

ST. LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Christ in love and service to all people.*

August 23, 2026



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DAILY MASS: MONDAY-SATURDAY: 8 AM • CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 2PM-3PM
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August 22 & 23
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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.

EUCHARIST

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 from 2:00pm-3:00pm on Saturdays in English and 2pm on Sundays 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 - Reestablishing 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.

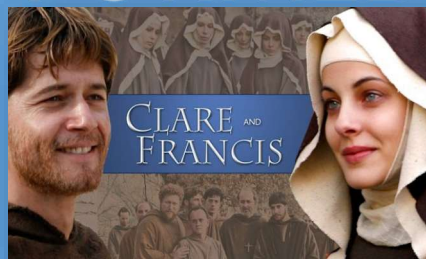
VOCATION

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

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Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

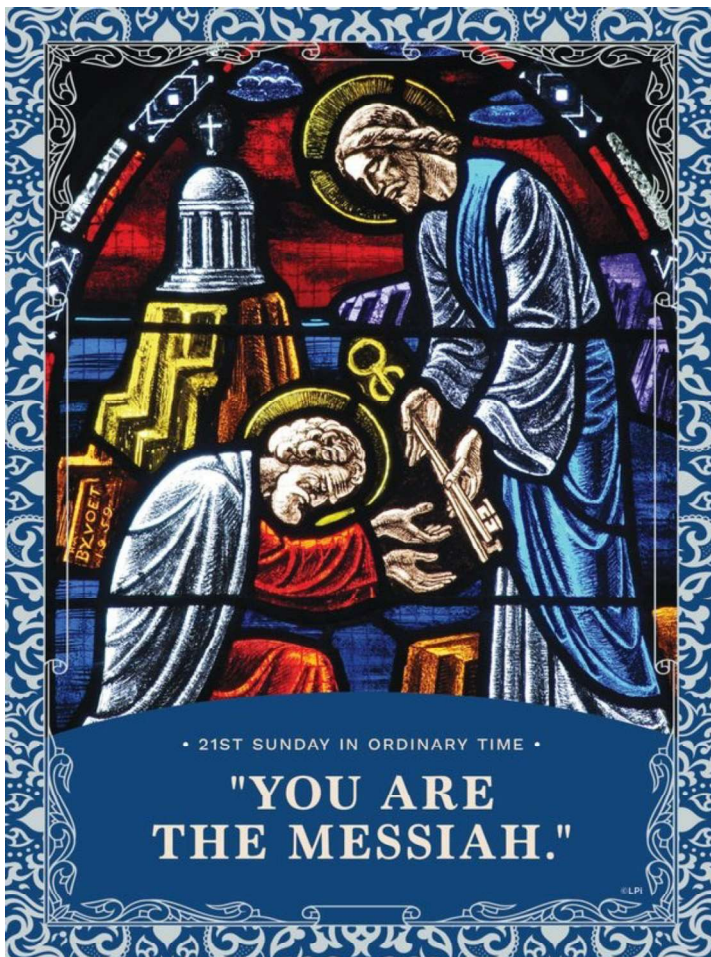
Saturday, August 29

3:30 pm	Fr. Jarek
5:30 pm	Fr. Jarek

Sunday, August 30

7:30 am	Msgr. Cullen
9:30 am	Msgr. Cullen
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5:00 pm	Fr. Jack

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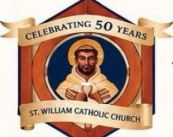


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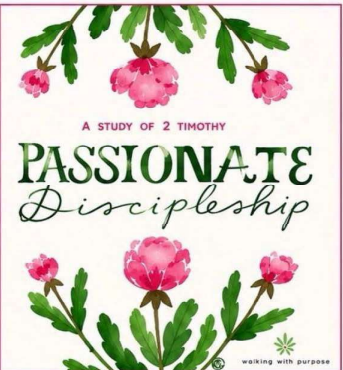
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Our Capital Improvement Fund allows us to collect assessment free money to be used for necessary repairs and projects for the parish campus. Funds have been used to pay for the replacement of the skylights in the church and a portion of the air conditioning units in the Parish Life Center and Education Buildings.

We have repaired roof leaks in the church, added a security system, replaced the church bell system, freshly painted many of our buildings and added extra landscaping.

