

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.*

January 25, 2026



Carlo Crivelli - An Apostle - The Metropolitan Museum of Art

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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

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Parish Church Support

Thank you for your continued generosity!

January 17 & 18

\$39,262

Church in Latin America

\$4,084

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 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

ONLINE GIVING

WWW.STLEOCATHOLICCHURCH.ORG



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.

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 31

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

Sunday, February 1

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

Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

Sunday, January 25

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIGHT THAT FINDS US BUSY

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." (Isaiah 9:1)

Isaiah tells us that God's light rises not in places of prestige but along a forgotten road by the sea. Zebulun and Naphtali were not spiritual capitals. They were places people passed through, not places they bragged about. Yet God chooses that overlooked stretch of land as the starting point for hope. Light appears where expectations are low.

Psalm 27 sounds like a prayer learned through experience. The Lord is my light and my salvation. Not my escape plan. Not my guarantee of an easy life. Just my light. Waiting for the Lord with courage suggests that faith often looks less like confidence and more like stubborn trust when answers take their time.

Jesus then walks straight into ordinary workdays. Fishermen with wet nets and tired hands are not preparing for a spiritual breakthrough. Yet this is when the call comes. Follow me. God's light rarely interrupts life with fireworks. More often it redirects us quietly while we are busy doing what we always do.

Prayer: Lord, shine your light into my ordinary days and guide me even when I feel unnoticed. Amen. *Isaiah 8:23 to 9:3; Psalm 27; 1 Corinthians 1:10 to 13, 17; Matthew 4:12 to 23*

Monday, January 26

Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus

FAITH YOU DID NOT INVENT

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice." (2 Timothy 1:7)

Paul reminds Timothy that faith usually arrives before confidence does.

Timothy's belief did not begin with a dramatic decision. It grew through family stories, familiar prayers, and people who stayed faithful when he was still figuring things out.

Most of us carry faith that was handed to us long before we appreciated it. Someone insisted we go to church. Someone prayed for us when we rolled our eyes. Someone believed we were capable of goodness even when we were not cooperating. That faith still works quietly in us, steady and patient, long after we forget where it began.

Paul does not scold Timothy for fear. He simply refuses to let fear define him. God's gift is not bold personality or perfect calm. It is steady courage shaped by love and self control, the kind that keeps showing up even on days it would rather stay home.

Prayer: Lord, help me trust the faith I received and live it with patience and courage. Amen. *2 Timothy 1:1 to 8; Psalm 96; Mark 3:22 to 30*

Tuesday, January 27

Tuesday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time

JOY THAT STOPS KEEPING SCORE

"David danced before the Lord with abandon." (2 Samuel 6:14)

David dances with no concern for how dignified he looks. This is not poor judgment. It is gratitude that forgets to be self conscious. David knows that when God draws near, restraint is not the appropriate response.

Many of us learned faith that stayed carefully within boundaries. Be respectful. