

# 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 22, 2026*



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WWW.STLEOCATHOLICCHURCH.ORG • OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 AM - 4 PM  
DAILY MASS: MONDAY-SATURDAY: 8 AM • CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 1:30PM-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!

February 14 & 15  
\$45,314

# 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.

## EUCCHARIST

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 1:30pm-3:00pm on Saturday in English during season 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

**PRIEST SCHEDULE ON PAGE 5 THIS WEEK**

# Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - WHEN THE VOICE SOUNDS REASONABLE

"Did God really tell you not to eat?" (Genesis 3:1)

The first temptation does not arrive as rebellion but as something reasonable. The serpent does not deny God outright. He reframes Him. Suddenly God appears restrictive instead of generous, cautious instead of loving. That voice still sounds familiar. It whispers that obedience is excessive and restraint unnecessary, and that we deserve more than God seems willing to give.

Paul reminds us that sin rarely stays small or isolated. What enters quietly spreads widely. But grace works the same way. One act of trust can undo a long habit of mistrust. Adam's reach brought fracture. Christ's obedience restores what we thought was permanently broken and beyond repair. In the desert, Jesus refuses shortcuts. He does not argue or explain Himself. He stays rooted in the Word. Lent begins by teaching us that freedom is not found in getting what we want, but in trusting the God who knows what we need before we ask.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me recognize the voices that sound reasonable but lead me away from You. Teach me to trust Your word even when another option looks easier. Amen.

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 51; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - HOLINESS IN ORDINARY PLACES

"Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy." (Leviticus 19:2)

Holiness is often imagined as dramatic or heroic, but Leviticus places it squarely in daily behavior. Do not lie. Do not cheat. Do not hold grudges. In other words, holiness shows up where we talk, work, argue, and remember. It is less about perfection and more about integrity lived consistently.

Jesus makes this clearer by describing the final judgment. It is not based on how much we knew, but on whom we noticed. The hungry, the lonely, and the forgotten do not interrupt faith. They reveal it. Most people who served Christ did not realize they were doing anything remarkable.

Lent does not ask us to become extraordinary overnight. It asks us to stop stepping over love in ordinary moments. Holiness grows quietly wherever mercy becomes habitual and attention becomes intentional. What often feels unimportant is precisely where faith is formed.

**Prayer:** Lord, open my eyes to You in the people I encounter today. Help me practice holiness where life actually happens. Amen.

Leviticus 19:1-18; Psalm 19; Matthew 25:31-46

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - WHEN PRAYER STOPS PERFORMING

"My word shall not return to me void." (Isaiah 55:11)

Isaiah reminds us that God's word always accomplishes something, even when we cannot see it. Like rain soaking into dry ground, prayer works quietly. We struggle because we expect quick results and grow impatient when prayer feels ordinary or uneventful.

Jesus gently corrects prayer that tries too hard. He warns against piling up words as if God needs convincing. The Lord's Prayer is short, direct, and honest. It trusts that God already knows our needs before we begin listing them.

Lent invites us to pray less impressively and more truthfully. God is not moved by volume or clever phrasing. He is moved by trust that rests quietly in His presence. What looks like silence is often God working beneath the surface.

**Prayer:** Lord, simplify my prayer. Teach me to trust that You are already listening before I begin to speak. Amen.

Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34; Matthew 6:7-15

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - SECOND CHANCES STILL COUNT

"God saw their actions and did not carry out the punishment." (Jonah 3:10)

Jonah delivers one of the shortest sermons in Scripture, and it works. Nineveh listens. There are no arguments or excuses. They simply change direction. Repentance is not dramatic remorse. It is movement and a willingness to stop walking the same road.

Jesus later reminds His listeners that signs are rarely the problem. Resistance is. The people of Nineveh changed with very little information. Others demand endless proof and still refuse to move even when truth stands before them.

Lent reassures us that God does not grow tired of second chances. He waits for movement, not perfection. Even small steps taken honestly matter. What delays grace is rarely failure, but the quiet decision to stay where we are.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me stop delaying the change I already know I need to make. Give me the courage to begin again. Amen.

Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51; Luke 11:29-32

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - ASKING WITHOUT PRETENDING

"Ask and it will be given to you." (Matthew 7:7)

Esther prays without hiding her fear. She does not sound confident or polished. She sounds honest. Her prayer is desperate and humble, and God receives it. Scripture reminds us that God does not require brave language or perfect composure.

