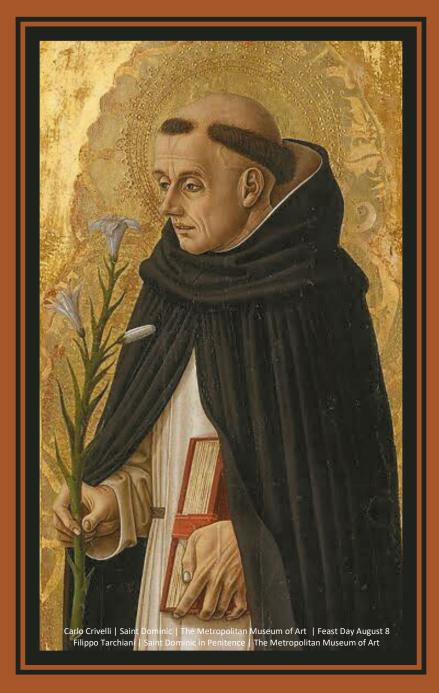


We are a welcoming Catholic Community called by God to live out the message of Christ in love and service to all people.

August 3, 2025



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# Parish St.

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# 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.

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.

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

#### 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 vour 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.

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

#### ONLINE GIVING 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...\$807,333 Our Pledges.....\$818,252



= 10% of Goal

Pledge Goal Attained...123.23%

#### Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 9 3:30 pm

Fr. Jack Fr. Jack 5:30 pm

Sunday, August 10

7:30 am Fr. Stan 9:30 am Fr. Stan Fr. Jarek 11:30 am

1:30 pm-Polish Fr. Jarek 3:00 pm-Spanish Fr. Raul 5:00 pm Fr. Raul





# Sunday, August 3, 2025 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time The Barn That Never Got Built

"You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you." (Luke 12:20) If life had a soundtrack, the rich man in today's Gospel would be humming "Don't Stop Believin'" while drawing up blueprints for his bigger barn. And honestly? He's not evil—he's just efficient. Planning ahead, storing smart, living the dream... until God crashes the party.

Qoheleth, the patron saint of midlife crises, calls it all "vanity." Because at the end of the day (and sometimes at the end of this day), the barn, the bonus, and the beachfront condo can't follow us into eternity.

What can? Love. Mercy. That phone call you finally returned. That quiet "yes" to God's will when no one was looking.

#### Prayer

Lord, before I rearrange my garage or upgrade my storage plan, teach me to invest in what won't rust, fade, or turn into clutter. Help me be rich in what matters most to You. Amen.

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21–23; Psalm 90; Colossians 3:1–5, 9–11; Luke 12:13–21

#### Monday, August 4, 2025

#### Memorial of Saint John Vianney

#### Running on Empty (and Still Showing Up)

"Where can I get meat to give to all this people?" (Numbers 11:13)

Moses is not having a good day. The people are hangry. The manna's gone bland. And Moses, stretched thinner than a burnt pancake, hits his limit.

His prayer? "Lord, either fix this or take me now."

God doesn't scold him. He doesn't roll His eyes. He simply listens.
Saint John Vianney, too, faced the weight of shepherding souls—often
misunderstood, frequently exhausted, and occasionally mocked for being
"too simple." But he kept showing up.

Sometimes faith isn't elegant. Sometimes it's just dragging yourself to the next prayer, sighing, "Okay, Lord—You first."

#### Prayer

Jesus, when I'm running on fumes and patience is a memory, meet me in my limits. Be my strength when I have none left to fake. Amen.

Numbers 11:4b-15; Psalm 81; Matthew 14:13-21

#### Tuesday, August 5, 2025

#### Why Did You Doubt?

"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:31)

Peter walked on water. Briefly. Then he panicked, flailed, and flopped. But let's give the man credit—he actually stepped out of the boat.

Most of us are still clinging to the rail, debating the wind speed and calculating risk.

Yes, Peter sank. But he also cried out—and Jesus caught him. That's the Gospel: not perfection, but proximity. Not flawless faith, but a flailing hand reaching for Christ.

And bonus: Jesus didn't wait for him to swim back. He just grabbed him mid-sink, like a lifeguard with perfect timing and no clipboard.

