

# 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.*

*August 24, 2025*



Master of Saint Augustine | Scenes from the Life of Saint Augustine of Hippo |  
Netherlandish | The Metropolitan Museum of Art | Feast Day August 28

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WWW.STLEOCATHOLICCHURCH.ORG • OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 AM - 4 PM  
DAILY MASS: MONDAY-SATURDAY: 8 AM • CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 2-3PM

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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 Rev. Mr. Joel Livingston .....Deacon

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# Parish Church Support

Thank you for your  
continued generosity!

The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

August 14 & 15

\$4,399

August 16 & 17

\$18,610

# 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.

## 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 at 2pm on Saturday in English 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 - 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](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/vocations)

## ONLINE GIVING

[WWW.STLEOCATHOLICCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.STLEOCATHOLICCHURCH.ORG)

# 2025 CFA Congratulations !

Now that we have reached 100% of the  
Diocesan goal we have an opportunity to  
help St. Leo even more. Every dollar in  
excess of the goal, up to 25% will be  
returned to the parish assessment free!



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

Contributions to date...\$847,517

Our Pledges.....\$857,211

Pledge Goal Attained...129.10%

= 10% of Goal

## Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 30

3:30 pm

Fr. Stan

5:30 pm

Fr. Stan

Sunday, August 231

7:30 am

Fr. Jack

9:30 am

Fr. Jack

11:30 am

Fr. Jarek

3:00 pm-Spanish

Fr. Raul

5:00 pm

Fr. Raul

Changes may occur without notice.



# Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

**Sunday, August 24—Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **The Narrow Gate**

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate” (Luke 13:24)

Jesus does not promise wide, well-paved highways into heaven. Instead, He talks about a narrow gate that requires effort, humility, and trust. It is not a ticket line where we can wave our church attendance card and slide right in. It is a relationship, one where He must know us.

We like shortcuts. GPS routes, quick recipes, even “five easy steps” to happiness. But discipleship is not a shortcut. It is a daily choice to walk with Jesus, even when the road feels uphill. Isaiah assures us that God gathers people from every nation. Hebrews reminds us discipline bears fruit. And Jesus tells us the Kingdom is worth every effort, even when the door seems narrow.

The good news is the gate is not narrow to keep people out but to teach us to lay aside what will not fit through: pride, selfishness, grudges, baggage we thought we needed. Travel light, He says, and you will make it home.

***Prayer:** Lord, help me not to be discouraged by the narrowness of the gate. Teach me to travel light, with faith, love, and hope as my only baggage. Amen. Isaiah 66:18–21; Psalm 117; Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13; Luke 13:22–30*

**Monday, August 25**

## **When Faith Gets Practical**

“Our Gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power” (1 Thessalonians 1:5)

The Thessalonians impressed Paul not by their slogans but by their transformed lives. Faith had seeped into their choices, their endurance, their way of loving each other. It was not theory. It was testimony on legs.

Jesus, on the other hand, calls out the Pharisees for turning religion into a performance. They locked the Kingdom door with rules while ignoring the very people those rules were meant to serve. Hypocrisy is always easier to spot in others than in ourselves, which is why it stings when we recognize it in the mirror.

Faith, when lived, is practical. It looks like patience with difficult people, kindness in traffic, honesty when no one is watching. It does not just sound holy; it quietly shines.

***Prayer:** Lord, save me from a faith that is all words and no power. Make my life itself a reflection of the Gospel. Amen. 1 Thessalonians 1:1–5, 8b–10; Psalm 149; Matthew 23:13–22*

**Tuesday, August 26**

## **Cleaning the Inside First**

“Cleanse first the inside of the cup” (Matthew 23:26)

Jesus’ image is striking. The Pharisees scrubbed the outside of the cup until it gleamed, but the inside remained a mess. We might chuckle, but we know the feeling. How many times do we look put-together on the outside while anxiety, bitterness, or pride brews inside?

Paul reminds the Thessalonians that he did not use flattery or greed but shared the Gospel with sincerity, like a nursing mother caring for her children. His inside matched his outside. That kind of integrity is rare and refreshing.