These funds are not designated for the construction of any new buildings. We sincerely thank you for your continued generosity. Please know that contributing to this assessment free fund is the most efficient way to help St. Leo maintain and improve our beautiful properties.

Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

A Week of Living with Integrity, Readiness, & Courage

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 - THE QUESTION ONLY YOU CAN ANSWER "But who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15)

There comes a point when borrowed faith is no longer enough. We can know what our parents believed, remember what the sisters taught us, repeat the Creed from memory, and have a favorite pew worn comfortably to our specifications. But eventually Jesus turns from the crowd and asks the question personally: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answers beautifully, but what makes the moment remarkable is not simply that he gets the theology right. He entrusts himself to the One he names. Faith is more than knowing the correct answer about Jesus. It is deciding who Jesus will be when the diagnosis comes, when someone we love disappoints us, when a prayer seems unanswered, or when life refuses to follow the plan we carefully prepared for it.

Paul reminds us that God's ways are often beyond our understanding. That can be frustrating because most of us would happily serve as God's consultants if He would only schedule the meeting. Yet faith means trusting that the One whose wisdom exceeds ours also loves us beyond measure. We will not understand everything that happens. We can still know the One to whom we belong.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. When I understand Your ways, keep me grateful. When I do not understand them, keep me trusting. May my life become the answer to the question my lips so easily answer. Amen. **Readings:** Isaiah 22:19–23; Psalm 138; Romans 11:33–36; Matthew 16:13–20

MONDAY, AUGUST 24 - COME AND SEE

"Can anything good come from Nazareth?" (John 1:46)

Nathanael begins his encounter with Jesus by being wonderfully unimpressed. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" It is the biblical equivalent of hearing where someone is from and immediately deciding you already know everything worth knowing about them. Human beings have always been remarkably efficient at forming opinions before collecting facts.

Philip does not argue. He simply says, "Come and see." Those may be some of the wisest words in Scripture. Faith is ultimately an encounter, not an argument. People can debate Christianity endlessly, but there comes a moment when we must step closer to Christ ourselves, listen to Him, watch what He does with wounded people, and allow ourselves to be seen by Him.

And that is what changes Nathanael. Jesus tells him, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." We do not know what happened there, but Nathanael does. Suddenly he realizes that before he ever went looking for Christ, Christ already knew him. The same is true for us. God has seen every hidden sorrow, private disappointment, unanswered prayer, and quiet act of goodness nobody applauded. Faith deepens when we discover that the God we are searching for has been looking at us with love all along.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, free me from quick judgments and closed expectations. Give me the courage to come and see, and help me remember that before I ever searched for You, You already saw and loved me. Amen.

Readings: Revelation 21:9b–14; Psalm 145; John 1:45–51

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 - GOD IS NOT IMPRESSED BY A CLEAN CUP

"Cleanse first the inside of the cup." (Matthew 23:26)

Most of us know how to look reasonably put together. We answer "Fine" when someone asks how we are doing, straighten the house before company arrives, and occasionally move an impressive pile of clutter into a room nobody is likely to enter. Human beings have always understood the strategic importance of a closed door.

Jesus says the spiritual life can work the same way. The Pharisees have polished the visible parts of religion while neglecting "judgment and mercy and fidelity." They have become experts at small rules while missing enormous virtues. Jesus captures the absurdity perfectly: they strain out a gnat and swallow a camel.

The danger is surprisingly contemporary. We can become irritated by someone's minor faults while ignoring our own resentment. We can

defend religious traditions while treating difficult people without charity. We can worry about appearing good while quietly becoming bitter inside. Jesus is not dismissing religious practice. He is asking whether it is transforming the heart. The goal of faith is not to become impressive people. It is to become truthful, merciful, faithful people whose inner lives increasingly resemble the God they worship.

Prayer: Lord, show me gently what needs cleansing within me. Keep me from becoming preoccupied with appearances while neglecting mercy, fidelity, and love. Make the person I appear to be and the person I truly am increasingly the same. Amen.

Readings: 2 Thessalonians 2:1–3a, 14–17; Psalm 96; Matthew 23:23–26

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 - THE LIFE BEHIND THE APPEARANCE "You are like whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside." (Matthew 23:27)

Jesus has little patience for religious performance without interior conversion. His image is deliberately uncomfortable: whitewashed tombs, beautiful on the outside and filled with death within. He is speaking to people who have become skilled at looking righteous while avoiding the much harder work of actually becoming holy.

