

# 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.*

*February 1, 2026*



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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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## Parish Church Support

Thank you for your continued generosity!

January 24 & 25  
\$41,722

## 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)

# 2026 CFA

## Making Your Pledge to the Catholic Faith Appeal


Our new CFA goal for 2026 is \$664,000. Please consider **making a pledge** to help us pay our Diocesan tax directly. We encourage you to do this, as this is **the best and most efficient way to help the parish**.

You may have already received a pledge card in the mail from the diocese, or you can pick one up at the doors of the church or in the Parish Office.



## OUR GOAL THIS YEAR

**\$664,000**

 = 10% of Goal

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# Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

## Sunday, February 1 - THE STRENGTH GOD TRUSTS

"Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs." (Matthew 5:3)

Zephaniah speaks to people who do not control the room. Not the loudest voices, not the most confident planners, not the ones with the answers ready. God's promise is aimed at those who live honestly, seek justice quietly, and resist the temptation to look more important than they are.

Paul reminds the Corinthians that most of them were ordinary by every visible standard. Not powerful, not influential, not impressive. Grace did not arrive as a reward for excellence but as a gift to people who knew their limits, which is still how grace prefers to work.

Jesus opens the Beatitudes by blessing states of life that do not photograph well. Mourning, meekness, hunger, mercy. These are not failures. They are signs that the heart has not numbed itself yet, which may be the most hopeful thing of all.

**Prayer:** Lord, loosen my grip on appearances and teach me the quiet strength of humble faith. Amen.

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12 to 13; Psalm 146; 1 Corinthians 1:26 to 31; Matthew 5:1 to 12

## Monday, February 2 - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord WHEN GOD SHOWS UP WITHOUT WARNING

"My eyes have seen your salvation." (Luke 2:30)

Malachi says the Lord comes like fire, which sounds alarming until we remember that fire refines. God's presence does not arrive to flatter us. It comes to burn away what is hollow, rushed, or performative, usually the parts we were hoping to keep.

Simeon and Anna recognize Jesus because they have practiced waiting. Long prayer has trained their eyes. They are not distracted by packaging or expectations, and they do not need a spotlight to confirm what they see.

The Presentation reminds us that God often fulfills promises quietly. Salvation arrives carried in tired arms, offered with the sacrifice of the poor. It turns out patience is one of the clearest ways to see God coming.

**Prayer:** Lord, refine my heart and slow me enough to recognize you when you arrive quietly. Amen.

Malachi 3:1 to 4; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2:14 to 18; Luke 2:22 to 40

## Tuesday, February 3 - Memorial of Saint Blaise FAITH THAT KEEPS REACHING

"Do not be afraid; just have faith." (Mark 5:36)

David's grief over Absalom reminds us that winning does not cancel sorrow. Sometimes success comes wrapped in loss, and joy refuses to show up on schedule. Scripture allows grief to speak honestly without rushing it toward resolution.

In the Gospel, faith appears in two very human forms. A father begs loudly because he has run out of options. A woman reaches quietly because she has learned not to draw attention. Jesus responds to both without ranking their faith.

Saint Blaise reminds us that faith often lives close to vulnerability. Illness, fear, and exhaustion are not spiritual failures. They are usually the places where trust finally becomes real.

**Prayer:** Lord, meet me where I am afraid and help me keep reaching for you. Amen. 2 Samuel 18:9 to 19:3; Psalm 86; Mark 5:21 to 43

## Wednesday, February 4 - WHEN NUMBERS FEEL SAFER THAN TRUST

"Let us fall by the hand of God, for he is most merciful." (2 Samuel 24:14)

David's census makes sense on paper. Counting feels responsible, measurable, reassuring. Yet something subtle shifts when trust is

replaced by control, and confidence in God quietly gives way to confidence in systems.

In Nazareth, familiarity blocks faith. Jesus is dismissed not because he lacks wisdom, but because people believe they already know him.

Familiarity becomes a substitute for listening, which rarely ends well.

Both readings warn us gently but clearly. Planning is good. Control is tempting. But trust begins where we admit that God cannot be reduced to numbers or assumptions.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me notice when I choose control instead of trust and call me back to listening. Amen.

2 Samuel 24:2 to 17; Psalm 32; Mark 6:1 to 6

## Thursday, February 5 - Memorial of Saint Agatha COURAGE THAT LASTS LONGER THAN POWER

"Take courage and be a man." (1 Kings 2:2)

David's final advice to Solomon is surprisingly simple. Be faithful. Not impressive. Not feared. Just faithful. Scripture measures success by endurance, not by applause.