#### Praye

Lord, thank You for not requiring Olympic-level faith. When I start to sink, remind me that I'm still within arm's reach of grace. Amen.

Numbers 12:1–13; Psalm 51; Matthew 14:22–36

#### Wednesday, August 6, 2025 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

#### Shining in the Dark

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"This is my beloved Son... listen to him." (Luke 9:35)

It's a holy flashbulb moment—Jesus glowing, Moses and Elijah chatting, Peter trying to build tents like it's a camping trip. It's divine splendor meets very human awkwardness.

But here's the heart of the Transfiguration: it wasn't meant to be permanent. It was a glimpse. A grace. A preview of glory before the shadow of the Cross.

We all need those moments—the retreat high, the answered prayer, the tearful "God is real" moment. But faith is grown not on the mountain, but in the valley—when the light is gone, and we choose to keep walking.

#### Prayer

God of glory and dust, thank You for the light that lifts and the shadows that shape. Help me listen for Your voice when the cloud comes in. Amen. Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14; Psalm 97; 2 Peter 1:16–19; Luke 9:28b–36

#### Thursday, August 7, 2025

#### When Even Moses Messes Up

"You shall not lead this community into the land." (Numbers 20:12) Moses, the man who parted the sea and survived forty years of Israelite complaints, has a moment. He strikes the rock when God told him to speak. Water gushes. So does divine disappointment.

Why so harsh? Because God wasn't just quenching thirst—He was teaching trust. And Moses let his temper narrate instead of his faith.

But don't miss the grace: Moses still remains God's friend. Still revered. Still remembered.

Even great leaders get it wrong. The key is to fall forward—into mercy.

#### Prayer

Father, in my moments of frustration, help me to pause, breathe, and listen. Let obedience—not ego—guide my actions. And when I fail, let me fall into Your grace. Amen.

Numbers 20:1–13; Psalm 95; Matthew 16:13–23

#### Friday, August 8, 2025

#### **Memorial of Saint Dominic**

#### Truth on Fire

"Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it." (Matthew 16:25)
Saint Dominic didn't go viral. He didn't trend. He didn't shout. He walked through villages, preached with clarity, and let truth speak through his life.
Jesus reminds us: chasing comfort will cost you everything. But losing yourself in love—that's when you find real life.

Truth doesn't need an echo chamber. It needs a heart willing to burn—quietly, consistently, and without fear of the fallout.

Live the kind of truth that makes people pause and say, "Whatever they've got—I want it."

#### Prayer

Jesus, strip away my need to impress, defend, or dominate. Let my life whisper truth louder than my lips ever could. Amen. Deuteronomy 4:32–40; Psalm 77; Matthew 16:24–28

#### Saturday, August 9, 2025

#### Don't Forget Who Got You Here

"Take care not to forget the Lord." (Deuteronomy 6:12)

It's easy to remember God when we're desperate. But when the fridge is full, the job is stable, and we've found the right side of the pillow? That's when spiritual amnesia sets in.

Moses knew this. He warned the Israelites: don't let blessings breed forgetfulness. Gratitude isn't just a nice feeling—it's a lifeline to humility. The more we remember who brought us here, the more we'll live like people who belong to Him. Even our success becomes sacred when we trace the fingerprints of God through it.

#### Prayer

Lord, don't let me be so comfortable that I forget the One who carried me through the storm. Let gratitude keep me grounded—and generous. Amen. Deuteronomy 6:4–13; Psalm 18; Matthew 17:14–20

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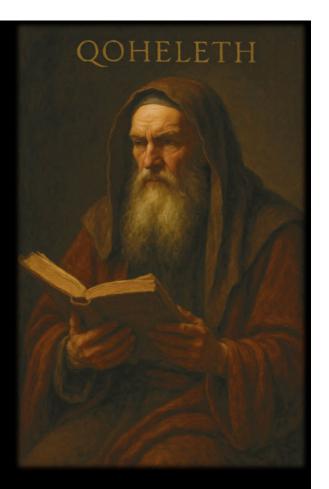
# **Everything Is Hevel: Letting Go of Control in a Chaotic World**

"Hevel of hevels," says Qoheleth. "All is hevel."
—Ecclesiastes 1:2

There's a word in Scripture that defies easy translation. In Hebrew, it's *hevel*. English Bibles often render it as "vanity," but that doesn't quite capture its essence. *Hevel* means vapor, mist, breath on a cold morning—something that appears solid for a moment, only to vanish as you reach for it.