We are all tempted to curate a version of ourselves for public viewing. We want people to see the kindness and not the resentment, the generosity and not the jealousy, the prayerfulness and not the grudges we have been carefully watering for fifteen years. Sometimes we can even convince ourselves that because nobody else sees the mess, perhaps God has misplaced His glasses.

But God exposes what is hidden not to humiliate us, but to heal us. Paul offers a wonderfully practical spirituality today: work faithfully, carry your responsibilities, do not unnecessarily burden others, and ask the Lord of peace to give you peace "at all times and in every way." Holiness is often less dramatic than we imagine. It grows through honest repentance, ordinary responsibility, quiet service, and the daily decision to let Christ into the rooms we would rather keep locked.

Prayer: Lord, make my faith genuine. Enter the places within me that I hide even from myself. Remove what has become bitter, false, or lifeless, and give me the quiet integrity of a heart that has nothing to hide from You. Amen.

Readings: 2 Thessalonians 3:6–10, 16–18; Psalm 128; Matthew 23:27–32

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 - DO NOT WAIT TO START LIVING

"Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)

Jesus' warning can sound frightening until we realize what He is really asking: live now in such a way that you will not someday wish you had lived differently. We spend enormous amounts of life postponing things that matter. We will make the phone call later, forgive eventually, pray when life becomes quieter, and become the person God is calling us to be after we finish everything else.

The problem is that "everything else" is never finished. Saint Monica, whose memorial we celebrate today, understood the difference between procrastination and patient waiting. She prayed for Augustine for years, but she did not postpone faithfulness until he changed. She lived faithfully while she waited. Procrastination delays the good we can do today; patience does today's good and entrusts tomorrow to God. Jesus praises the servant whom the master finds doing what love requires. Perhaps the best preparation for eternity is surprisingly simple: make the call, offer the apology, say the prayer, forgive the wound, and love the people before you while you still can. We do not need to know how much time remains. We simply need to stop treating today as a rehearsal for the life we intend to live someday.

Prayer: Lord, keep me awake to the life You have given me today. Help me say what needs saying, forgive what needs forgiving, love the people before me, and stop postponing the person You are calling me to become. Amen.

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:1–9; Psalm 145; Matthew 24:42–51

Daily Reflections

by Father Jarch

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 - BRING EXTRA OIL

"The wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps." (Matthew 25:4)

The difference between the wise and foolish bridesmaids seems almost embarrassingly small. Everyone has a lamp. Everyone is waiting. Everyone becomes tired. Everyone falls asleep. The difference is that five have quietly prepared for a delay they cannot control. Much of life is lived in that delay as we wait for prayers to be answered, relationships to heal, grief to soften, and uncertainty to end.

Jesus reminds us that some things cannot be borrowed at the last minute. Nobody else can build our relationship with God for us. We need our own reservoir of prayer, Scripture, Eucharist, forgiveness, gratitude, and quiet trust. How fitting that today the Church celebrates Saint Augustine, who spent years searching everywhere for the happiness his restless heart desired before discovering that the God he sought was nearer than he imagined.

Augustine reminds us that it is never too late to turn toward God, while Jesus reminds us that there is no reason to wait. The oil that keeps the lamp burning accumulates quietly: one prayer, one act of mercy, one resentment surrendered, one decision to trust when we cannot see what God is doing. Then, when life asks more of us than expected, we discover that those ordinary acts of faith were filling the flask all along.

Prayer: Lord, fill the hidden reservoir of my heart. When waiting becomes long and life becomes uncertain, keep the lamp of faith burning within me. Teach me to seek You today so that whenever You come, my heart will recognize the One it has learned to love. Amen.

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:17–25; Psalm 33; Matthew 25:1–13

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 - WHEN THE TRUTH COSTS SOMETHING

"Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man." (Mark 6:20)

Herod is one of Scripture's most fascinating warnings because he is not completely closed to the truth. He likes listening to John. John perplexes him, challenges him, and somehow attracts him. Herod recognizes goodness when he sees it. His tragedy is that admiration never becomes courage.