Saint Agatha lived this courage quietly and at great cost. She refused to let power define truth or fear rewrite her conscience. Her strength did not come from force but from clarity.

Jesus sends the Twelve out with very little. No backup plans, no extra supplies. The kingdom, it seems, travels light and depends heavily on trust.

**Prayer:** Lord, give me the courage to remain faithful when it would be easier to compromise. Amen.

1 Kings 2:1 to 12; 1 Chronicles 29; Mark 6:7 to 13

## Friday, February 6 - Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions WHEN TRUTH MAKES US UNCOMFORTABLE

"Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart." (Luke 8:15)

Sirach praises David not because he was flawless, but because he kept returning to God. Scripture is not impressed by image management. It honors repentance and honesty.

Herod listens to John the Baptist with interest, even admiration. But truth remains theoretical until it demands change, and that is where Herod retreats. Many people like truth as long as it stays abstract.

Saint Paul Miki and his companions show us what truth looks like when it costs something. Faithfulness may not protect comfort, but it preserves integrity, which lasts far longer.

**Prayer:** Lord, strengthen my heart when truth challenges my comfort and my choices. Amen. Sirach 47:2 to 11; Psalm 18; Mark 6:14 to 29

## Saturday, February 7 - WISDOM THAT KNOWS WHEN TO STOP

"Give your servant an understanding heart." (1 Kings 3:9)

Solomon asks for wisdom instead of success, which already sounds wiser than most of our prayers. He knows the limits of his strength and asks for discernment rather than control.

The apostles return energized and exhausted, proud and depleted. Jesus does not schedule another meeting. He invites them to rest, reminding them that even good work needs breathing room.

Wisdom is not nonstop motion. Sometimes it is stepping back, listening again, and letting God reorient the heart before the next demand arrives.

**Prayer:** Lord, give me an understanding heart and the wisdom to rest when I need it. Amen.

1 Kings 3:4 to 13; Psalm 119; Mark 6:30 to 34

For the full version of each day's reflection,  
visit [CatholicJourneyToday.com](http://CatholicJourneyToday.com)  
and journey deeper with Scripture, prayer, and daily encouragement.

# When a Life Becomes an Argument The Spiritual Cost of Tribal Thinking

A reflection for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

by Father Jarek

One of the quiet tragedies of our time is not simply that we disagree, but how we disagree. Increasingly, when a life is lost in a public and painful way, the first response is not sorrow, silence, or prayer. It is positioning. We listen not to understand, but to decide where we stand. A human life becomes an argument to be won, a symbol to defend, or a threat to our preferred story about the world. That reflex carries a spiritual cost.

This Sunday's readings speak directly into that wound, though none of them mention headlines, protests, or public outrage. Scripture rarely does. Instead, it addresses the deeper patterns beneath them: pride, fear, humility, and the temptation to confuse certainty with wisdom. The prophet Zephaniah calls not to the powerful or the confident, but to "the humble of the earth." He does not urge them to take control of events or dominate the narrative. He urges them to seek the Lord through justice and humility. God promises that what will endure is not the loudest faction, but a remnant: a people who do no wrong, speak no lies, and refuse deceit.

That description is strikingly countercultural. In a moment when speech is fast, sharp, and often performative, God's faithful people are described as restrained, truthful, and peaceable. Their strength is not in winning arguments, but in remaining anchored to God when others are pulled by fear or pride. The psalm reinforces this vision. God is praised not for overpowering enemies or validating tribes, but for securing justice for the oppressed, feeding the hungry, lifting the bowed down, protecting the stranger, and sustaining the vulnerable. God's attention is always personal before it is political. He sees faces, not factions. Needs, not narratives.

That alone challenges much of our public discourse. Tribal thinking reduces people to categories. Scripture insists on persons. Tribal thinking asks, *Whose side are you on?* God asks, *Whose suffering are you willing to see?* Saint Paul then presses the point even further. He reminds the Corinthians that God does not build His kingdom through those most confident in their own wisdom or strength. God chooses the lowly, the overlooked, the ones who "count for nothing," so that no one may boast before Him. Paul is not condemning intelligence or leadership. He is warning against moral arrogance. Tribal thinking thrives on boasting. It feeds on the assurance that my side is righteous, my conclusions are obvious, and my opponents are either foolish or dangerous. Paul calls that posture spiritually hollow. When certainty hardens into pride, it closes the soul to conversion.