Jesus reinforces this trust by using simple images. God is not waiting to trick us with stones when we ask for bread. If human parents know how to care imperfectly, God knows how to care faithfully.

Lent invites us to stop pretending in prayer and start trusting in God's goodness. Honest asking is already an act of faith. What matters is not how strong we sound, but how sincerely we place ourselves before God.

**Prayer:** Lord, teach me to ask without fear and to trust without bargaining. Amen.

Esther C:12-25; Psalm 138; Matthew 7:7-12

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - CHANGE IS STILL POSSIBLE

"I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked." (Ezekiel 18:23)

Ezekiel offers hope to both the guilty and the self-assured. No past failure locks us into who we must become. No past virtue excuses present hardness. God looks at direction, not reputation or accumulated credit.

Jesus echoes this urgency. Reconciliation cannot wait until everything feels comfortable. Broken relationships weigh down worship. Faith that avoids repair slowly loses credibility and depth.

Lent reminds us that today matters more than yesterday. God rejoices whenever someone turns back, no matter how long it took to arrive there. Grace always begins in the present moment, not in regret over the past.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me choose reconciliation while there is still time. Give me the humility to turn back when I have wandered. Amen.

Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130; Matthew 5:20-26

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 - LOVE THAT GOES FURTHER

"You shall be a people sacred to the LORD." (Deuteronomy 26:19)

Belonging to God is not a status symbol. It is a way of living. Moses reminds the people that covenant requires the heart, not just agreement. Faith is not something we claim. It is something we practice daily.

Jesus raises the standard even higher. Loving enemies sounds unreasonable until we realize that selective love keeps us shallow. Loving only those who agree with us changes very little in us.

Lent stretches love beyond habit. God invites us to reflect His generosity, not just admire it from a distance. Love grows whenever we choose mercy where it costs us something. That choice, repeated quietly, is how holiness becomes real.

**Prayer:** Lord, expand my heart beyond what feels natural. Teach me to love as You love. Amen.

Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119; Matthew 5:43-48

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

# REMEMBER: LENT AND THE LOST ART OF MEMORY

Genesis 2:7–9; 3:1–7; Psalm 51; Romans 5:12–19; Matthew 4:1–11

by Father Jarek

**Just a few days ago, ashes traced quiet crosses on our foreheads,** and with that simple gesture the Church spoke a truth older than any of us. No speeches. No explanations. Just a reminder placed gently on the body before it ever reached the mind. We stood still long enough to hear words we rarely give ourselves permission to face.

It felt almost out of step with everything else we do. We rush through days, scroll past people, forget why we opened the refrigerator or walked into a room. And then, suddenly, someone places ashes on our skin and asks us to remember.

Lent begins where Ash Wednesday left off, not with urgency, not with instruction, but with a single invitation: remember.

**“Remember that you are dust.”**

**“Repent, and believe in the Gospel.”**

**They sound like different phrases, but they belong to the same wisdom.** Both call us back to memory. Not nostalgia. Not regret. Biblical memory, the kind that tells the truth and gently reorients a life that has begun to drift.

Scripture places this truth at the very beginning. Humanity is formed from the dust of the earth and given life by God’s breath. From the start, we are both fragile and graced. The tragedy of the garden is not merely that Adam and Eve disobey, but that they forget. They forget who they are, who God is, and where life truly comes from. Dust that forgets its dependence reaches for what it cannot hold.

**We live in a culture that is constantly moving and easily forgetful.** We forget names, passwords, appointments. More deeply, we forget limits. We forget how quickly health can change, how words can wound, how resentment quietly reshapes the heart. We forget not because we are careless, but because life trains us to rush forward without pausing to reflect.

**Lent slows us down.** It stretches Ash Wednesday into forty days, giving memory room to work. The ashes were not the point. They were the beginning. Their purpose was not to linger on our skin, but to settle into our awareness.

In Scripture, faith is always tied to remembering. Israel is told again and again, “Remember that you were slaves in Egypt.” This command is not meant to reopen old pain, but to keep hearts tender. A people who remember their own vulnerability are less likely to become hard or cruel. Forgetting, in the Bible, is never neutral. When memory fades, pride quietly fills the space. The psalm gives voice to what faithful remembering sounds like. “Remember not my sins,” the psalmist prays, even as he names them honestly. Biblical memory does not trap us in guilt. It opens the door to mercy. It tells the truth without despair and begins again with humility.