Then comes the banquet. Surrounded by important guests and trapped by his own foolish promise, Herod must choose between doing what is right and avoiding embarrassment. He knows John should live, but he fears looking weak in front of the room. A man with enormous political power becomes powerless before the opinions of his dinner guests.

Most of us will never face John's martyrdom, but we meet smaller versions of Herod's banquet constantly. We laugh at something we should challenge. We remain silent because speaking would be awkward. We agree because everyone else agrees. John reminds us that integrity means deciding beforehand that truth matters more than applause. The world desperately needs people who can be kind without becoming cowardly, compassionate without becoming dishonest, and faithful without checking first to see whether faithfulness will be popular.

Prayer: Lord, give me the courage of John the Baptist. Keep me from trading truth for approval or conscience for comfort. Make me gentle in the way I speak, humble in the way I judge, and courageous when faithfulness carries a cost. Amen.

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:26–31; Psalm 33; Mark 6:17–29

Bishop Emilio to Visit St. Leo This Week

We are delighted to welcome Bishop Emilio Biosca Agüero to St. Leo the Great **this Friday, August 28**, as part of his pastoral visits to the parishes of our Diocese. During his visit, Bishop Emilio will spend time with the priests and parish staff as he becomes better acquainted with the life and ministries of our parish.

Before traveling to his next parish, Bishop Emilio has graciously agreed to spend some time with our parishioners. You are warmly invited to stop by the **Nest Café between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.** to enjoy a cup of coffee, greet our new bishop, and personally welcome him to St. Leo. We hope you will join us for this informal opportunity to meet Bishop Emilio.



WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM NOW?

THE QUESTION JESUS ASKS DIFFERENTLY AT EVERY STAGE OF LIFE

by Father Jarek

There are questions we answer once and rarely think about again. What is your date of birth? Where were you born? What is your mother's maiden name? Then there are questions whose answers deepen because we change. Jesus asks one of those questions at Caesarea Philippi: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answers, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." It is the answer generations of Christians have repeated ever since.

Many of us learned some version of Peter's answer as children. We memorized prayers, went to Mass, received the sacraments, and learned what Catholics believe about Jesus. After enough years, we can recite the Creed almost automatically, even if we sometimes open the refrigerator and stare into it hoping it will remind us why we came. But Jesus is not giving Peter a catechism examination. He moves beyond what everyone else is saying and makes the question personal: But you. Who am I to you?

That question sounds different at twenty than it does at seventy. At twenty, Jesus may be the One we believe will accompany the life we are planning. At forty, He may become the One we need when the plan begins changing. At sixty, He may be the One who carried us through things we once thought we could never survive. Later still, after enough goodbyes, disappointments, recoveries, funerals, reconciliations, unanswered prayers, and unexpected mercies, Jesus may become something deeper: the One we trust even when there is no explanation.

This is where Saint Paul's words become extraordinarily beautiful: "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!" Young faith often wants answers. Mature faith still asks questions, sometimes very difficult ones, but gradually learns that God is larger than our explanations. We discover that some prayers are answered differently than we hoped, some people we desperately wanted God to heal died, and some children we raised in the faith stopped practicing it.

Some doors we begged God to open remained closed. Occasionally, years later, we looked backward and realized that a closed door had quietly saved us from walking into the wrong room. This does not mean we stop questioning God. Scripture is filled with people questioning Him. It means that beneath our questions something deeper can begin to grow: trust. We may not understand what God is doing, but experience slowly teaches us that understanding God and trusting God are not the same thing.

That may be why Jesus builds His Church upon Peter's confession rather than Peter's perfection. Peter will still misunderstand Jesus, become frightened, fall asleep when Jesus asks him to stay awake, make promises he cannot keep, and eventually deny even knowing Christ. Jesus knows all of this and still hands him the keys. There is tremendous hope in that. Apparently Christ can build something holy even with people who remain unfinished.

Jesus does not ask Peter, "Will you ever fail again?" He asks, "Who do you say that I am?" Christianity ultimately rests not upon our flawless performance but upon the identity of the One in whom we have placed our lives. Perhaps that is one of the hidden gifts of growing older. We gradually lose the illusion that we can control everything. Strength has limits, plans change, people disappoint us, bodies become less cooperative, and life occasionally rearranges the furniture without asking permission. Yet through all of it, Christ remains.