Then Jesus climbs the mountain. The Beatitudes are not instructions for winning debates. They are a portrait of a heart shaped for the Kingdom of God. Jesus blesses the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, the merciful, the peacemakers. These are not the traits most rewarded in tribal conflict. They are often dismissed as weakness or naivete. Yet Jesus insists they are the soil in which God's reign takes root. "Blessed are those who mourn," He says. Not blessed are those who immediately justify, explain away, or weaponize loss. Mourning is not indecision. It is reverence. It is the recognition that a human life carries weight beyond our arguments. A healthy society argues after it mourns. A fractured society argues instead of mourning.

When a life becomes an argument, grief is replaced by defensiveness. Compassion becomes conditional. We begin to measure a person's worth by whether their death helps or harms our position. That is the moment when tribal thinking crosses from disagreement into spiritual damage. The Gospel trains us to see the face before the category. Jesus never encounters an abstraction. He meets people where they are wounded, confused, sinful, or afraid. The Church teaches that every person is created in the image of God, not in the image of our politics, our fears, or our explanations.

That truth does not eliminate the need for investigation, accountability, or justice. Those responsibilities remain. But human dignity sets a moral floor beneath them. It tells us what cannot be discarded, even when emotions run high: reverence for life, humility before incomplete knowledge, and a refusal to let contempt guide our speech. Tribal thinking promises clarity, but it delivers blindness. It simplifies complex realities into slogans. It rewards outrage over patience. It teaches us to listen only long enough to respond, not long enough to learn. Over time, it reshapes the heart. We become quicker to judge and slower to grieve.

Scripture offers a different path. Seek humility, Zephaniah says. Blessed are the poor in spirit, the psalm sings. Let no one boast except in the Lord, Paul warns. Blessed are the meek and the peacemakers, Jesus declares. These are not sentimental ideals. They are demanding spiritual disciplines. They require us to resist the rush to certainty, to hold grief and truth together, and to remain open to the possibility that we do not yet see the whole picture.

When a life becomes an argument, something in us is diminished. When a life becomes a call to humility, something in us is healed. The Kingdom Jesus announces does not belong to the loudest voices or the most confident tribes. It belongs to those willing to mourn, to listen, and to seek righteousness without surrendering mercy. That way is harder. It is slower. And it is unmistakably Christian.

## A Prayer for Peacemakers

Lord,  
slow my heart when  
it rushes to judgment  
and soften it when fear tempts me to  
choose sides instead of people.  
Teach me to mourn before I speak,  
to listen before I conclude,  
and to remember the dignity  
of every life you have created.  
Guard me from pride  
disguised as certainty,  
and shape my words with  
humility, truth, and mercy.  
Make me a peacemaker  
in a divided world,  
and keep my eyes fixed on you,  
where justice and compassion meet.  
Amen.





## EAGLES TRIBUTE DINNER CONCERT PARISH LIFE CENTER TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD

Doors open at 5:15pm – Dinner at 5:30pm - \$20 per person  
Tickets go on sale in the Parish Office Monday, February 2nd.

A light supper and a glass of wine will be served.

All seating is open, NO reserved tables.

For over 15 years, The Alter Eagles band has been astonishing audiences across the country with their inspiring tribute to North America's number one, all time, bestselling musical group. Having performed over 2,000 shows, The Alter Eagles is comprised of versatile vocalists and musicians who play multiple instruments during their shows. This band plays all of the Eagles classics including Desperado, Take It Easy, Seven Bridges Road, Heartache Tonight, One of These Nights and of course Hotel California, as well as songs from their newer albums and solo careers.

The Alter Eagles members are huge fans of the Eagles and their music, and are always ready to share their devotion to the band through their amazing performances.







St. Leo  
the Great  
Catholic  
Church

Presents:

## Planning for Tomorrow

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

10:00 AM—noon

In the New Auditorium

A COMPLIMENTARY LIFE PLANNING WORKSHOP

The St. Leo the Great Catholic Church has partnered with the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida and local estate planning experts to host a complimentary workshop, which will provide participants with the knowledge they need to make critical health, legal and financial decisions for themselves and/or a loved one.

