarded, tired, or numb. The Bible has a name for that condition. It calls it a heart of stone.

That is why Easter is such astonishingly good news. Easter is not simply the celebration of something that happened to Jesus long ago. It is the proclamation that what God did at the tomb of Christ, He desires to do in us as well. The stone was rolled away not only from a grave, but from the future of the human heart. And if God can move that stone, He can move the ones that have quietly settled within us.

The Easter Vigil tells the long story of God's saving love. From creation, where light breaks into darkness, to the Red Sea, where a path opens through fear, to the promises of the prophets, we hear the same truth again and again: God makes a way where there seems to be no way. He does not abandon His people. He comes for them.

Through the prophet Ezekiel, God makes a promise that reaches directly into our lives: "I will give you a new heart... taking from you your stony hearts." God does not simply repair what is broken. He renews. He restores. He breathes life where we had settled for survival. And many of us know what it is like to settle for survival. We carry resentments because letting go feels risky. We repeat habits that diminish us because they are familiar. We assume certain wounds will always define us. We go through the motions of faith, but feel flat inside. Not rebellious. Just worn thin.

Then comes Easter, not as a sentimental greeting, but as a holy interruption. In the Gospel, the women come to the tomb as mourners. Mary Magdalene arrives while it is still dark. That detail matters. Resurrection begins before the light has fully broken through. It begins before anyone has emotionally caught up with what God is doing. Grace often finds us not when we are strong, but when we are still in the dark. Matthew says the women ran from the tomb "fearful yet overjoyed." That may be one of the most honest descriptions of the Christian life. We believe, but not without questions. We hope, but not without scars. We love the Lord, but some days we still need coffee, patience, and a small miracle before 9am. Easter does not shame us for that. Easter meets us there.

And then there is the stone. It was real, heavy, and final. It looked like the last word. So do many things in our lives. A broken relationship can feel final. Regret can feel final. Loneliness can feel final. The quiet thought that nothing is going to change can feel final. But Easter declares that what looks final to us is not final to God. The women did not roll the stone away. The disciples did not solve the problem. God acted. And that matters, because we often think change depends entirely on us. We imagine we must become stronger, calmer, better, and then God will meet us. But Easter tells a different story. God acts first. Grace comes first. The risen Christ meets us before we have everything together.

Saint Paul reminds us that through baptism we share in Christ's death and resurrection. That is not only poetry. It is our identity. We are not simply trying to improve ourselves. We are people made new in Christ. The old self does not have the final word. Sin does not have the final word. Despair does not have the final word. That does not mean every pain disappears overnight. But it does mean no darkness is beyond redemption. The stone can move. The heart can soften. The future can open.

So this Easter, the question is not only whether we believe that Jesus rose from the dead. The question is also this: where in my life have I quietly stopped expecting anything to change? Where has my heart grown hard? Where have I confused being stuck with being finished? Easter speaks into all of that: Do not be afraid. He is not here. He has been raised.

Christ is risen. And because He is risen, the stone does not get the last word. Sin does not get the last word. Grief does not get the last word. Weariness does not get the last word. Even the hardest places in us do not get the last word. The risen Jesus does. And His word is life.

A PRAYER FOR EASTER

Lord Jesus,
You see the places in my heart that
have grown tired or guarded.
You know the stones
I have learned to live with.

Come into those places.
Move what I cannot move
on my own.
Soften what has hardened.
Awaken hope where I have
grown used to less.

Help me to trust that
Your Resurrection is not
only something I believe,
but something I can live.

And give me the grace this
Easter to walk forward with hope,
even if it is still a little dark. Amen

Easter

Living in the Light of the Risen Christ

Easter is the radiant heart of the Christian year, the feast of feasts, the celebration of Christ's triumph over sin and death. Everything in our faith moves toward this moment and flows from it. The light that breaks forth from the tomb on Easter morning is not simply the beginning of a new day, but the beginning of a new creation.