So perhaps this Sunday Jesus is asking the question again, not because we gave the wrong answer years ago, but because after everything we have lived through, our answer can mean more now. You are the Christ. You are the One who stayed when others left. You are the One who forgave what I could not undo. You carried me through what I thought would break me. I still do not completely understand You, but I have learned to trust You. And when everything else eventually passes from my hands, You are the One into whose hands I can place myself. That may be what mature faith finally becomes: not having all the answers, but knowing whom we trust with the questions.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, I have known You in many seasons of my life,
in joy and disappointment, certainty and confusion, beginnings and goodbyes.
I still do not understand all Your ways, but I know
You have never stopped loving me.
Deepen the answer of my life until I can say with Peter,
not only with my lips but with everything I am:
You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,
and I trust You with whatever comes next. Amen.

St. Leo Food Bank

"The need has never been greater."

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,
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THESE ITEMS ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED

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- ☐ SHAMPOO/BODY WASH
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- ☐ 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.

Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers to help with food pantry distribution every other Wednesday from 9am to noon at their building on the St. Leo campus.

If you would like to help please contact Michael Vega at 239-270-3291 or mvega@ccdov.org

The St. Leo Food Bank supports Catholic Charities on our campus, Café of Life in Bonita Springs, as well as the food pantries at the parishes of Jesus the Worker (Ft. Myers), St. Margaret (Clewiston) and Our Lady Queen of Heaven (LaBelle).

If you need assistance from Catholic Charities for food, financial assistance, or tele-mental health counseling, please call 239-390-2928 between the hours of 9am-5pm Monday-Friday.

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Please remember all the infants who are in need of diapers and new clothes. Their toddler brothers and sisters grow so fast and need clothes also.

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BABIES ALWAYS NEED

- ☐ WIPES
- ☐ FORMULA
- ☐ BABY WASH
- ☐ BABY SHAMPOO
- ☐ DIAPERS (ESPECIALLY SIZE 6)



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GENERAL REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES IS CLOSED BUT --

Registration is still open if:

- You moved into the parish over the summer or,
- Your child is between the ages of 7-17 and needs to be Baptized or,
- Your child will be in High School and is in need of Confirmation or First Communion.

If you missed the general registration, please call the Religious Education Office at 992-0901.

Religious Education staff will be in the Narthex of the church after 9:30am, 11:30am and 3pm Masses this weekend to help you with registration and to answer your questions.



OCIA Registration

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Adults desiring to partake in the journey into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church are invited to take the all-important next step: Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). In addition to learning about Catholic beliefs and prayers, the OCIA focuses on faith development, maturing one's relationship with God, and building and nourishing relationships among the participants and the parish community. It was developed in the first and second centuries of the Church for those seeking Jesus Christ. For more information or to register please contact the Parish Office at 992-0901. You may read more about OCIA on our website at <https://www.stleocatholicchurch.org/rcia>

Safe Environment Training

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and complete online training in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. Please visit the Diocese of Venice website for further information.

To report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families please call 800-962-2873. Further, if Diocesan personnel or volunteers are involved, also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator Susan Benton at 941-416-6114.

Prayer For Safety In Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from tragedies like those whose memories are still vivid.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we may walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.



NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
MONDAY	AUGUST 24	
8:00 am	+Teresa Sievers	Dr. Mark Petrites
TUESDAY	AUGUST 25	
8:00 am	+James Hollbach <i>Dedicated to Respect Life</i>	Iokia Summers
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 26	
8:00 am	+Robert Pearson	Ronald Taurazas
THURSDAY	AUGUST 27	
8:00 am	+Albert Kidwell	His Loving Mother, Sally
FRIDAY	AUGUST 28	
8:00 am	+Frank Tornincaso Jr.	The Tornincaso Family
SATURDAY	AUGUST 29	
8:00 am	+Andrew & +Dan Doyle	Their Loving Mother
3:30 pm	+Jill Nolden	Bill & Mary Yeomans
5:30 pm	The Parishioners of St. Leo	
SUNDAY	AUGUST 30	
7:30 am	+Cathleen M Harrick	Her Loving Husband, G Thomas Harrick
9:30 am	+Carol Lee Tedesco	Her Loving Husband & Family
11:30 am	+Steven Eugene Cook	Anthony Alba & Family
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	+Sharon Valus	Joseph & Carmen Coury



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Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 2-3pm in church.