Qoheleth, the enigmatic voice behind Ecclesiastes, uses this word again and again. Not just to describe luxury or lust, but *everything*—work, wisdom, pleasure, even justice. It's all *hevel*, he says. Elusive. Insubstantial. Uncontrollable. At first glance, it sounds cynical—like the rantings of a burned-out philosopher. But if we listen more closely, we hear not despair, but invitation. Qoheleth isn't trying to make us hopeless. He's trying to free us—from the illusion that we are in control.

And in a world as anxious, ambitious, and overwhelmed as ours, that might be the most liberating message we could hear.



#### **The Illusion of Control**

We live in an age obsessed with control. We track our steps, monitor our sleep, and schedule every hour. We Google symptoms before the doctor does. We plan for retirement in our thirties, optimize our kids' success before they're ten, and believe—with enough effort—we can engineer the perfect life.

But then life happens.

The diagnosis comes. The job disappears. The weather turns. The child we raised in faith walks away from it. The marriage we thought was solid unravels. We pray, we plead, we work harder—but the outcome doesn't obey our scripts.

And suddenly, the illusion cracks. We realize we don't have control—we never did. We just had the comforting illusion of it

Qoheleth stands at that crack, not to gloat, but to guide. He tells us: don't build your peace on what can vanish. Don't stake your soul on what you can't hold. The world is not a machine you can master. It's *hevel*. And learning to live with that is not defeat—it's wisdom.

#### When Plans Fall Apart

Ecclesiastes speaks directly to the weary planner, the grieving parent, the burned-out perfectionist. Not with easy answers, but with sacred permission to admit: I don't have control. And maybe that's not a curse. Maybe that's where God meets me.

There's something strangely beautiful about *hevel*. Like breath on a mirror, it's fleeting—but it reflects light while it lasts. In other words, *hevel* doesn't mean that life is meaningless. It means it's fragile. And that fragility is what makes it holy.

The parable in Luke 12 of the man who builds bigger barns echoes Qoheleth's wisdom. He had plans. He was responsible. He was successful. But he forgot the one truth he couldn't control: time. "You fool," says God. "This very night your life will be demanded of you." Not because planning is evil—but because eternity isn't measured in barns. Qoheleth would nod. "Exactly," he'd say. "That man chased control. But life is not in your grasp. It's in God's hands."

#### A Spiritual Surrender

What if the goal isn't to master life—but to marvel at it? Qoheleth calls us to trade the illusion of control for the art of surrender. Not passive resignation, but active trust. Not giving up, but letting go—of the need to fix, to force, to foresee every outcome.

This is what Psalm 46 means when it says, "Be still, and know that I am God." Not "be passive," but "stop grasping." Stop trying to play God in your own story. Breathe. Let the mist swirl. Trust the One who sees through it all. St. Teresa of Avila, who lived in a world far from calm, once wrote: "Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you. All things are passing; God never changes." That is Ecclesiastes in mystical form. Everything is hevel. But God is not.

#### Finding Peace in the Vapor

So how do we live this wisdom?

We begin by noticing when we're clenching. That mental white-knuckling that says: "If I just try harder, I can hold this together." The truth is, some things fall apart no matter how hard we try. But God is still there in the pieces. We let go of the myth that we can prevent all suffering. Or guarantee success. Or "fix" the people we love. Instead, we start showing up to life—not to control it, but to *receive* it. As gift. As grace. As *hevel* kissed by eternity. And when the fear creeps back in, we remember: control was never ours to begin with. But peace? That's a different story. Peace is what comes after we surrender.

#### When You Can't Hold It Together

If you're in a season where life feels fragile—where nothing is working the way you planned—Qoheleth has a seat for you. He doesn't demand you fake optimism. He just invites you to see clearly: This world is mist. But there's meaning

You may not be able to fix your finances, your family, or your future. But you *can* trust the One who holds the wind in His fist. You can cry. You can breathe. You can pray. And you can remember that in a world full of hevel, you are still known and loved.

