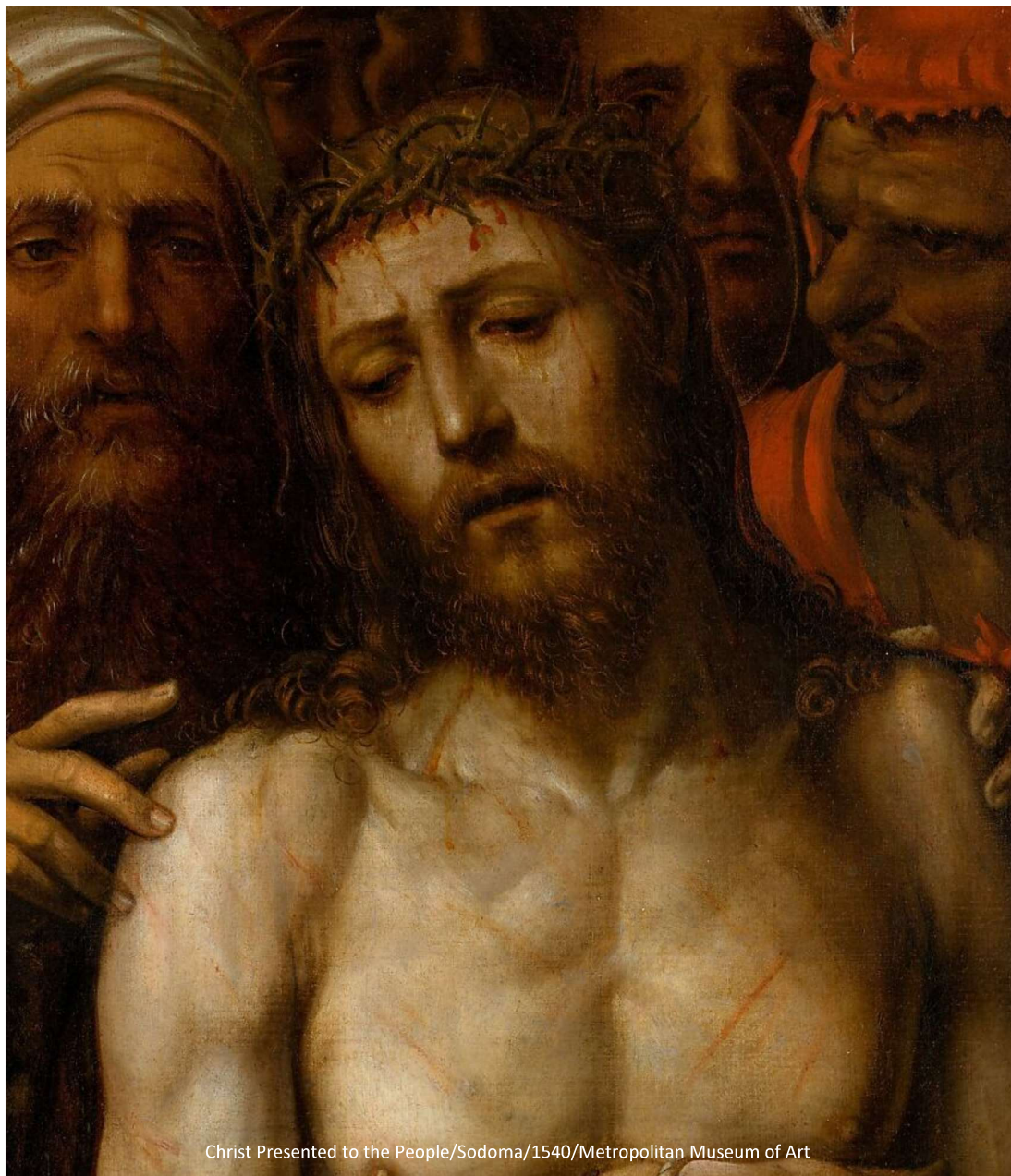


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Saturday, September 5

3:30 pm	Fr. Stan
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Sunday, September 6