Attendees will obtain  
important information on:

Avoiding Guardianship, Wills vs.  
Trusts, Probate, Durable Power  
of Attorney, Beneficiary  
Designations, Healthcare  
Surrogates, Advanced  
Directives, Financial Planning,  
Smarter Ways to Give and more.



RESERVE YOUR PLACE TODAY

CALL: 941-486-4722

## Next Weekend's Mass Schedule



Saturday, February 7

3:30 pm Fr. Stan

3:30 pm-Overflow Fr. Jack

5:30 pm Fr. Stan

Sunday, February 8

7:30 am Fr. Tim

9:30 am Fr. Tim

9:30 am-Overflow Fr. Jack

11:30 am Fr. Jarek

3:00 pm-Spanish Fr. Gustavo

5:00 pm Fr. Jarek

*Changes may occur without notice.*



CHILDREN'S  
LITURGY

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.



Wedding Anniversary Mass at St. Leo  
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, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

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Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Northern Address \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Number of years married: \_\_\_\_ Photo with Bishop: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
M D Y

Number of people attending reception: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

This form is for St. Leo Parishioners only. Others register with your home Parish.



# AN EVENING OF JOY, MEMORY, AND MUSIC

**A Parish Dinner Concert  
with Fr. Jarek & Marcin**

**Wednesday, February 25th - SOLD OUT  
Thursday, February 26th - Tickets Available  
(As of the time of bulletin publication)**



Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office  
Doors open at 5:15pm - Dinner at 5:30pm  
\$20 per person

A light supper and a glass of wine will be served.  
All seating is open, NO reserved tables.



## *Songs of Love*

**Parish Life Center - Thursday, February 5th**

Doors open at 5:15pm

Dinner at 5:30pm - \$20 per person

A light supper and a glass of wine will be served.

All seating is open, NO reserved tables.

**Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office only through this Wednesday at noon.**

Gulfshore Opera's Profession Artists in Residence will be performing.



## *Mardi Gras ~ Dinner Concert*

**Parish Life Center  
Tuesday, February 17th**

Doors open at 5:15 pm - Dinner at 5:30 pm - \$20 per person

Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office.

A light supper & a glass of wine will be served. All seating is open, NO reserved tables.

**Only A Few Tickets Remain**

# St. Leo Ladies' Guild Scholarships



The Ladies' Guild Scholarships consist of four, \$4000 scholarships awarded to high school seniors or other individuals interested in furthering their education at a university, community college, a

technical or trade school. To qualify for these scholarships, applicants must have been members of St. Leo the Great parish for at least one year prior to submitting an application. Applicants must also demonstrate involvement in St. Leo activities, in their school or in their local community.

Applications may be obtained in the parish office or by contacting Clare Sasak at [cesak27@aol.com](mailto:cesak27@aol.com) or Judie Dougherty at [jmdougherty6229@gmail.com](mailto:jmdougherty6229@gmail.com)

**All applications must be received by Monday, April 27th.**



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.

The next gathering is February 10<sup>th</sup> at Brookdale North Naples.  
Contact Penny at 314-412-4022 for more information.



## 2026 Diocese of Venice Eucharistic Missionary Conference

After a three-year effort to reignite faith in, and reverence for, the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, it is time for us to look at another dimension: that of more fully becoming Eucharistic Missionaries. Join us for the Diocese of Venice Eucharistic Missionary Conference on Saturday, February 7, 8am – 3pm, at Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord in Fort Myers. Mass will be offered by Bishop Dewane and nationally recognized Catholic presenter Jon Leonetti will peak.

Contact James Gontis for more information.  
[Gontis@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:Gontis@dioceseofvenice.org)  
There is no cost, but registration is required.  
<https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2026-eucharistic-missionary-conference>



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-4pm.**

### THESE ITEMS ARE ESPECIALLY 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.

### Babies always need

- ☐ Wipes
- ☐ Formula
- ☐ Baby Wash
- ☐ Baby Shampoo
- ☐ Diapers (especially size 6)

### We appreciate your generosity!







**BLESSING  
OF  
THROATS**

**TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 3  
DURING 8AM MASS**

**ST. BLAISE**

**OVERFLOW MASSES ARE CELEBRATED  
IN THE NEW AUDITORIUM**

**3:30PM ON SATURDAYS  
9:30AM ON SUNDAYS**

### ***Volunteers Needed for Prison Outreach***

Join the team of Diocesan volunteers who enter county jails and state prisons within the 10-county Diocese of Venice to do pastoral outreach, distribute the Eucharist and facilitate programs. Priests, Deacons, and lay volunteers are encouraged to assist in this ministry. Volunteers will first participate in an orientation program before entering the facility and will shadow experienced volunteers until they feel comfortable. Times and days vary by facility.