When God calls us to “cleanse the inside,” it is not about shame. It is about freedom. He is not interested in spotless dishes stacked on a shelf; He wants vessels ready to carry His love into the world.

***Prayer:** Jesus, shine Your light inside me. Cleanse what is hidden so my heart and my actions speak the same truth. Amen. 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8; Psalm 139; Matthew 23:23–26*

**Wednesday, August 27**

## **Hidden Bones**

“You are like whitewashed tombs” (Matthew 23:27)

It is one of Jesus’ sharpest images. The Pharisees looked spotless outside but carried decay inside. Before we shake our heads at them, we might admit that we too know how to put on a “holy face” even when our hearts are elsewhere.

Paul, however, recalls working day and night so he would not burden anyone. His integrity was not painted on; it was lived. And today we honor Saint Monica, who prayed for her wayward son Augustine for decades. She did not rely on appearances. She went straight to God with her tears, and those prayers shaped one of the greatest saints in history.

The lesson is simple: honesty before God matters more than polish before people. Better to bring our mess to the Lord than to bury it beneath a painted surface.

***Prayer:** Lord, keep me from polishing the outside while neglecting the inside. Teach me the humility of Saint Monica, who trusted You to do what she could not. Amen. 1 Thessalonians 2:9–13; Psalm 139; Matthew 23:27–32*

**Thursday, August 28**

## **Stay Awake**

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

We all know the groggy feeling of staying up too late and then trying to function the next day. Jesus warns us not to sleepwalk through faith. Complacency is as dangerous to the soul as drowsiness is on the highway. Paul prays that the Thessalonians abound in love so their hearts may be strong and blameless. That is how to “stay awake.” It is not about paranoia but about readiness. Augustine, whose feast we celebrate today, once prayed, “Lord, make me chaste—but not yet.” He eventually learned that holiness delayed is often holiness denied.

The point is not to live in fear of the Lord’s arrival but to live so in love with Him that His coming is not an interruption but the fulfillment of our deepest hope.

***Prayer:** Lord, wake me up where I have grown drowsy in faith. Keep me ready, not by fear, but by love. Amen. 1 Thessalonians 3:7–13; Psalm 90; Matthew 24:42–51*

**Friday, August 29**

## **A Costly Yes**

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

John the Baptist had a way of saying things no one wanted to hear. He told Herod the truth about his marriage, and it cost him his head. Sometimes the price of faithfulness is high.

Paul reminds us that God calls us to holiness, not impurity. Holiness may sound lofty, but at its core it is about belonging wholly to God. John belonged so wholly to God that no fear or flattery could sway him.

Our culture may not put prophets in prison, but it still pressures us to silence our convictions.

The witness of John reminds us that truth may be costly, but compromise is costlier. Better to lose your head than to lose your soul.

***Prayer:** Lord, give me the courage to speak Your truth with love, even when it costs me. May I live so fully for You that no compromise feels worth the trade. Amen. 1 Thessalonians 4:1–8; Psalm 97; Mark 6:17–29*

**Saturday, August 30**

## **Bury or Multiply**

“Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more” (Matthew 25:20)

The parable of the talents makes us squirm a little. We might sympathize with the servant who buried his coin—at least he did not lose it! But the master calls him lazy, not cautious. God did not give us gifts to bury them but to invest them in love.

Paul urges the Thessalonians to live tranquil lives, to work with their hands, and to love one another. Sometimes we overcomplicate “using our talents.” It does not always mean grand achievements. It can be as simple as putting love into ordinary work, turning daily labor into prayer.

The tragedy is not starting small. The tragedy is never starting. God is not asking for perfection, only faithfulness. Even a little courage can double the gift.

***Prayer:** Lord, help me resist the urge to bury what You have given. Teach me to risk love and trust You with the return. Amen. 1 Thessalonians 4:9–11; Psalm 98; Matthew 25:14–30*



# Travel Light, Enter Freely

By Father Jarek

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 66:18–21 | Psalm 117 | Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13 | Luke 13:22–30

Airline baggage fees have taught us all one thing: it is expensive to carry too much. Stand by the check in counter at any airport and you will see the drama unfold: people unzipping overstuffed suitcases, shifting shoes into backpacks, wearing three jackets at once to avoid the extra charge. The message is clear: travel light if you want to move forward.