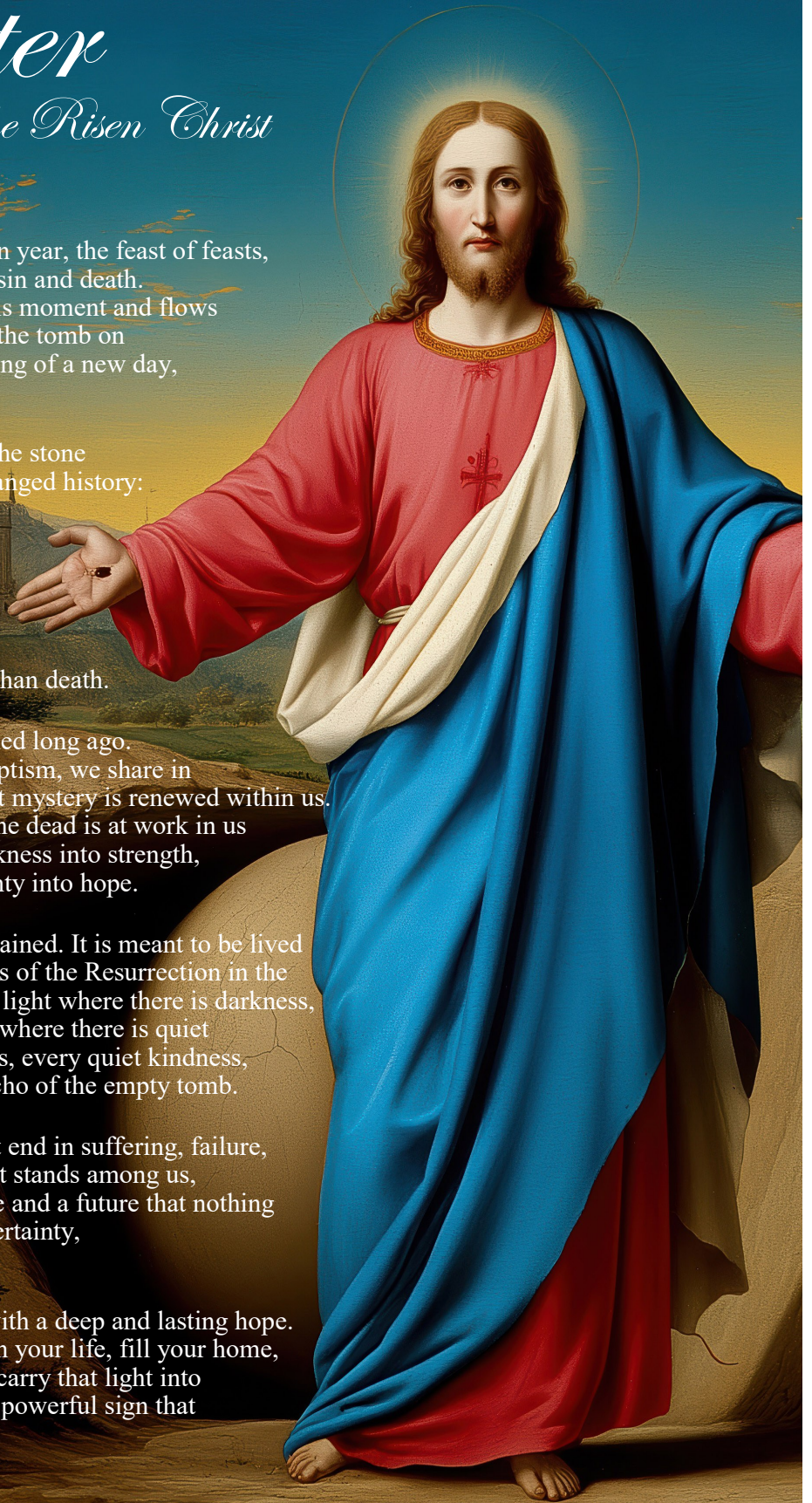
On that first Easter, the disciples found the stone rolled away and heard the words that changed history: "He is not here; he has been raised." In that moment, everything shifted. Fear gave way to faith, grief opened into joy, and death itself was undone. The Resurrection reveals the fullness of God's love, a love stronger than hatred, deeper than sorrow, and more enduring than death.