**Even the heart of Christian worship rests on this truth. “Do this in memory of me.”** Jesus does not say, “Do this to feel inspired,” or “Do this to prove your devotion.” He says, remember. Because discipleship erodes when memory disappears. We do not usually lose our way in dramatic moments. We lose it gradually, by forgetting who God is and who we are before Him. Lent exists to resist that forgetting.

**Saint Paul names what is at stake when memory fails.** Through one man, sin enters the world and fractures trust. Through another, grace restores what was lost. Christ does not erase our humanity. He remembers it rightly. Lent places us inside that story again, not as spectators, but as people choosing which memory will shape us.

Historically, this season grew as a time of preparation and reconciliation. In the early Church, Lent helped catechumens prepare for baptism and penitents find their way home. Ashes and fasting were never meant to humiliate. They were meant to tell the truth everyone already knew: we are unfinished people, dependent on mercy, living within limits. That shared memory made room for healing.

**That is why Lent still matters now.** We live in a time that struggles to remember well. We remember offenses more easily than forgiveness. We remember arguments but forget relationships. We remember what angers us but forget what once softened us. Around kitchen tables, in cars, and through glowing screens, we absorb endless information, yet wisdom feels increasingly rare.

**Lent gently restores proportion.** It reminds us that today’s conflicts are not eternal, that our bodies are fragile and precious, that time is limited and therefore meaningful. It does not accuse us. It humanizes us. It reminds us that we are not God, and that this truth is not a defeat, but a mercy.

**Even Jesus enters the desert not to prove strength, but to remain faithful to memory.** Each temptation invites Him to forget who He is and grasp for control. Each response begins with remembrance. “It is written.” He does not argue. He remembers. Lent teaches us the same wisdom. We do not overcome temptation by force, but by remembering who we are before God. Most of us do not enter Lent feeling spiritually strong. We enter because something within us knows it is time to remember. To remember loves that have been neglected. To remember prayers we stopped saying because life grew noisy. To remember tenderness that once came more easily and can still be recovered.

**Lent does not demand that everything changes at once.** It invites us to remember enough to begin honestly. Conversion grows from that honesty. It always has.

**This week, remember one thing you have rushed past. Lent begins there.**

# Lenten Schedule

## Lenten Daily Mass

Monday-Friday 8 am & 12 noon  
Saturday 8 am

## Stations of the Cross on Fridays

Stations with Mary, the Mother of Jesus,  
after 8 am Mass  
Traditional Stations of the Cross - 3 pm  
Estaciones de la Cruz - 6pm

## Confessions

Saturdays 1:30-3 pm  
Friday, March 27 4-8 pm  
Saturday, March 28 9am-12 noon

## Communal Reconciliation Service

In the Tradition of Taize  
Monday, March 30th - 6 pm

# Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 28

3:30 pm Fr. Stan  
3:30 pm-Overflow Fr. Jack  
5:30 pm Fr. Stan

Sunday, March 1

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

*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.

## FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 years and 59 years (inclusive). On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday.

Fasting, Almsgiving, and Prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

*If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.*

*We Pray for the Recently Deceased  
of Our Parish*

James M Geitz

Jose Austin Ramirez



**DAN & STEPHANIE BURKE**

COO - EWTN. CO-HOSTS, DIVINE INTIMACY RADIO PROGRAM.



Faith & Ale is a monthly gathering of Catholic men. Join us at St. John XXIII Catholic Church in Fort Myers for our Joint Event with Faith & Wine Lee County on March 19th. This event will sell out.

**March 19**  
"Spiritual Warfare and the  
Discernment of Spirits"

We invite you to register for this event and see our season's lineup on our website [www.faihandale.com/register/](http://www.faihandale.com/register/). Review the details of this event below:

- Start time 6:30pm, doors open at 6pm.
- St. John XXIII Catholic Church  
13060 Palomino Lane  
Fort Myers, FL 33912
- \$25 Suggested Donation (appetizers & refreshments)
- Register [www.faihandale.com](http://www.faihandale.com)

Dan is past President & COO of EWTN's worldwide news network. He and his wife host the Divine Intimacy Radio show which is broadcast weekly on EWTN Radio.





# Sounds of Freedom Dinner Concert

**Parish Life Center**

**Tuesday, March 24th**

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

**Wear you patriotic colors and join us for a light supper,  
with a glass of wine.**

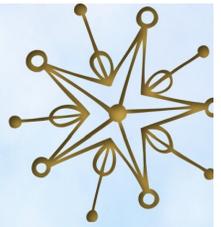
**All seating is open, NO reserved tables**

This year a select group from the Naples Brass, and their vocal accompanist, will be entertaining us with popular, jazz, and classical patriotic songs to stir our hearts and remind us of the music of the United States today and through the years. In addition to many standard patriotic songs, they will be adding the Military Service hymns which honor the sacrifices of those who bravely wore those uniforms.





