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December 28, 2025



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Thank you for your continued generosity!

Our Lady of Guadalupe \$2,961

> December 13 & 14 \$29,476

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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.

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 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

ONLINE GIVING WWW.STLEOCATHOLICCHURCH.ORG



AGES 5-10 AT SUNDAY 9:30AM MASSES

Don't miss out! No sign up necessary!
Father will dismiss the children after the opening prayer to enjoy Jesus' Story Time in the chapel, and they will return to their families after the Intercessions.

Next Week's Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 31 - Eve of Solemnity of Mary

5:00 pm Fr. Tim

Thursday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary

8:00 am Fr. Stan 12:00 noon Fr. Jarek 3:00 pm-Spanish Fr. Juan Carlos

Saturday, January 3

3:30 pm Fr. Stan 5:30 pm Fr. Stan

Sunday, January 4

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

Changes may occur without notice.





Sunday, December 28-Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph HOLINESS AT THE KITCHEN TABLE

"Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night." (Matthew 2:14)

The Holy Family does not live in a quiet, candlelit nativity scene for very long. Almost immediately, their life becomes complicated. There are warnings in dreams, danger in the night, hurried packing, and a sudden move to a foreign land. This is not the peaceful family portrait we usually imagine. Yet Scripture still calls them holy.

Holiness, it turns out, does not require a calm schedule or ideal circumstances. It grows in obedience, trust, and love practiced under pressure. Joseph listens. Mary follows. Jesus is carried. Their family is held together not by comfort but by faith. Sirach reminds us that honoring one another, especially across generations, builds a house rooted in justice. Colossians adds that love, patience, forgiveness, and humility are the real glue of family life.

Most families today look more like Nazareth on the run than a Hallmark card. There are aging parents, stubborn children, unresolved conversations, and long histories around the table. The Holy Family reassures us that God is not waiting for perfection. He is already present in the daily courage it takes to keep loving one another.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, bless my family as it truly is, not as I wish it were. Teach us patience, forgiveness, and quiet faithfulness, especially when life feels unsettled. Amen. Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14; Psalm 128; Colossians 3:12–21; Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23

Monday, December 29-Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas LIGHT SHOWS UP OUIETLY

"The darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining." (1 John 2:8)

Simeon has waited a long time. He is not in a hurry. He is not chasing trends. He simply keeps showing up at the temple, trusting that God keeps promises, even when they take longer than expected. When the moment finally arrives, salvation looks small enough to hold

John reminds us that knowing Jesus is not about saying the right words. It is about walking as he walked. Love is the proof. Hatred is the warning sign. Light does not announce itself loudly. It just keeps shining until the darkness gives way.

Many of us rush through Christmas still waiting for something to feel complete. Simeon teaches us that fulfillment often comes quietly, in ordinary obedience, when we are least dramatic about it. Sometimes faith is simply staying available long enough to recognize grace when it finally rests in our arms.

Prayer: Lord, help me remain faithful in the waiting. Open my eyes to the quiet ways you are already fulfilling your promises in my life. Amen. 1 John 2:3–11; Psalm 96; Luke 2:22–35

Tuesday, December 30-Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas WHAT LASTS AFTER THE NOISE

"The world and its enticement are passing away." (1 John 2:17)

John speaks to children, parents, and young adults all at once, as if to say that no stage of life escapes distraction. The temptation is always the same: to cling to what shines briefly and promises more than it can deliver. Yet Christmas reminds us that what truly lasts often arrives quietly and grows slowly. Most of us learn this the hard way, usually after buying something we were absolutely sure would change our lives, and then forgetting where we put it a month later.

Anna understands this. She spends decades in prayer and fasting, unnoticed by most. When the child arrives, she recognizes him instantly. Her long faithfulness sharpens her vision. She sees what others might miss. While others rush through the temple with busy minds and full schedules, Anna has the rare gift of being fully present and therefore impossible to surprise.

We often fear that if we do not grab everything now, we will miss out. John gently reminds us that the opposite is true. When we hold loosely to the world, we become free to recognize what endures forever. Letting go, it turns out, is not losing at all, but finally having empty hands ready to receive what actually matters.