7:30 am	Fr. Jarek
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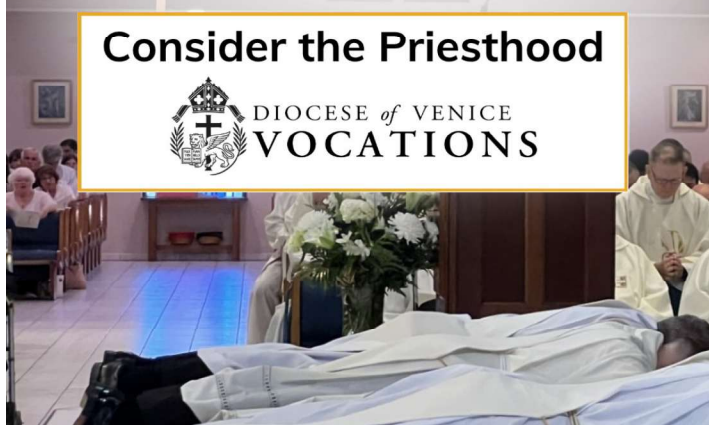
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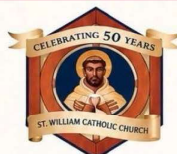
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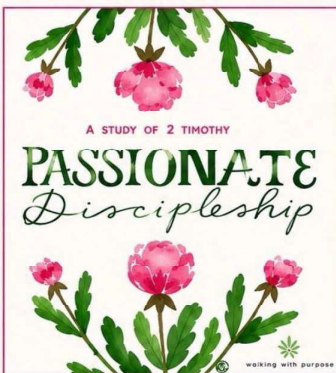
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Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

A Week of Becoming More Free in God

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 - THE CROSS WE DID NOT CHOOSE "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Matthew 16:24)

Most of us would be reasonably willing to carry a cross if we were allowed to select one from a catalog. We would choose something spiritually impressive but manageable, preferably with convenient hours and no permanent consequences. The difficulty is that the crosses that actually enter our lives rarely ask permission. They arrive as illness, disappointment, grief, an aging parent, a troubled child, a relationship we cannot repair, or a future that looks nothing like the one we carefully planned. Peter understands this resistance perfectly. When Jesus speaks about suffering and the cross, Peter immediately objects. He loves Jesus, but he wants a Messiah whose path makes sense. We often want the same thing from God. We do not necessarily ask for an easy life, but we would appreciate explanations. Yet Jesus does not say that suffering itself is good. He teaches that when suffering cannot be avoided, it can still become a place where love, courage, faithfulness, and even resurrection are born. Jeremiah discovers the same mystery. Following God has cost him dearly, yet God's word burns within him so strongly that he cannot walk away. Perhaps discipleship is not primarily about enjoying every road God permits us to travel. It is about discovering that some of the roads we would never have chosen can still lead somewhere holy. The cross does not mean God has abandoned us. Sometimes it becomes the very place where we discover how faithfully He has been carrying us.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, give me courage to carry what I cannot change, wisdom to surrender what I cannot control, and faith to believe that no cross carried with You is ever carried alone. Amen. **Readings:** Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 63:2-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

MONDAY, AUGUST 31 YOU DO NOT HAVE TO IMPRESS GOD "I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling." (1 Corinthians 2:3)

We spend an extraordinary amount of energy trying not to look weak. We prepare answers before difficult conversations, hide uncertainty behind confidence, and occasionally nod thoughtfully when someone mentions something we do not understand, hoping desperately that nobody asks a follow up question. Somewhere along the way, many of us learn that being respected means appearing as though we have everything under control.

Saint Paul offers a wonderfully different picture. He reminds the Corinthians that he came to them not as an impressive religious celebrity but "in weakness and fear and much trembling." His confidence did not come from believing he was extraordinary. It came from knowing that Christ was. That distinction can bring enormous freedom. God does not require us to be brilliant enough, eloquent enough, strong enough, or spiritually polished enough before He can work through us.

Jesus experiences something similar in Nazareth. The people initially admire His words, but their admiration disappears when He challenges their assumptions. Their familiarity with Him becomes an obstacle: "Is this not the son of Joseph?" Sometimes we also miss what God is doing because it arrives through ordinary people, uncomfortable truths, or circumstances we would never have chosen. Grace does not always come dressed impressively. Often it appears quietly, asking only that we remain humble enough to recognize it.