Jesus must have known this when He described the Kingdom of God as a “narrow door.” It is not wide enough for everything we insist on dragging with us. Pride does not fit. Resentment does not fit. The oversized carry on of self importance does not fit. God’s invitation, as Isaiah tells us, is global and generous: *all nations* are summoned to the banquet. But when it comes to actually entering, the doorway is not accommodating of our baggage. Heaven does not charge fees; it simply requires us to let go.

## When the Door Feels Too Narrow

At first, this teaching feels discouraging. Why would God make the way so tight, so difficult? Shouldn’t heaven be a wide open gate? But think of it this way: the door is narrow not because God enjoys watching us squirm, but because heaven is about communion, and communion requires transformation.

Imagine a family reunion where everyone brings their grudges, their old arguments, their “I never liked Aunt Martha anyway” attitudes. That would not be a feast of joy, it would be a battlefield with potato salad. God does not allow that into His banquet. He insists on a doorway that forces us to leave behind what poisons community.

## Hebrews and the Spiritual Fitness Plan

Hebrews 12 gives us the training program for this journey. God’s discipline, it says, is painful in the moment but fruitful in the long run, producing “the peaceful fruit of righteousness.” In other words, the Father loves us enough to make us strong travelers.

It is like spiritual weight loss training. None of us enjoy the workout, pruning habits, enduring setbacks, facing our flaws, but every rep sheds another ounce of pride, another pound of selfishness. Slowly, the soul slims down, not for vanity’s sake, but to fit through the narrow door. God is not the customs officer searching our bags for contraband. He is the coach urging us to travel light, so when we reach the threshold, we can walk in free.



## Surprises at the Door

Jesus adds a twist: some who assumed they had front row tickets will find themselves outside, while others from east and west, north and south, will stream in. That is a warning to those who think mere proximity, hearing sermons, attending services, belonging to the right group, is enough. Faith is not about standing in the right line. It is about living in relationship with Christ, allowing Him to trim, shape, and lighten us for the journey.

And here is the delightful part: heaven's banquet will surprise us. The guest list will be more diverse than we imagined. That quiet neighbor, the stranger we overlooked, the person who seemed last in line may be reclining at the table before us. God's welcome is wide, but the doorway reminds us not to swagger in, stuffed with self assurance.

## Practicing Luggage Checks Now

So what can we do while we are still on this side of the journey? Practice daily "luggage checks." Ask:

1. Am I carrying resentment that does not belong?
2. Am I dragging self pity or arrogance that slows me down?
3. Am I trying to squeeze in luxuries of comfort and distraction that keep me from real prayer?

Unpack them now. Travel lighter today than you did yesterday. It is far less stressful to sort baggage in the quiet of prayer than in the commotion of eternity's check in line.