Please contact Joe Mallof at 224-217-7139 or  
Bob Hiniker 863-558-0407  
to learn where you can fit into this joyful opportunity.



## **CATHOLIC DAYS AT THE CAPITOL**

★ **February 10-11, 2026 - Tallahassee, Florida** ★

The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops invites you to join Catholics from across the state to advocate for the protection of human life & dignity as lawmakers continue the important work of shaping Florida's laws for the common good.

Events include a legislative briefing, awards breakfast & annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit.



LEARN MORE AND REGISTER: [WWW.FLACCB.ORG/CDAC](http://WWW.FLACCB.ORG/CDAC)

### **LEO FROM CHICAGO**



**“Leo From Chicago”**  
**This Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-11am**  
**in the St. Leo Auditorium**  
**and led by Deacon Charlie**

We have all witnessed Bishops who were unexpectedly elected to become Pope. John Paul II, the first Pope elected from Poland, Pope Francis, the first Pope elected from South America and now Pope Leo, the first Pope from the United States. What is it about each of these men that defined their journey from childhood to priest, bishop, cardinal, and ultimately Pope? We have had the opportunity to learn about the first two individuals through their stories, their challenges and the special skills and abilities that propelled them forward during their pontificate.

Join us as we explore what influenced that process with Pope Leo XIV. We will provide a one hour video that will give us a sense of what it was like for him to be raised in a 1960's Chicago Catholic family, what influenced him, and what talents and skills came to epitomize a process that unfolded for him a course he least expected. After the video our conversation will focus on Pope Leo's recent conversation with young people where he entertained their questions and provided great guidance to parents and grandparents on how to speak with adolescents about difficult current topics.

**To ensure enough handouts please register your intention to attend with the office.**  
**There is no fee for this class.**

## NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2</b>	
8:00 am	+Elsie & +Bernie Kelly	Pati & Peter Grana
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 3</b>	
8:00 am	+William Phillip Schroeder	Carmen DeMarrais
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 4</b>	
8:00 am	+Kay & Zola Grana	Pati & Peter Grana
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 5</b>	
8:00 am	+Bill Janes	His Loving Wife
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 6</b>	
8:00 am	+Ulyses Gebrga	Susan Roschen
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 7</b>	
8:00 am	+Bill Phillips Sr.	The Hinkson Family
3:30 pm	+Tom Brooks Jr	Lydia Heim
3:30 pm - Overflow	Therese Manczewski, healing	Maureen Schubert
5:30 pm	+Fran Shepherd	Her Loving Family
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 8</b>	
7:30 am	+Rose Mary Baker	Ethel Figurski
9:30 am	The Parishioners of St. Leo	
9:30 am - Overflow	+Kay Dietz	Maureen Schubert
11:30 am	+Arleen Patron	Dennis & Patricia Trippel
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	+Linda Rounding	Her Loving Husband, Gary

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.

### ST. LEO MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIEST CENACLE

On the second Friday of each month in the Cry Room following 8am Mass we pray for good and holy priests for one hour.  
For more information contact Betty at 860-595-6370 or holdenbnd@gmail.com

### 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 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](http://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 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 on the last Friday of each month at 9am. For questions contact Loretta at 917.886.7273 or Peggy at 239.293.3201.



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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Names remain on our prayer list for 30 days & troop list for 6 months. To add names or update information call the Parish Office at 992-0901 or email: [ehernandez@stleocatholicchurch.org](mailto:ehernandez@stleocatholicchurch.org)



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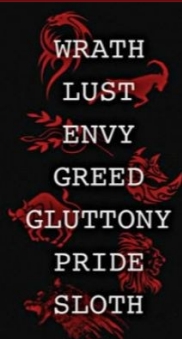
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## Men's Study Group

Thursday Mornings in the Nest Café

January 15<sup>th</sup> -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, 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](mailto:cbramlage@gmail.com).