Prayer: Lord, free me from the exhausting need to impress others. Help me bring You my weakness without embarrassment, receive truth without defensiveness, and trust that Your strength can accomplish beautiful things through an ordinary life surrendered to You. Amen.

Readings: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Psalm 119:97-102; Luke 4:16-30

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 NOT EVERY VOICE DESERVES YOUR ATTENTION "We have the mind of Christ." (1 Corinthians 2:16)

There are many voices competing for space inside us. Some belong to people we love. Others belong to people who wounded us years ago but somehow continue occupying premium real estate in our minds without paying rent. There are voices of anxiety, comparison, resentment, ambition, social media, old criticism, and that particularly energetic voice that begins solving tomorrow's problems at three o'clock in the morning. Saint Paul reminds us that Christians have received the Spirit of God so that we can learn to see life differently. "We have the mind of Christ." This does not mean we suddenly understand everything. It means we gradually learn to ask better questions. Instead of only asking, "What will people think?" we

ask, "What is loving?" Instead of "How do I protect myself?" we sometimes ask, "What would courage require?" Instead of "Who is to blame?" we begin asking, "What might healing look like?"

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks with an authority that silences what is destructive. That same Christ still desires to speak into the noisy places within us. Spiritual maturity involves learning which voices deserve authority. Not every thought deserves belief. Not every criticism deserves a response. Not every fear deserves obedience. Peace grows when the voice of Christ becomes louder than the voices that keep telling us we are inadequate, unsafe, forgotten, or alone.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, quiet the voices within me that lead toward fear, resentment, and confusion. Give me the mind of Christ, so that I may recognize what is true, choose what is good, and listen most carefully to the voice that leads me toward love. Amen. **Readings:** 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Psalm 145:8-14; Luke 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 YOU ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING EVERYTHING GROW "I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth." (1 Corinthians 3:6)

One of life's quieter frustrations is discovering how little control we actually have over outcomes. We can raise children carefully and still watch them make painful choices. We can love someone deeply and still be unable to heal them. We can work faithfully and remain unnoticed. We can plant, water, fertilize, worry, rearrange the fertilizer, and stare at the ground with great intensity, but none of that allows us to command a seed to grow. Saint Paul gives us one of Scripture's healthiest descriptions of responsibility: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth." Our task is faithfulness, not omnipotence. We are responsible for the love we offer, the truth we speak, the work we do, the apologies we make, and the prayers we pray. What happens afterward often belongs to God. Much anxiety comes from trying to assume responsibility for both our part and His. Even Jesus withdraws in today's Gospel. Crowds are searching for Him, people still need healing, and yet He goes to a deserted place. Then He moves on to other towns. He does not allow even genuine needs to imprison Him. There is wisdom here for anyone who feels responsible for everybody. Sometimes holiness means helping. Sometimes it means staying. And sometimes it means trusting that God continues working even after we have done what was ours to do and quietly stepped away.

Prayer: Lord, show me what belongs to me and what belongs to You. Give me grace to plant faithfully, water patiently, serve generously, and then release the results into Your hands. Teach me to trust the growth I cannot see. Amen.

Readings: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Psalm 33:12-15, 20-21; Luke 4:38-44

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 - TRY THE DEEP WATER AGAIN "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." (Luke 5:5)

Few things are more discouraging than trying hard and having little to show for it. Peter knows the feeling. He has spent the entire night fishing and caught nothing. He is tired, disappointed, and already washing the nets. The working day is over. Then Jesus, who is not exactly known to us as a professional fisherman, tells the fisherman to go back out and try again. Peter could reasonably have had several thoughts at that moment that Scripture graciously does not record.

But Peter says something beautiful: "At your command I will lower the nets." He does not try again because he suddenly feels optimistic. He tries because he trusts the One asking. That distinction matters. Faith is not pretending we are certain things will work out. Sometimes faith is simply taking the next faithful step after experience has given us every reason to expect disappointment.