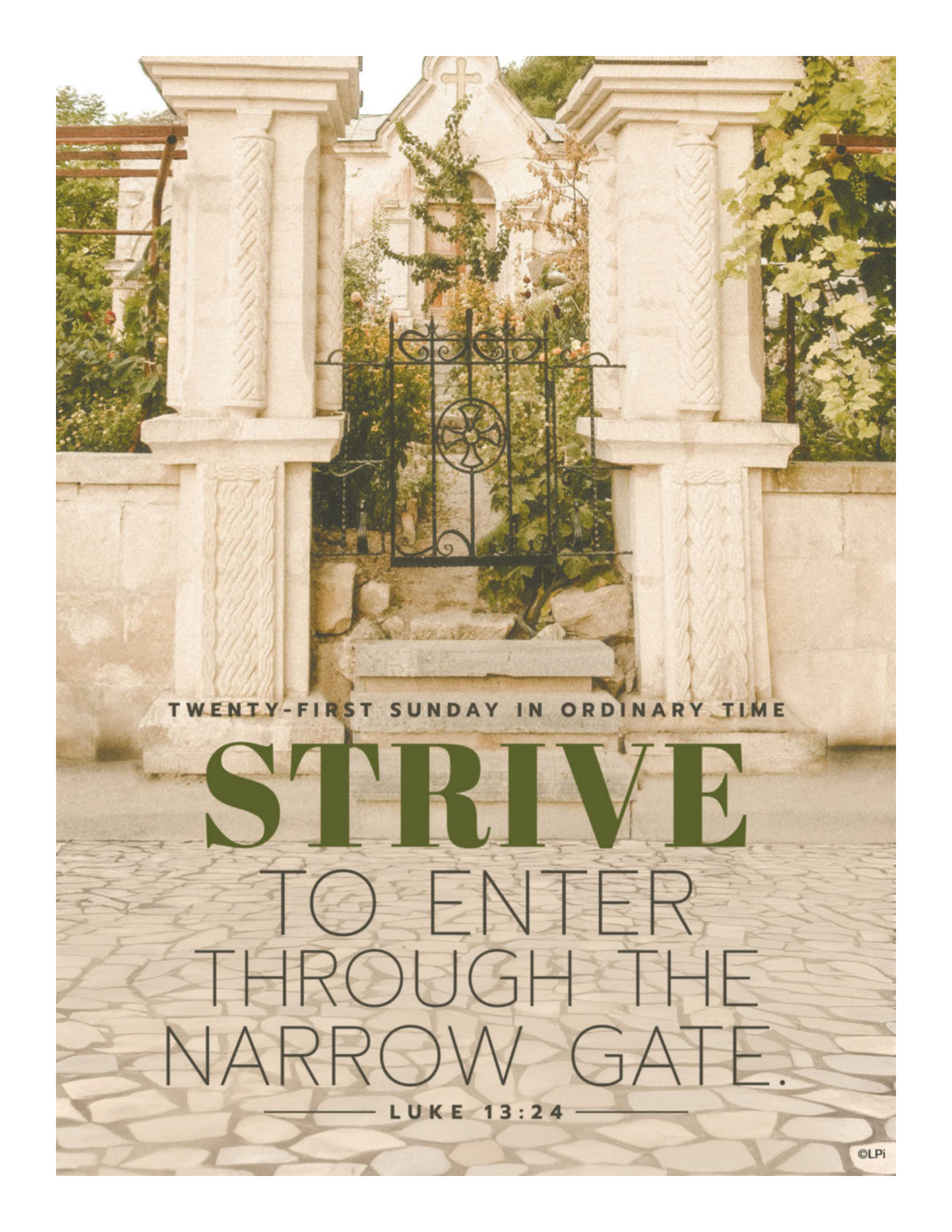
## The Great Surprise of Traveling Light

Isaiah envisions people of every nation gathered in joy. The psalm echoes: "*Praise the Lord, all you nations!*" The welcome is expansive, the table endless. Yet Luke's Gospel reminds us the doorway into that celebration is narrow. We cannot muscle our way in, nor can we bring along the heavy bags of pride and sin.

The great surprise is that the lighter we travel, the freer and happier we become. The very things we thought we could not live without turn out to be the weights that exhausted us. The narrow door is not punishment; it is mercy. It ensures that only what is good, true, and loving passes through.

So yes, heaven's door may be narrow, but if we let God help us unpack along the way, we will discover the joy of walking through unburdened, our arms free to embrace the feast that awaits. And this time, no one will charge us extra for excess baggage, because there simply will not be any left to carry.





TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**STRIVE**  
TO ENTER  
THROUGH THE  
NARROW GATE.

— LUKE 13:24 —





## Project Rachel Support After Abortion

Are you or someone you know struggling because of a past abortion? You are not alone! Know that healing retreats and support are available for anyone who has experienced an abortion, including mothers, fathers and other family members who have been hurt.

To learn more, call or text 941-412-5860  
or email [project.rachel@diocese](mailto:project.rachel@diocese),  
in either English or Spanish.  
All contacts are confidential.

## FORMED



We are pleased to provide for all our parishioners 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.