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# NOTAS EN ESPAÑOL



**Dichoso el  
que pone la  
esperanza  
en el Señor**

Las lecturas de este domingo son tan fuertes en cuanto a la pobreza y la humildad, que parecen no concordar con la sociedad actual. Existen ciertas realidades en el mundo donde los pobres, los humildes y los inmigrantes no tienen cabida en los planes de los ricos y poderosos. Sin embargo, para consuelo ante esta situación, esto ya ocurría en tiempos del profeta Sofonías. Fijémonos en sus palabras: *“Busquen al Señor ustedes, todos los humildes de la tierra, los que cumplen sus preceptos; practiquen la justicia y busquen la humildad; tal vez esto los proteja el día de la ira del Señor”* (Sofonías 2:3). Son los pobres y los sencillos quienes siempre están buscando y confiando en Dios. Optar por la pobreza es un verdadero don del Espíritu Santo, que implica servir y trabajar por el Reino de Dios. La pobreza de espíritu debe

penetrar el mundo con la ternura y la misericordia de Dios. Cada bautizado debe asumir la responsabilidad de hacer que esto suceda.

Las bienaventuranzas proclamadas por Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy son una enseñanza clave para la vida diaria. Al escuchar su Palabra, nos sentimos bienaventurados y también comprometidos a decir "sí", como María, a la voluntad del Padre. *“Debemos buscar juntos cómo ser una Iglesia misionera, una Iglesia que construya puentes de diálogo, siempre abierta a recibir con los brazos abiertos a todos, a todos aquellos que necesitan nuestra caridad, nuestra presencia, el diálogo y el amor”* (Papa León XIV). Esto nos hará felices como comunidad y como sociedad. ¡Felices al estilo de Jesús!

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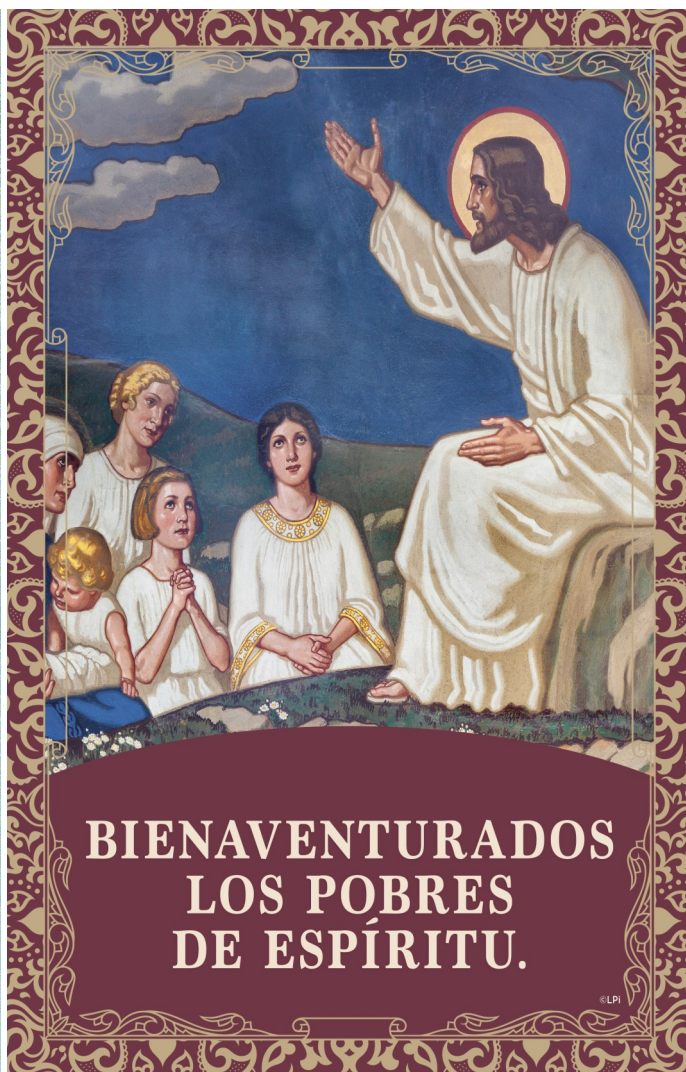
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Las solicitudes se pueden obtener en la oficina parroquial o comunicándose con Clare Sasak a [cesak27@aol.com](mailto:cesak27@aol.com) o con

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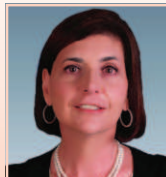
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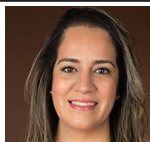
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