There are moments when all of us are standing beside empty nets: a prayer still unanswered, a relationship still strained, a habit we keep struggling to change, a dream that seems to have gone nowhere. Jesus does not promise that every effort will eventually produce the outcome we want. He promises something deeper: our failures do not define the limits of what God can still do. Sometimes the place of our greatest disappointment becomes the very place from which God calls us into deeper water.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, when I am tired of trying, disappointed by empty nets, or tempted to believe nothing can change, give me Peter's courage to say, "At Your command, I will try again." Lead me into the deep water where trust becomes stronger than discouragement. Amen. **Readings:** 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 5:1-11

Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

GOD IS NOT FINISHED WITH YOU YET

"New wine must be poured into fresh wineskins." (Luke 5:38)

Most of us like the idea of becoming better people, provided the process does not require too much rearranging. We ask God for greater peace while maintaining the habits that exhaust us. We pray for healthier relationships while avoiding difficult conversations. We ask for a new chapter while quietly insisting that none of the characters, furniture, schedule, or plot should change. Human beings have a remarkable ability to desire transformation and familiarity simultaneously.

Jesus speaks about new wine requiring fresh wineskins. Grace sometimes stretches us beyond patterns that once felt safe. The person we were ten years ago may not be capable of carrying what God desires to entrust to us today. Growth can require letting go of old resentments, assumptions, fears, identities, or ways of seeing ourselves. Not everything familiar is faithful simply because we have carried it for a long time.

Saint Paul adds another freedom: we do not need to obsess over human judgment, or even constantly put ourselves on trial. God sees what others cannot, including the motives of the heart. That means our lives are not finished products waiting for public evaluation. They are works of grace still underway. Perhaps today we can stop defending the old wineskin long enough to ask a more hopeful question: What new thing might God be trying to make possible in me?

Prayer: Lord, give me courage to release whatever no longer helps me love You and others well. Make my heart flexible enough for new grace, new wisdom, and new beginnings. Help me trust the person You are still forming me to become. Amen.

Readings: 1 Corinthians 4:1–5; Psalm 37:3–6, 27–28, 39–40; Luke 5:33–39

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

WHEN BEING RIGHT BECOMES TOO IMPORTANT

"What do you possess that you have not received?" (1 Corinthians 4:7)

There is a subtle temptation that appears even in good people: the need to be right. We can become so attached to our rules, opinions, traditions, methods, and interpretations that we forget why they existed in the first place. Before long, winning the argument feels more urgent than loving the person. We may even walk away feeling wonderfully righteous while everyone else quietly hopes we do not return too soon.

The Pharisees in today's Gospel are watching hungry disciples pick grain on the Sabbath. They see the rule before they see the hunger. Jesus does not dismiss the Sabbath. He restores its purpose. God's law was never meant to make people less merciful. Any spirituality that makes us more judgmental, proud, or indifferent to human need deserves careful examination, no matter how religious it appears.

Paul asks the perfect question: "What do you possess that you have not received?" Intelligence, faith, opportunity, talent, education, health, influence, even the next breath are gifts before they are achievements. Gratitude therefore becomes one of the great antidotes to pride. The more deeply we recognize life as gift, the less interested we become in standing above others. Holiness is not proven by how successfully we catch people doing something wrong. It is revealed by how much our closeness to God teaches us to become humble, merciful, and kind.

Prayer: Lord, protect me from the pride that can hide inside being right. Give me reverence for Your truth without losing tenderness toward Your people. May gratitude make me humble, wisdom make me gentle, and love always matter more than winning. Amen.

Readings: 1 Corinthians 4:6–15; Psalm 145:17–21; Luke 6:1–5

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THE LIFE WE WOULD NEVER HAVE CHOSEN

by Father Jarek

There are certain parts of following God that would be considerably easier if He provided the itinerary in advance. We could review the proposed route, approve the pleasant sections, ask a few questions about the difficult ones, and perhaps negotiate an alternative when necessary. Most of us would happily sign up for love, meaningful work, good health, faithful friendships, and enough adversity to build character without becoming inconvenient. Unfortunately, God has never shown much interest in allowing us to design the curriculum.