Prayer: Lord, loosen my grip on what fades and strengthen my love for what lasts. Teach me to recognize your presence without needing constant noise or approval. Amen. 1 John 2:12–17; Psalm 96; Luke 2:36–40

Wednesday, December 31-Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas TRUTH WITHOUT DRAMA

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5)

As the year closes, Scripture does not offer predictions or panic. It offers clarity, John speaks of truth, deception, and belonging. Not everything that claims spiritual authority is rooted in God. Yet we are not left anxious or confused. We have been anointed. We know the truth. In a world full of urgent opinions and loud certainty, this quiet confidence is both refreshing and deeply countercultural.

The Gospel takes us back to the beginning, before calendars and resolutions. The Word becomes flesh and dwells among us. God enters the darkness not with spectacle but with presence. The light does not argue. It simply remains. It does not trend, go viral, or

demand attention, which is precisely why it endures when everything else fades. As one year ends and another begins, we are invited to stay rooted, not restless. Truth does not need volume to survive. It needs faithfulness. Staying grounded may not feel exciting, but it proves far more reliable than chasing every new idea that promises clarity and delivers confusion.

Prayer: Lord, keep me grounded in your truth as I step into a new year. Let your light steady me when voices grow loud and confusing. Amen. 1 John 2:18–21; Psalm 96; John 1:1–18

Thursday, January 1-Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God A YEAR BEGINS IN HER ARMS

"Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." (Luke 2:19)

The Church begins the new year not with goals or resolutions, but with a blessing and a mother. Mary does not rush ahead. She holds. She listens. She reflects. God's blessing shines not through force but through tenderness. It is a comforting reminder that God seems far more interested in our openness than in our annual list of self improvement projects.

Paul reminds us that we are no longer slaves but children. Mary shows us what that looks like. She trusts God enough to treasure mysteries she does not yet understand. The shepherds leave amazed. Mary stays attentive. While others hurry off to tell the story, she teaches us the holy art of staying still long enough for grace to sink in. As the year begins, we are not asked to have everything figured out. We are asked to receive. Peace comes not from control, but from allowing God to dwell close. The year does not open with pressure to perform, but with an invitation to rest securely in God's care.

Prayer: Mary, Mother of God, teach me to begin this year with trust. Help me receive God's blessing slowly and faithfully, one day at a time. Amen. Numbers 6:22–27; Psalm 67; Galatians 4:4–7; Luke 2:16–21

Friday, January 2-Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen STAY WHERE YOU FIRST BELIEVED

"Remain in him." (1 John 2:27)

John warns us gently but clearly. Not every confident voice speaks the truth. The safeguard is not suspicion, but remaining rooted in what we first received. Basil and Gregory lived this deeply. They defended truth not to win arguments, but to protect the mystery of Christ. Their firmness was never loud, but it was steady, which is often harder and far more effective.

John the Baptist models the same humility. He refuses titles. He points away from himself. His confidence comes from knowing who he is not, so that Christ can be seen clearly. There is a quiet freedom in no longer needing to be the main character in every

Faith matures when we stop needing to be impressive and focus instead on being faithful. In the long run, consistency does more for the soul than brilliance ever could. Most of us discover that showing up steadily, even on uninspired days, is often the holiest thing we manage to do.

Prayer: Lord, help me remain grounded in you. Keep my faith simple, humble, and rooted in love rather than pride. Amen. 1 John 2:22–28; Psalm 98; John 1:19–28

Saturday, January 3-Christmas Weekday CHILDREN NOW, BECOMING STILL

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us." (1 John 3:1)

John reminds us of a truth that is both comforting and quietly challenging. We are already God's children, fully loved, yet we are still becoming who we are meant to be. Grace arrives immediately, but growth takes time, and holiness rarely follows our preferred timeline. Most of us would welcome a faster process, but God seems remarkably patient with our gradual progress.