That's the gift Ecclesiastes offers. Not false certainty, but a quiet courage:

To live each day with open hands.

To find beauty in the fleeting.

To trust God with what you can't control.

#### Final Thought: What Hevel Teaches the Heart

Qoheleth closes his strange, poetic book not with despair, but with a distilled truth: "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole of man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

In the end, what lasts is not the life we control, but the life we surrender.

What matters is not how much we hold, but how well we love.

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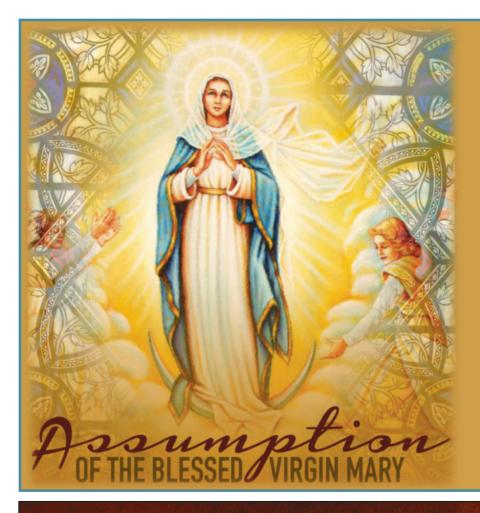
And in the mist, that is more than enough.

#### A Prayer for Letting Go

Lord, I don't always understand the turns my life takes. Plans unravel, time slips through my hands, and the things I thought were certain prove fragile. Teach me to let go—not in fear, but in faith. When I grasp for control, remind me that You are God and I am not. When I chase security in things that vanish, turn my eves back to what endures: Your love. Your mercy. Your presence in the mist. Help me breathe deeply, trust freely, and live each day with open hands. Even when life feels like vapor, let me rest in the One who never changes. Amen.







VIGIL MASS THURSDAY, AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00PM

FRIDAY,
AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>
MASSES AT
8:00AM,
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**Special Mass in Polish – August 10** 

We are deeply honored to welcome His Excellency Archbishop Mieczysław Mokrzycki, Metropolitan of Lviv and former personal secretary to Saint John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. He will celebrate a special Mass in Polish next Sunday, August 10 at 1:30 PM, in addition to our regularly scheduled liturgy on Sunday, August 17 at 1:30 PM.

All are warmly invited to a reception in the Nest Café following the liturgy an opportunity for fellowship and to personally greet the Archbishop.

Uroczysta Msza Święta w języku polskim – 10 sierpnia

Z radością i zaszczytem zapraszamy na dodatkową Mszę Świętą w języku polskim w niedzielę, 10 sierpnia o godz. 13:30, którą odprawi Arcybiskup Mieczysław Mokrzycki, Metropolita Lwowski, były osobisty sekretarz św. Jana Pawła II i papieża Benedykta XVI.

Po liturgii zapraszamy serdecznie na spotkanie przy kawie i słodkościach w Nest Café — będzie to wyjątkowa okazja do wspólnego świętowania i osobistego spotkania z Księdzem Arcybiskupem.

# WHY THE CHURCH CARES ABOUT WORKERS A Catholic Vision of Justice and Dignity

The Catholic Church has long championed the dignity of work and the rights of workers—not as a political platform, but as a core expression of the Gospel. Work is more than a means of earning a living; it is a sacred way in which we share in God's creative mission and contribute to the common good. As we prepare to celebrate Labor Day and reflect on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker (May 1), August invites us to pause, pray, and honor those whose labor often goes unseen yet sustains our lives and communities.

#### **Work Is Holy**

From the Garden of Eden to the carpenter's bench in Nazareth, Scripture teaches us that work is part of our human vocation. It is not a punishment, but a participation in God's creative love. The Church reminds us: when labor is exploited or workers are neglected, it is not only an economic injustice—it is a moral failure.

#### The Right to a Just Wage

In his landmark 1891 encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, Pope Leo XIII taught that a just wage must provide more than survival—it must allow a person to live in dignity, support a family, and contribute to society. "A wage ought not to be insufficient," he wrote, "to support a frugal and well-behaved wage earner" (*RN* 45). The Church affirms that justice cannot be measured solely by the marketplace—because contracts and profits must never come before the dignity of the human person.