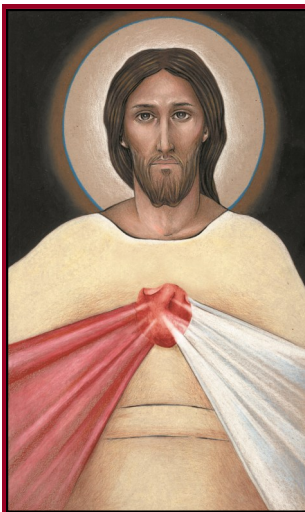
Easter is not only something that happened long ago. It is a living, present reality. Through baptism, we share in Christ's risen life, and at every Mass that mystery is renewed within us. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us even now, quietly transforming our weakness into strength, our wounds into grace, and our uncertainty into hope.

The joy of Easter is not meant to be contained. It is meant to be lived and shared. We are called to be witnesses of the Resurrection in the ordinary moments of daily life, bringing light where there is darkness, mercy where there is division, and hope where there is quiet discouragement. Every act of forgiveness, every quiet kindness, every moment of courage becomes an echo of the empty tomb.

Easter reminds us that our story does not end in suffering, failure, or loss. It ends in glory. The Risen Christ stands among us, offering peace that the world cannot give and a future that nothing can take away. Even in the midst of uncertainty, His victory remains certain.

May this Easter season fill your hearts with a deep and lasting hope. May the light of the Risen Christ shine in your life, fill your home, and guide all that you do. And may you carry that light into the lives of others, becoming a quiet but powerful sign that Christ is truly risen.





Divine Mercy Novena

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

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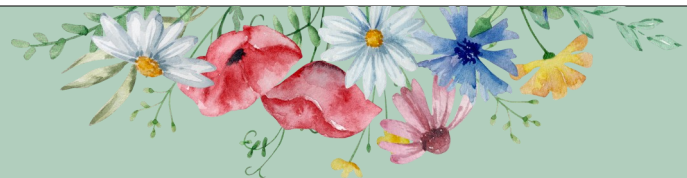
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Easter Blessings

Wishing you a blessed and joy filled Easter.

May the hope and joy of the Risen Christ fill your heart this Easter and gently touch every part of your life with His peace. In a world that can so often feel uncertain or heavy, Easter reminds us that light is stronger than darkness, love is stronger than fear, and life is stronger than death.

Please know that you and your loved ones will be remembered with love and prayer in a special Mass on Easter Sunday. This is a small gift from all of us here at St. Leo Church, offered with gratitude for the blessing you are to our parish family.

*Christ is risen. Hope is alive.
And we are truly thankful to walk this journey of faith together with you.*

*With Easter joy,
Father Jarek and the Staff of St. Leo Church*





St. Leo Ladies' Guild

Games, Dames & Desserts

Tuesday, April 14 · Parish Life Center



Doors Open at 12:30pm
Games played from 1-3:30pm
Desserts, Lemonade, Iced Tea & Water



Open to St. Leo the Great Parishioners and their Guests
\$5 per person, tables provided. Limit of 40 tables.
Reserve your table by Tuesday, April 7th.
Extra Registration Forms are available in the Parish Office.

Bring your friends and your favorite game for an
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(Mahjong, Bridge, Canasta, Dominoes, Hand & Foot, etc)

Game Table Reservation Form

Parishioner's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Number of Guests: _____ Number of Tables Needed: _____

Name of game you will be bringing to play: _____

I'd like to join a table playing the game of: _____

Questions? Call Clare Sasak at 201-960-2572

Please return this reservation form by Tuesday, April 7th with \$5 per person
in a labeled envelope to the Parish Office or mail to:
St. Leo Ladies' Guild
Attention: Games
28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34134
Checks payable to St. Leo Ladies' Guild



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
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- Start time 6:30pm, doors open at 6pm.
- St. Cecilia Catholic Community
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- \$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.