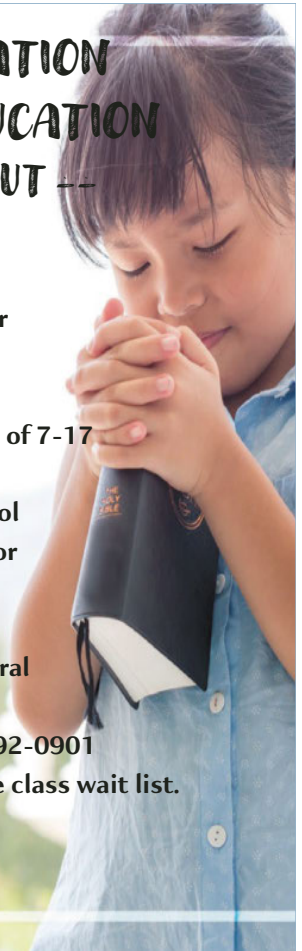
To access FORMED choose the link on our website, search "St Leo Bonita" to find us in the drop box, and sign up for your own account.

## 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

Parents, if you missed the general registration, please call the Religious Education Office at 992-0901 to have your child placed on the class wait list.



## St. Leo's Respect Life Ministry



### The September Respect Life Mission- Welcoming and Caring for the Stranger... Human Dignity and Solidarity

Please join co-chairs Loretta Ede & Peggy Davis at the monthly meeting, this Friday, August 29th, in Nest Cafe immediately after 8am Mass. All are welcome to attend, join in prayerful support of the Respect Life Ministry, and participate in a discussion of our September mission which leads us "to see every encounter with a stranger as a moment of grace and a chance to meet Christ Himself in disguise." (Pope Leo XIV)

The response was so beautiful for our June Care Totes for Adults that the domestic abuse shelter we serviced asked if we could provide **Care Totes for Kids** also! Knowing of your support we agreed to make this our September project. Many women and their children who flee dangerous situations have nothing but courage, and the hope of finding safety. Your generosity and prayers will remind families going through difficult times that they are cared about and we are praying for them.

Please label your bag "KIDS Care Tote Project" and drop it off at the parish office by the end of this month. Members of the Respect Life Committee will hand deliver the totes to the children at the Naples Shelter in early September.

Suggestions to fill you bag include: school supplies, crayons and coloring books, reading books, healthy snacks, small games, kids shampoos and conditioners, hand sanitizers, fun pump soaps, or small toys for their pets. Children for this project range in age from infant through middle school.

Our goal is to extend a hand of welcome to those who have been forced to flee their homes, enabling them to find safety and dignity and to ensure that no one feels like a stranger in our midst.





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-3pm.**

## THESE ITEMS ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED

### MOST 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.**

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).

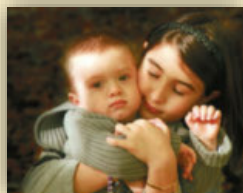
**If you need assistance from Catholic Charities for food, financial assistance, or tele-mental health counseling, please call 239-390-2928 between the hours of 9am-5pm Monday-Friday.**

### TO DONATE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND CLOTHING BRING THEM TO:

Our Lady of Light Thrift Shop  
24600 S. Tamiami Tr. Ste. 600A (992-1576)

St. Vincent de Paul Resale Shop  
3725 Bonita Beach Road (992-1899)

## The Perpetual Baby Shower



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.

The Ladies of St. Leo Guild thank all of you for your past support. Contributions may be left in the donation boxes at the doors of the church or taken to the parish office.

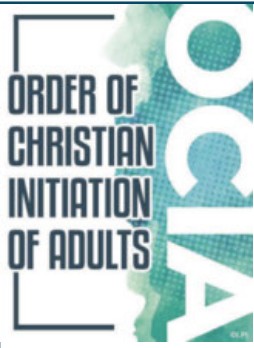
## BABIES ALWAYS NEED

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



**WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY!**





## Are You Considering Joining the Catholic Church?

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>

Faith That Meets You Where You Are

### JOURNEY TOGETHER IN FAITH AND HOPE



If you enjoy Fr. Jarek's reflections in the bulletin, take your faith journey further at [CatholicJourneyToday.com](http://CatholicJourneyToday.com) a site created with you in mind. Discover daily reflections, inspiring homilies, faith-filled articles, and enriching courses in Scripture and Catholic catechism. Whether you seek Spiritual insights, practical wisdom, or a quiet space for reflection, you'll find it here.