# Broadway and More



Featuring Claudia Cespedes and Drazen Bolarin  
Parish Life Center Tuesday, March 10th



At publication 90  
tickets remained.

**SOLD OUT**



Join us as our wonderful vocalists Claudia Cespedes and Drazen Bolarin take a break from their post graduate music studies and return to St. Leo to spend an evening performing some of their favorite Broadway songs.

# St. Leo Ladies' Guild Retreat

*Building & Maintaining your Relationship with  
God through Prayer, Meditation & Reflection*

**Tuesday, March 10**

**Check-in starts at 8 AM with a light breakfast**

Please join us for a day of prayer and reflection as we discover how to deepen our relationship with God and maintain it through challenging times. You'll learn how to use journaling, prayer, meditation and "quiet" more effectively, and through small group discussions you'll share ideas with others.

Father Jarek will join us for the morning session.

The day will end with Mass and Homily celebrated by Father Stan.

Registration including lunch selection and fee is due by Friday, February 27th.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch: Boxed sandwiches from DeRomos. Please choose 1 selection:

- Turkey    Veggie    Chicken Salad    Tuna Salad

For more information please contact

Debra Conner (508) 414-3362 or Cheryl Janes (239) 273-6309.

Drop this form off at the Parish Office with your \$25 fee (to SLLG) or mail it to Debra Conner, 500 Diamond Circle, Apt 505, Naples, FL 34110

## Men's Study Group

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).

## St. Leo's Respect Life Ministry



Please join us at the monthly meeting, Friday, February 27th, in the Nest Café at 9am. All are welcome to attend and participate in a discussion of our March mission of why the Church's commitment to the poor is not just a Lenten obligation but a fundamental expression of Christ's love and a reflection of His mission on earth. For more information please call Loreta at 917.886.7273 or Peggy at 239.293.3201.

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 24<sup>th</sup> at Inspired Living, Bonita Springs. Contact Penny at 314-412-4022 for more information.



OVERFLOW MASSES ARE CELEBRATED  
IN THE NEW AUDITORIUM

3:30PM ON SATURDAYS

9:30AM ON SUNDAYS



The St. Leo Ladies' Guild awards four, \$4000 scholarships to individuals interested in furthering their education at a university, community college, or a technical or trade school. Applicants must have been members of St. Leo the Great parish for at least one year prior to submitting an

application and demonstrate an involvement in St. Leo activities, in their school or in their local community. Applications are due by April 27th and 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)



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.

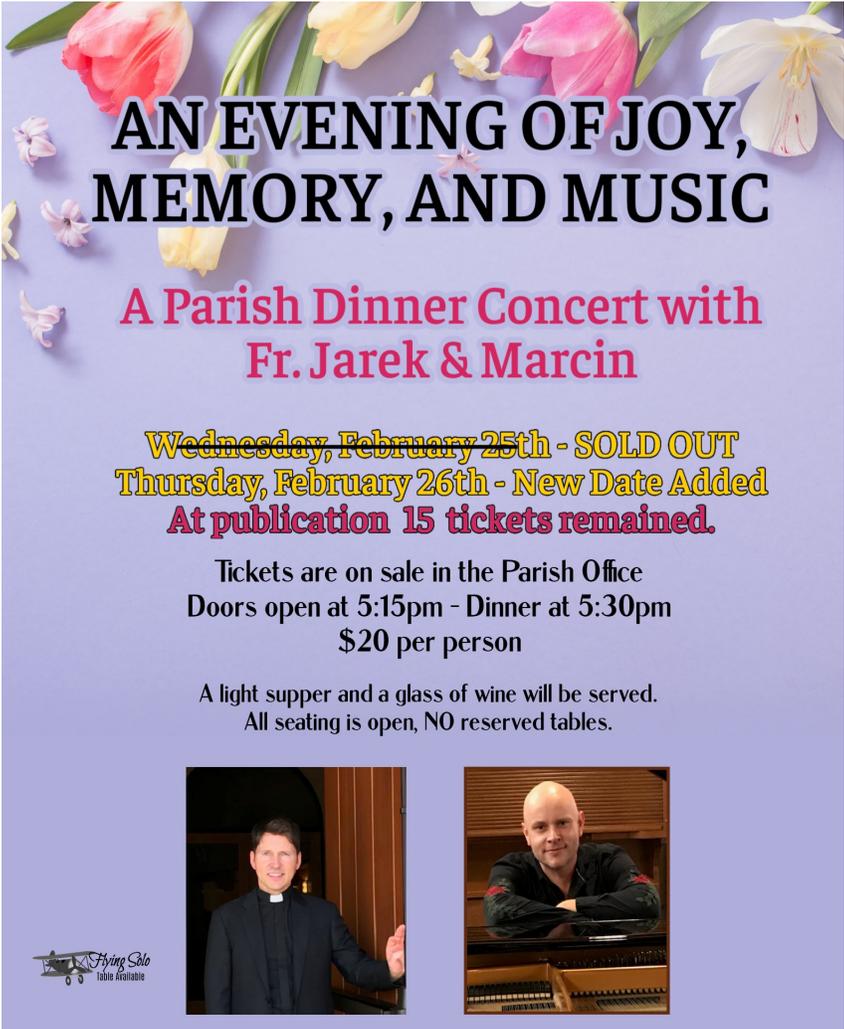
These funds will be dispersed to those in need both directly, and through our partner parishes and organizations.