#### A Preferential Option for the Worker

Catholic social teaching urges special concern for those most vulnerable to exploitation: low-wage workers, immigrants, the unemployed, and those on the margins. Pope Francis reminded us in *Fratelli Tutti*: "No one should be discarded." Justice in the workplace is not just a political issue—it is a reflection of how we see Christ in others.

#### **Living This Teaching in Daily Life**

- ✓ Support businesses that treat workers ethically
- ✓ Vote for policies that uphold workers' rights
- ✓ Show gratitude to workers in all fields
- ✓ Assist those who are unemployed or struggling
- ✓ Ensure fair treatment of parish and community workers
- ✓ Pray regularly for workers and workplace justice

#### A Prayer for Workers

St. Joseph the Worker, intercede for all who labor—
especially those in dangerous, exhausting, or overlooked roles.

May every worker be treated with respect and compensated with justice.
Remind us that behind every task and every job is a human soul—
worthy of dignity, fairness, and love.

Through our choices and actions, may we help build a world where
no one is discarded and where all work is honored as holy.

Amen

Visit the **Respect Life** page on CatholicJourneyToday.com for thoughtful essays on the dignity of work, economic justice, and the Church's call to defend life in all its stages.

# 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, 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.

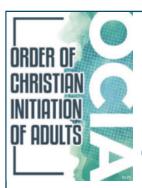
The Ladies of St. Leo Guild thank all of you for your past support. Contributions may be left in the donation boxes at the doors of the church or taken to the parish office.

#### **BABIES ALWAYS NEED**

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

WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY!

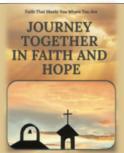




# Are You Considering Joining the Catholic Church?

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



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#### **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

Richard C. "Casey" LaVelle Patrick Morroney Amedeo Michael Zippilli Auguste Klotz



#### **NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS**

MASS **INTENTION** MONDAY AUGUST 4

8:00 am +Lidia Cisneros TUESDAY **AUGUST 5** 

8:00 am +Jack & +JoAnn Kester

WEDNESDAY **AUGUST 6** 8:00 am +Bonnie Rausch

**THURSDAY AUGUST 7** 8:00 am +Dalia A. Calabro FRIDAY **AUGUST 8** 8:00 am +Eddie Palmer

**SATURDAY AUGUST 9** 

8:00 am +Annemarie Jardon 3:30 pm +Rose Crapis

5:30 pm +Tom & +Millie DeMasco

SUNDAY **AUGUST 10** 7:30 am +John DeNardo 9:30 am +Tony Lapasso 11:30 am +Allan Casey

1:30 pm - Polish Special Cumulative Intentions 3:00 pm - Spanish Special Cumulative Intentions 5:00 pm The Parishioners of St. Leo

Hearing Loops are installed around the pews adjacent to the north and south entrances of the church and in the new auditorium. Hearing Loops transmit sound directly into a hearing aid or cochlear implant. To receive the Loop signal, manually activate the T-coil or telephone setting on your device. Consult your audiologist or hearing aid professional with problems.

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Griselda Cisneros

Her Family

Their Loving Family

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The St Leo Catechists

Mr. & Mrs. Ketlecher

Their Daughter, Rainy

Pat & Elaine Yochum

Pat Connors

His Loving Wife, Rozanne

Thomas Kroncich & Monica

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Experiencing the marvelous presence of Christ through Eucharistic Adoration is available in our Chapel from 7am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday and on Saturdays and Sundays from 7am to 5:30pm.

#### **Prayer Group**

All are welcome on Wednesday mornings in the Nest Cafe 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

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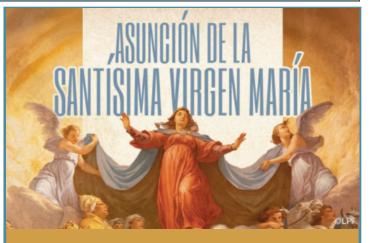
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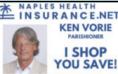


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