John the Baptist gives us a wonderfully simple instruction: "Behold." Not analyze. Not explain. Simply behold the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. Transformation begins there, not with effort but with attention, not with fixing ourselves but with letting ourselves be loved. Before we improve anything, we are asked to look and trust. Christmas lingers to slow us down, reminding us that holiness is not about rushing forward or proving progress. It is about remaining close, even when we feel unfinished. Staying near may feel ordinary and unspectacular, but it is often the most faithful thing we do.

Prayer: Father, help me live today as your beloved child. Shape me patiently into who you are calling me to become. Amen. 1 John 2:29–3:6; Psalm 98; John 1:29–34

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and journey deeper with Scripture, prayer, and daily encouragement.

Holiness on the Run Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

By Father Jarek

We tend to picture the Holy Family as calm and composed. Soft light. Quiet evenings. Everyone where they belong. Nothing urgent. Nothing broken. It is a comforting image, but it is not the one the Gospel gives us. Matthew tells us that almost as soon as Jesus is born, the family is running for their lives. There is no planning meeting or careful discussion. Joseph is warned in a dream, wakes Mary in the dark, gathers what they can, places a child on a donkey, and leaves everything familiar behind. This is not serenity. It is urgency. And yet Scripture still calls them holy.

That matters, because many families today live closer to Egypt than to a Christmas card. Life does not slow down just because the calendar says it should. Children struggle. Parents worry. Aging relatives need more care than expected. Plans unravel. Conversations remain unfinished. The image of a peaceful household can begin to feel less like encouragement and more like pressure. The Feast of the Holy Family gently corrects that assumption. Holiness was never meant to be confused with comfort.

Sirach speaks of honoring parents, especially as they grow older and more dependent. That honor is rarely tidy. It means patience when stories repeat and schedules are disrupted. It means kindness when gratitude is uneven. It means love offered when energy is low.

This work is quiet and often unseen, and Scripture calls it holy. Saint Paul is just as realistic. Writing to the Colossians, he urges compassion, humility, gentleness, patience, and forgiveness. He would not need to say these things if family life were easy. He is not lowering the standard. He is acknowledging how hard love in close quarters can be.

Even Psalm 128, with its language of blessing and fruitfulness, does not promise ease. It speaks of goodness that grows through faithfulness, daily effort, and choosing love again tomorrow. And all of this brings us back to Joseph. He never speaks a word, but he is always moving. He listens, acts, protects, and leads his family into uncertainty without guarantees. He does not wait until everything makes sense. He does not ask for details. He gets up and goes. Joseph receives no long explanation, just a dream and a deadline.

Mary, too, understands that holiness will not be gentle. She holds God's promise in her arms while trusting that God will somehow hold them both. The holiness of this family is not found in stillness, but in faith under pressure. That is good news for families always on the move, juggling appointments, medications, emotions, and worries, loving deeply but sometimes struggling to show it well.

The Holy Family reminds us that God does not wait for stability before entering our lives. God comes precisely when things are unsettled. He sanctifies the running, the packing, the late nights, the difficult conversations, and the choices made when no one else sees. Holiness is not a calm house with everything in its place. Holiness is a family that keeps choosing love when life feels unfinished. The Holy Family was holy not because life was peaceful, but because they trusted God while they were on the run.

And that should be a relief, because if holiness required everything to be perfectly in order, most of us would still be waiting.





Our Religious Education Students Provided Christmas Cheer



Thanks to our Religious Education students, our Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound and Nursing Facilities were able to deliver Christmas messages of delight to parishioners who are not able to come to church for Mass. Some of our Wednesday classes made Christmas cards for nursing home residents, while our Confirmation students made Christmas trees for homebound members of our parish.







Wedding Anniversary Mass at St. Lea February 14, 2026 at 11 am

Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more years of marriage are invited by Bishop Dewane to a special Anniversary Mass in their honor. Immediately following Mass, family and friends may join at the reception in the Parish Life Center. For reservations fill out the following form and bring it or mail it to the parish office no later than Monday, January 29th.