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 & 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-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 all to join us in these wonderful prayers.

ST LEO'S RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The monthly meetings which are held in the Nest Café on the last Friday of each month at 9am will break for the summer and **resume on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th.** For questions contact Loretta at 917.886.7273 or Peggy at 239.293.3201.



Names remain on our prayer list for 30 days and troop list for 6 months.

To add names or update information call the Office at 992-0901 or email: chernandez@stleocatholicchurch.org

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Father Tim
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 from his recent knee
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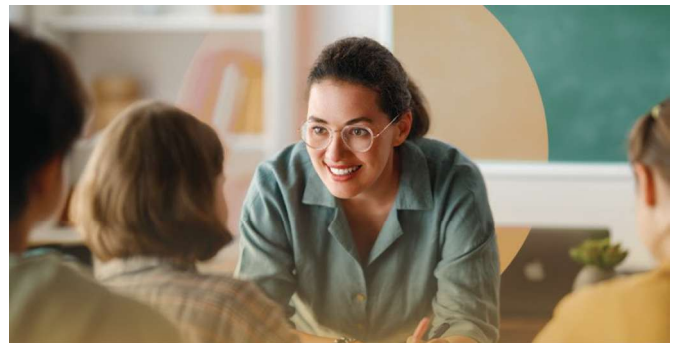


All young people of the parish are invited to participate in our special dance presentation to take place at the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. As we celebrate our love, faith and devotion to our Blessed Mother, we have a wonderful opportunity to offer our talents through dance. Whether you have dance experience or simply a desire to participate, we encourage you to join us. Rehearsals take place on Mondays from 7-9pm in the parking lot of the Juan Diego building. For information contact Tony Garcia at 239-908-1173.



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NOTAS EN ESPAÑOL



El obispo Emilio visitará St. Leo esta semana

Nos complace dar la bienvenida al obispo Emilio Biosca Agüero a la parroquia de San Leo **este viernes 28 de agosto**, como parte de sus visitas pastorales a las parroquias de nuestra diócesis. Durante su visita, el obispo Emilio compartirá tiempo con los sacerdotes y el personal parroquial mientras conoce más a fondo la vida y los ministerios de nuestra comunidad.

Antes de dirigirse a su siguiente parroquia, el obispo Emilio ha aceptado amablemente dedicar un tiempo a nuestros feligreses. Les invitamos cordialmente a pasar por el **Nest Café de 1:30 a 2:30 pm** para disfrutar de una taza de café, saludar a nuestro nuevo obispo y darle la bienvenida personalmente a San León. Esperamos que nos acompañen en esta oportunidad informal para conocer al obispo Emilio.

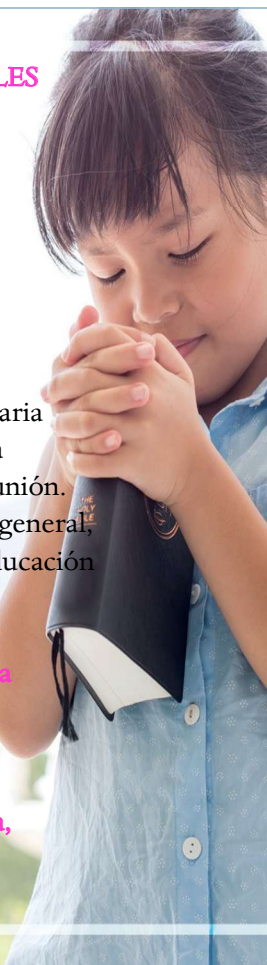
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Se invita a todos los jóvenes de la parroquia a participar en nuestra presentación especial de danza, que tendrá lugar durante la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el 12 de diciembre. Al celebrar nuestro amor, fe y devoción a nuestra Santísima Madre, tenemos una oportunidad maravillosa de ofrecer nuestros talentos a través de la danza. Ya sea que tenga experiencia en baile o simplemente el deseo de participar, le animamos a unirse a nosotros. Los ensayos se llevan a cabo los lunes, de 7 pm a 9 pm, en el estacionamiento del edificio Juan Diego. Para más información, comuníquese con Tony García al 239-908-1173.





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