Sooner or later, almost everyone finds themselves living a chapter they would never have written. The diagnosis comes. Someone we love dies sooner than expected. A marriage changes. A child makes choices we cannot understand. The career we built ends. The body that once cooperated begins introducing new terms and conditions. A friendship disappears. A prayer we have carried for years remains unanswered. We look at the life in front of us and quietly think, *This is not how it was supposed to be.*

Peter understands that sentence. Jesus tells His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, suffer, be killed, and rise again. Peter immediately takes Him aside: “God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.” It is easy to criticize Peter because we know how the story ends. He does not. Peter loves Jesus. He simply cannot reconcile the goodness of God with the road Jesus says He must travel. In other words, Peter is asking one of humanity’s oldest questions: *If God is really here, why does the road look like this?*

Jeremiah asks essentially the same question, although with considerably less diplomacy. “You duped me, O Lord,” he says. He followed God and discovered that obedience did not make his life easier. It made him misunderstood, mocked, and lonely. Jeremiah finally decides he has had enough. He will stop speaking about God altogether. But then something happens. God’s word becomes “like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.” Jeremiah discovers that although following God has become painful, living without God has become impossible.

That may be one of the deepest discoveries of faith. We begin by trusting God because we hope He will lead us toward the life we want. Eventually, if faith matures, we begin trusting Him with the life we actually have.

This does not mean that God causes every tragedy, sends every illness, or carefully arranges every heartbreak. Christianity does not require us to call evil good or suffering desirable. Jesus Himself healed the sick, wept at the tomb of His friend, and asked in Gethsemane whether the cup of suffering might pass from Him. The cross does not teach us that pain is good. It teaches us that God can enter what is painful and prevent it from having the final word.

That is why Paul tells us, “Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.” The world teaches us to measure a good life by how successfully we avoid loss, weakness, dependence, disappointment, and suffering. Christ teaches something far more mysterious: a life can be wounded and still beautiful, interrupted and still meaningful, diminished in one way and deepened in another. Some of the people we admire most did not receive easier lives. They became extraordinary because suffering did not succeed in making them bitter.

Perhaps that is what Jesus means when He tells us to take up our cross. Most crosses are not dramatic. They are carried through hospital corridors, quiet kitchens, sleepless nights, difficult marriages, empty bedrooms, rehabilitation centers, family worries, and prayers whispered when we no longer know what else to say. We carry them whenever life asks something of us that we would never have volunteered to give, and we choose love anyway.

And strangely, this is often where God becomes most real. Not because the suffering suddenly makes sense, but because we discover Someone standing inside it with us. The Psalmist does not say, “My soul thirsts for explanations.” He says, “My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.” There are moments when explanations would not be enough anyway. What the human heart ultimately needs is presence.

Perhaps the deepest surrender of faith, then, is not saying, “Lord, now I understand why this happened.” Sometimes we never will. It is being able to say, “Lord, I would never have chosen this chapter. I do not understand it. But I will not live it without You.”

And perhaps, years later, we may look back and realize something we could not possibly have known while we were walking through it: the life we would never have chosen became the place where we learned how deeply we could love, how much we could endure, what truly mattered, and how faithfully God could carry us.

Prayer

Lord, I give You the life I have, including the
chapters I would never have chosen.
When I cannot understand Your ways, keep me close to You.
Give me courage for the cross before me,
tenderness for those carrying crosses beside me,
and faith to believe that even here, Your grace is still at work.
Amen.



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

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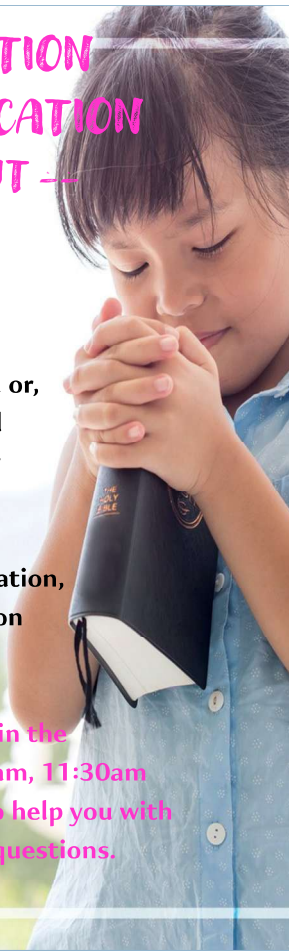
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Adults desiring to partake in the journey into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church are invited to take the all-important next step: Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). In addition to learning about Catholic beliefs and prayers, 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. Classes begin soon.