Last name:	Phone number:	
Husband's name:	Wife's name:	
Local Address:		
Northern Address		
Anniversary date://N	umber of years married: Photo with Bishop: Yes No _	
Number of people attending reception:		
Email:		



Featuring Juliana Alfano and Marie Talley

Parish Life Center Wednesday, January 28th

Doors open at 5:15pm – Dinner at 5:30pm - \$20 per person
Tickets go on sale in the Parish Office Monday, December 29th.
A light supper and a glass of wine will be served.
All seating is open, NO reserved tables.



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.

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

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

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

St. Margaret (Clewiston) and Our Lady Queen of Heaven (LaBelle).

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

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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)

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Liturgical Schedule

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASSES

Wednesday, December 31 5 pm

> Thursday, January 1 8am, 12 noon & 3:00 pm in Spanish

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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We Pray for the Recently Deceased of Our Parish

Dorothy Eloise Munch Carl Alboth George Bergin Mary Fazio Martin Barett Gary Mougin Daniel Balsamo Irene Sanchez John Russo





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Join Us For Session Two—You're Welcome if you are new—Always!!!

To Register for Day or Night Sessions Please Use the QR Code

For Daytime Sessions: Saint William Church Hall, 601 Seagate Dr.

January 13th to March 31st 2026

10:00 to 11:45am

Doors Open at 9:30 for Coffee Social With Treats



Evening Sessions: The Blessed Mother Center—Rm.203 750 Seagate Dr., Naples, FL 34103 January 13th to March 31st 2026 6:30 to 8:00 pm (Doors Open at 6 pm)

Important: Please purchase book "Opening Your Heart" at: https://walkingwithpurpose.com

For Scholarships, Babysitting, or Questions: Contact Lisa McGowan Call or text to 484-432-5128 or Email: mcgowanlh@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS **REQUESTED BY** INTENTION MONDAY **DECEMBER 29** 8:00 am +Maureen Broitzman Sal & Joan Tassone TUESDAY **DECEMBER 30** 8:00 am +Tom Smith Sr His Loving Wife, Annette WEDNESDAY **DECEMBER 31** 8:00 am +Robert Dunne His Loving Sister, Bonnie Dunne-Martin +Paul Drescher 5:00 pm Bill & Mary Yeomans THURSDAY **JANUARY 1** 8:00 am +Art & +Artie Herron Loving Wife and Mother 12:00 noon +Ieanne Green Leo Hackett 3:00 pm - Spanish Special Cumulative Intentions FRIDAY **JANUARY 2** +The Wilbert & Thewlis Families 8:00 am The Grana Family SATURDAY JANUARY 3 8:00 am +David Sandberg His Loving Wife, Cheryl 3:30 pm The Parishioners of St. Leo 5:30 pm +Betty & +Bill Wolven Dick Wolven SUNDAY **IANUARY 4** 7:30 am +Helen, +John & +Lisa Their Loving Daughter, Theresa Lagowski 9:30 am +Richard Hall Frank & Ann Grywalski 11:30 am +Maureen Broitzman Mary Lembo 3:00 pm - Spanish Special Cumulative Intentions

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Louis Perry

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.

ST. LEO MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIEST CENACLE

On the second Friday of each month in the Cry Room following 8am Mass For more information contact Betty at 860-595-6370 or holdenbnd@gmail.com

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.



+Maureen Broitzman

All are welcome to join the JMJ Rosary Makers as they make beaded string rosaries. The instructions, supplies and tools required will be provided. Since prayer and evangelization are needed more than ever, so are rosaries.

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

The Sewing, Knitting & Crocheting Group

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

DAILY PRAYER SCHEDULE

MONDAYS THROUGH THURSDAYS, AND SATURDAYS: 7:15 am-Divine Mercy Chaplet in

FRIDAYS: 7:10 am-Posary 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.



5:00 pm

ST LEO'S RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Meetings are held in the Nest Café on the last Friday of each month following 8am Mass beginning again in January. For questions contact Loretta at 917.886.7273 or Peggy at 239.293.3201.



Please Pray for Our Troops

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

We pray today for...