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TUESDAY 8:00 am	APRIL 7 +Jesse & Mary Anne Owens	Don & Marlene Graven
WEDNESDAY 8:00 am	APRIL 8 +Ward Driscoll	Jane Stuckenschneider
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Names remain on our prayer list for 30 days & troop list for 6 months.
To add names or update information call the Parish Office at 992-0901 or email: ehernandez@stleocatholicchurch.org

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On the second Friday of each month in the Cry Room following 8am Mass we pray for good and holy priests for one hour.
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Prayer Group

All are welcome on Wednesday mornings in the Nest Café at 8:45am to pray for our personal intentions and those of our community, country and peace in our world.

Rosary Makers - Wednesday at 10:30 am - Nest Café

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.

Walking with Moms in Need is a program at St. Leo which connects pregnant women and new mothers in need with assistance and support. Please go to our website for more information www.stleocatholicchurch.org

The Sewing, Knitting & Crocheting Group

shares their talents to benefit local charities. They welcome volunteers of all skill levels on Tuesdays beginning at noon in the Juan Diego Outreach Center. Contact Bernice Romano at 239-601-5877 with questions.



DAILY PRAYER SCHEDULE

MONDAYS THROUGH THURSDAYS, AND SATURDAYS: 7:15 am-Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Cry Room, 7:30 am-Rosary in the main church.
FRIDAYS: 7:10 am-Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Cry Room, 7:25 am-Rosary in the main church, followed by the Miraculous Medal Novena. We invite you to join us in these wonderful prayers. Your presence and participation are greatly appreciated.



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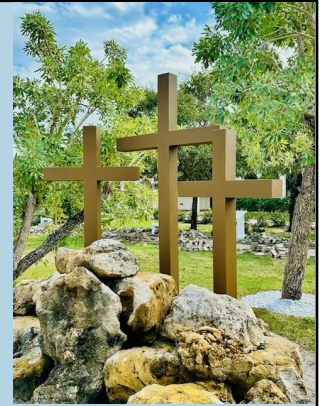
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Memorial bricks may be ordered in two sizes – 4" x 8" (\$125) or 12" x 12" (\$300). Brochures with order forms are available in the parish office. The next cutoff date for brick orders will be May 31st and installation of bricks placed with this order is expected in July.

Knights of Columbus



Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus would like to express their gratitude to the parishioners of St. Leo the Great for their generosity and support in contributing to, and helping with the collections at their annual Tootsie Roll Drive which funds programs for the disabled. Over \$10,000 was donated last weekend from our parishioners.

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Farewell to our seasonal parishioners as you leave for the summer. May you travel safely. You can keep in touch with what is happening at the parish by going to our website at www.stleocatholicchurch.org to view our bulletins.



NOTAS EN ESPAÑOL

Bendiciones de Pascua

Les deseamos una Pascua bendecida y llena de alegría.

Que la esperanza y la alegría de Cristo Resucitado llenen sus corazones en esta Pascua y toquen suavemente cada aspecto de sus vidas con Su paz. En un mundo que, con tanta frecuencia, puede parecer incierto o abrumador, la Pascua nos recuerda que la luz es más fuerte que la oscuridad, el amor es más fuerte que el miedo y la vida es más fuerte que la muerte.

Sepan, por favor, que ustedes y sus seres queridos serán recordados con amor y oración en una Misa especial este Domingo de Pascua.

Este es un pequeño obsequio de parte de todos nosotros aquí en la Iglesia de San Leo, ofrecido con gratitud por la bendición que ustedes representan para nuestra familia parroquial.

*Cristo ha resucitado. La esperanza está viva.
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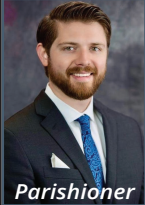
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