Visit [CatholicJourneyToday.com](http://CatholicJourneyToday.com) and continue growing in faith—one reflection at a time

## Our Capital Improvement Fund

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.

More recently 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.

## 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.



## We Pray for the Recently Deceased of Our Parish

Thomas J. Yurco  
Maggie Stott  
James Henry LaVelle



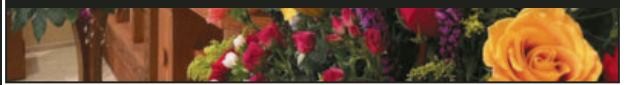
## NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 25</b>	
8:00 am	+Sharon Brooks Dedicated to Respect Life	The Ott Family
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 26</b>	
8:00 am	+Peter Fostines	Steve & Marylou Spoerl
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 27</b>	
8:00 am	+ Jerry Zelenak	Sal & Joan Tassone
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 28</b>	
8:00 am	+Tony Lapasso	Pat & Elaine Yochum
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 29</b>	
8:00 am	+Cynthia Morrongiello	Mr. & Mrs. William Ribble
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 30</b>	
8:00 am	+Kim Harvey	The Misek Family
3:30 pm	+Carolina Moreno	Maria & George
5:30 pm	The Parishioners of St. Leo	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 31</b>	
7:30 am	+Peggy Hennibusch	Her Friends, Carol & Bruce Miller
9:30 am	+Thomas Ward	Marie Corrigan
11:30 am	+Dr. Frank Pugliesi	Barbara Cavanaugh
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	+Arthur Quartermaine	Kathy & Joe DeChiaro



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	Joseph McDermond
Brian Dearcia Leon	Daniel McDonald
Michael DeSantis	Cpt. Kyle Martin
Cpt. Mary Kate Flynn	Michael Oliveira
Lt. Thomas A. Flynn	Sgt. Thomas Pauls
Cpt. Sean Flynn	Nick Parrorzio
Thomas Geanuracos	Sean Michael Perry
Carlos Gonzales	Cpt. Evan Razzano
Lt. Andrew D. Holt	Lt. Riley N. Schliem
Brian Howlett	Lt. Col. Jonathan W. Schwarz
Lt. Com. Matthew Kleine	Lt. Col. Peter Shayhorn
Reed Lessman	<i>All serving in the military,</i>
Lt. Col. Nicholas LoRusso	<i>especially those in combat.</i>

### *We pray today for...*

Tom Bardol	Pauline McKeen
Sister Mary Bernadete OP	Misaela Mendiola Sandoval
Dave Bowezs	Jose Manuel Meraz
Tom Brown	Jay Miller
Denise Buk	Linda Mizeur
Isabelle Marie Caiola	Paul Modzelewski
Patrick Cain	Jay Morgan
Carol Compagna	Gayle Mulford
Mark Chambers	Deborah Muñiz
Mickey Chervitz	Audrey Grace Neeley
Kevin Clark	Kathleen Nelson
Scott Cochell	Paul Nippist
Lourdes Coll	Rita Off
Eli Davis	Paul Orzech
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### Eucharistic Adoration

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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 Mornings 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](http://www.stleocatholicchurch.org)

### The Sewing, Knitting & Crocheting Group

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### 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.



### ST LEO'S RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Meetings are held in the Nest Café  
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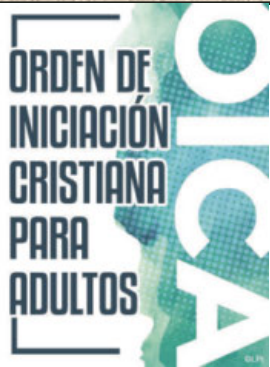


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## *Oración para la Temporada de Huracanes*

O Dios, Señor de este mundo pasajero, escucha la humilde voz de tus hijos. El Mar de Galilea obedeció tu orden y volvió a su anterior quietud. Tu todavía eres el Señor de tierra y mar.