Clayton Aunkle Emily Lienesch Tom Bardol Cole LoRusso Jeffrey Bogart Tim McAuliff Misaela Mendiola Sandoval Dave Bowezs Tom Brown Jose Manuel Meraz Denise Buk Jay Miller Isabelle Marie Caiola Paul Modzelewski Patrick Cain Barbara Moloney Carol Compagna Jav Morgan Mark Chambers Deborah Muñiz Mickey Chervitz Audrey Grace Neeley Michelle Chiarulli Glenn Nelson Kevin Clark Paul Nippert Scott Cochell Rita Off Lourdes Coll Beverly Pecor Connie Phillips Greg Daeger Eli Davis Aiden Putnam Janet Davis Michelle Rendon Mary Ritt Tara DeRoma Jack Rubush Carrie Derse Robby Dirks Tessa Santagate Brad Fairfield Cindy Santiago Paula Fairfield Martha Simons Linda Fischel Michael Anthony Sforza Sean Flynn Rosemarie Smedile Sheryl Southerd Jim Stokes Brynn Forlizzi John Galli Gissette Lupita Garcia Charlie Sweeney Jr. Ben Gondersone Debra Tailerco Esmeralda Gomez Moreira Michael Taveripte Cory Gray Vivian Thomas Pauline Graziano Fabio Thurman Karen Grimshaw Tom Thurman Rvan Hammond Eleanor Trevison Alan Handsman Keanu Vallette Tara Handsman Debra Vannotti Tim Young Luke Hass Robbin Holcomb John White George Witkowsky Jack Jeffrey Jerry Kaehle Ray Zonghetti Nolan Kane Annie Zanussi Anthony, Christine, Fabiala,

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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.

Men and women are invited to join the Ladies of St. Leo's Sing a Long group which visits nursing homes and assisted living facilities on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 2pm during season.

They will resume January 13th, at Brookdale in North Naples. Contact Penny at 314-412-4022 for more information.



Men's Study Group Thursday Mornings in the Nest Café January 15th-February 26th

The group will meet after the 8:00 AM Mass for coffee, a short video and small group discussion on this year's topic...the SEVEN DEADLY SINS. There is no charge for the program and,

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since each session stands on its own, you do not need to attend them all.

This is a great way to meet other men in the parish and to deepen your faith. For more information contact Chris Bramlage at 937-902-9219 or at cbramlage@gmail.com.



Please join us for our next two events!



Kelly Wahlquist Catholic author and founder of WINE: Women In the New Evangelization January 22, 2026
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Registration ends January 19 at Noon

Carol Razza ~ February 19, 2026 Church of the Resurrection

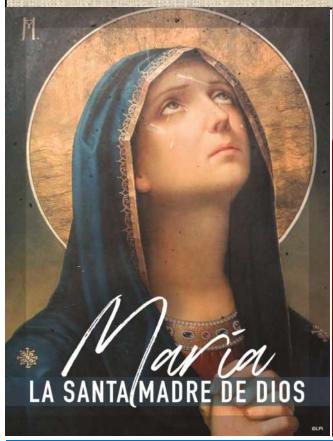
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Join us for dinner with wine, of course, followed by a presentation and the opportunity for community and connectivity with other faith-based women.

For more information on speakers and to register online please visit our website:

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esús y su familia saben lo que es emigrar, cambiar de lugar y moverse con rapidez porque son perseguidos. Ellos vivieron en carne propia los efectos de esta situación. Quizá nosotros tenemos algún familiar o amigo que actualmente sufre las penurias de dejar su hogar, su escuela o su trabajo. José y María huyen por la amenaza de peligro que pesaba sobre ellos: "Levántate, toma al niño y a su madre, y huye a Egipto. Quédate allí hasta que yo te avise, porque Herodes buscará al niño para matarlo" (Mateo 2:13). Padre, madre e hijo huyeron hacia donde Dios les indicó, para salvar al niño. Este es un fiel reflejo de lo que representa la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret. Celebrar la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia durante la Navidad debe animarnos con esperanza, deseando que nuestras propias familias sean un lugar donde se respire amor y alegría entre sus miembros. ¿Cómo recibo hoy a las familias de mis hermanos y hermanas? ¿Cómo es mi convivencia con ellos?

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