You may read more about OCIA on our website at <https://www.stleocatholicchurch.org/rcia>

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.

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.

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.

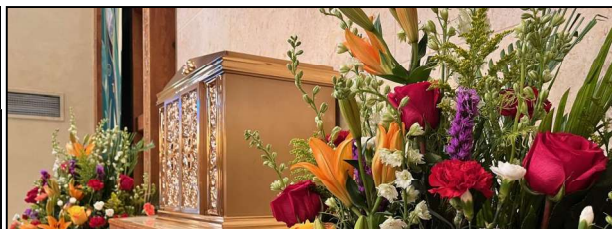
During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from tragedies like those whose memories are still vivid.

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 31	
8:00 am	+Rita Czarnaki	Sally Ann Franz
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 1	
8:00 am	+Eileen Clough	Sally Ann Franz
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 2	
8:00 am	+Joseph Sichko	Don & Marlene Graven
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 3	
8:00 am	+Hermina Petrites	Dr. Mark Petrites
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 4	
8:00 am	+David Smith	Joan Smith
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 5	
8:00 am	+Betty Simpson	Mike & Carol Carmody
3:30 pm	+William Abruzzino	His Loving Wife, Rebecca
5:30 pm	+Betty Simpson	Dominick & Kathy Yovino
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 6	
7:30 am	+Steven P Nastari	Eric & Elizabeth Nietubyc
9:30 am	The Parishioners of St. Leo	
11:30 am	+Pasquale & +Rosanne Urraro	The Tornincaso
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	+Sharon Valus	Pat Connors



Flowers this week are dedicated to Parishioners of St. Leo

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

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Michael DeSantis
Cpt. Mary Kate Flynn
Lt. Thomas A. Flynn
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Aaron Gaudet
Thomas Geanuracos
Carlos Gonzales
Lt. Andrew D. Holt
Brian Howlett
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Lt. Wm. Reed Leesman
Lt. Col. Nicholas LoRusso

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Nick Parrozzio
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Cpt. Brayden Reichenbach
Lt. Riley N. Schliem
Lt. Col. Jonathan W. Schwarz
Lt. Col. Peter Shayhorn
*All serving in the military,
especially those in combat.*

We pray today for...

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Clayton Aunkle
Jen Bacik
Linda Bardol
Gary Beckes
Jeffrey Bogart
Bob Brock
Hildi Brown
Larry Brown
Denise Buk
Isabelle Marie Caiola
Patrick Cain
Peter Castro
Michelle Chiarulli
Scott Cochell
Lourdes Coll
Jeff Davis
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Robby Dirks
Jaden Anthony Droz
Jim Esposito
Brad Fairfield
Rudolph & Mary Fazio
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Brynn Forlizzi
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Paul Gaspar
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Jackie Herron
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Joanne Laurenzana
Emily Lienesch
Mark Lips
Mary Mavilla
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Glenn Nelson
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Beverly Pecor
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Mary Ritt
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Justin VanNorstrand
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Present & past parish priests.

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.



EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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 has asked for your prayers as he recovers from his recent knee replacement surgery.

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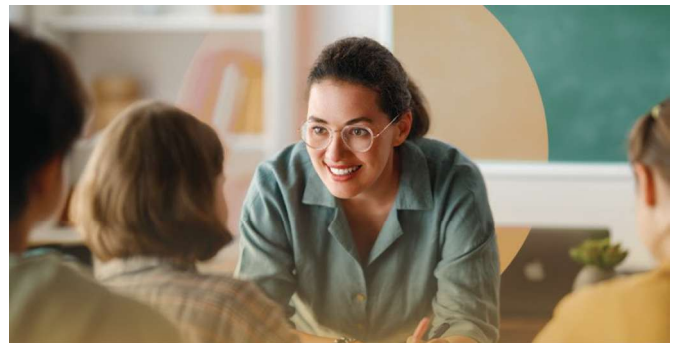


All young people of the parish are invited to participate in our special dance presentation to take place at the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. As we celebrate our love, faith and devotion to our Blessed Mother, we have a wonderful opportunity to offer our talents through dance. Whether 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.