### Babies always need

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

### We appreciate your generosity!





# AN EVENING OF JOY, MEMORY, AND MUSIC

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

**Wednesday, February 25th - SOLD OUT**  
**Thursday, February 26th - New Date Added**  
**At publication 15 tickets remained.**

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.



*Flying Solo*  
Table Available



If you would like to spread cheer for the upcoming Easter season, please consider a donation which will supply a local family with a gift card for food.

You may write a check for \$25 made payable to St. Leo Poor Box and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office.

The distribution will be done through Catholic Charities at the Juan Diego Outreach Center on the St. Leo campus and the food pantries at the parishes in Clewiston, LaBelle and Ft. Myers.



# *A Night in Italy*

**Dinner Concert • Thursday, March 19th**

Doors open at 5:15pm - Dinner at 5:30pm  
A light traditional Italian supper, with a glass of wine will be served.  
All seating is open, no reserved tables.

Tickets are \$20 and are on sale at the Parish Office.

Join us for the evening of St. Joseph's Day  
as we reflect on the music, food and history of Italy!

We will be entertained with contemporary and traditional Italian music  
presented by our own talented musicians,  
Juliana Alfano and Marcin Malewski.

*Flying Solo*  
Table Available

# NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 23</b>	
8:00 am	+Sharon Bridgewater	Mr. & Mrs. Gene Beyer
12:00 noon	+Don Wrobel	Sal & Joan Tassone
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 24</b>	
8:00 am	+Emanuel Casconi	Diane Debiasi
12:00 noon	+Jim Phelan	Carolyn Phelan
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 25</b>	
8:00 am	+Danny Neenan	Chris & Joan Pawlowicz
12:00 noon	+Monika Stegle	Her Loving Husband, Joe
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 26</b>	
8:00 am	+Dr. Bruce Carlisle & +Susan Richard	Nan Carlisle & Larry Richard
12:00 noon	+Sam Neenan	Chris & Joan Pawlowicz
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 27</b>	
8:00 am	+Thomas Deflorio	Austin McCann
12:00 noon	+Nartalie Purlington	Ben & Joan Robinson
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 28</b>	
8:00 am	+Brad Zeisse	Maureen Schubert
3:30 pm	+Jere Borkowski	Duane Borkowski
3:30 pm - Overflow	+Michael Baum	Maureen Schubert
5:30 pm	+Tony Mattessich	Sue & Joe Murphy & Family
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 1</b>	
7:30 am	+Maria Gloria Cunha	Bill & Mary Sue Himpler
9:30 am	+Ted Daniels	His Loving Wife, Vicky Daniels
9:30 am - Overflow	+ Donald Jones	John & Anne Jones
11:30 am	+Theresa Walsh	John Walsh
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	The Parishioners of St. Leo	

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
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**Prayer Group**  
 All are welcome on Wednesday mornings in the Nest Cafe at 8:45am to pray for our personal intentions and those of our community, country and peace in our world.

**Rosary Makers - Wednesday 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.

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**DAILY PRAYER SCHEDULE**  
**MONDAYS THROUGH THURSDAYS, AND SATURDAYS:** 7:15 am-Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Cry Room, 7:30 am-Rosary in the main church.  
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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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