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Durante esta temporada de huracanes acudimos a Ti, ó Padre Misericordioso. Libranos de tragedias como las pasadas que están tan vivas en nuestra memoria y cuyas heridas rehúsan ser curadas con el paso del tiempo.

O Virgen, Estrella del Mar, nuestra amada Madre, te pedimos que intercedas ante tu Hijo por nosotros, para que nos libre de las calamidades comunes a esta área, y animados con un verdadero espíritu de gratitudes caminemos en los pasos de tu Divino Hijo para llegar a la Jerusalén Celestial, donde una eternidad sin tormentas nos espera. Amen

## Conozca sus Derechos de Inmigración

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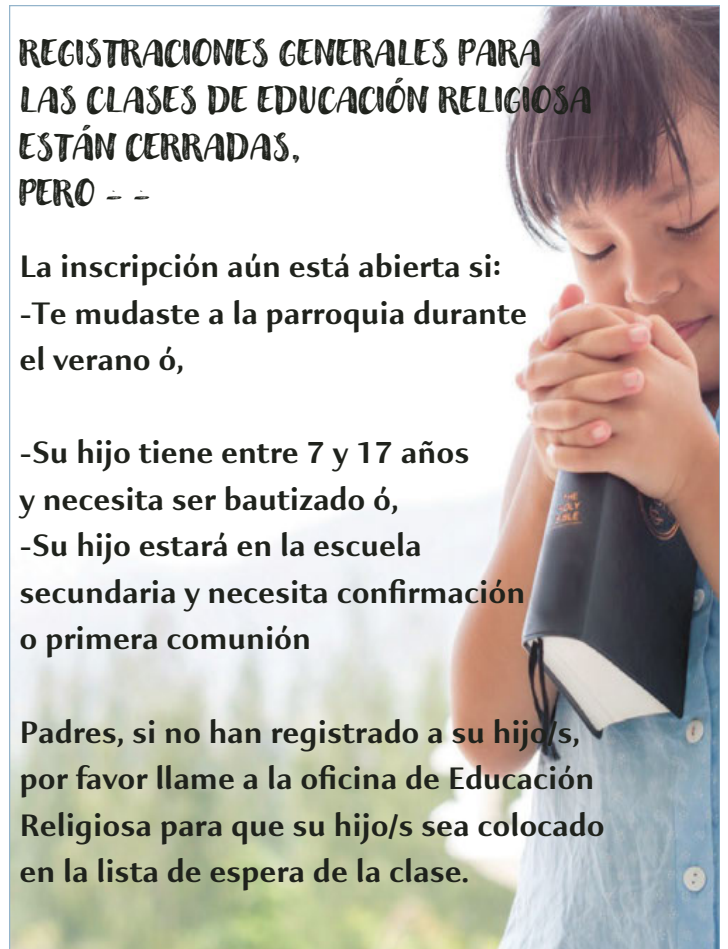
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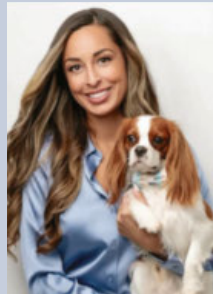
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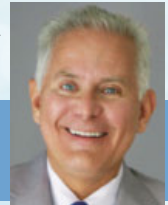
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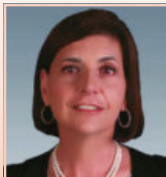
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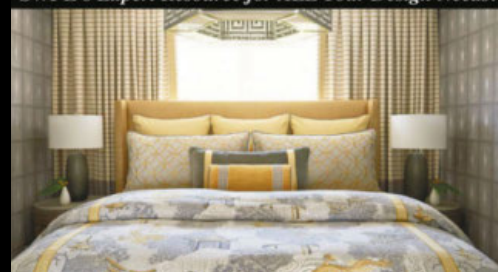


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