*Join Our
 Faith Formation Team!*

Are you passionate about our Faith? Are you willing to share a few hours of your time to help educate our St. Leo's students? We are looking for committed parishioners to join our Religious Education team as catechists or catechist assistants on Wednesday evenings or Sunday afternoons for the upcoming school year. We provide curriculum, training, and support to ensure you succeed in this rewarding ministry. To learn more or to sign up, please contact Gisela Meraz or Maria Fernandez at 239-992-0901. Make a difference in the faith journey of our youth by becoming part of this important ministry!



NOTAS EN ESPAÑOL

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MI ALMA
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El seguimiento de Cristo implica también llevar la cruz. Y no se refiere a esas hermosas cruces de oro fino que llevamos en el cuello. Se trata de otro tipo de cruz: la cruz de cada día, en la familia, en el hospital, en la cárcel, en la lucha por los derechos de los inmigrantes y al dar voz a quienes no pueden defenderse, por mencionar solo algunos ejemplos. El discípulo que sigue al Maestro le entrega su vida sin reservas; es decir, se niega a sí mismo para ayudar a otros. No se echa hacia atrás ante las dificultades, sino que las afronta con fe y confianza. Sigue las enseñanzas de Jesús con entereza y esperanza.

“La vida entera de Cristo fue una continua enseñanza: su silencio, sus milagros, sus gestos, su oración, su amor al hombre, su predilección por los pequeños y los pobres, la aceptación total del sacrificio en la cruz por la salvación del mundo y su resurrección son la actuación de su palabra y el cumplimiento de la revelación” (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, n. 561).

“Fuera de la cruz no hay otra escala por donde subir al cielo” (Santa Rosa de Lima, cf. P. Hansen, *Vita mirabilis*, Lovaina, 1668). Según mi estilo de vida, ¿qué significa tomar mi cruz y seguir a Jesús? Porque, el peligro es el que nos advierte el Evangelio:

“¿De qué le sirve al hombre ganar el mundo entero si se pierde a sí mismo? ¿Qué podrá dar para rescatarse?” (Mateo 16:26). ¡Señor, dame la alegría de seguirte!

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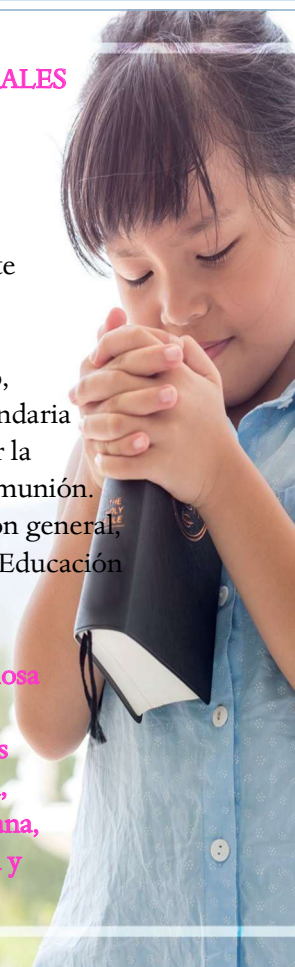
- Se mudó a la parroquia durante el verano o,

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- Su hijo cursará la escuela secundaria (High School) y necesita recibir la Confirmación o la Primera Comunión.

Si no pudo realizar la inscripción general, por favor llame a la Oficina de Educación Religiosa al 992-0901.

El personal de Educación Religiosa estará en el vestíbulo (nártex) de la iglesia después de las misas de las 9:30 am, 11:30 am y 3 pm, a partir del próximo fin de semana, para ayudarle con la inscripción y responder a sus preguntas.



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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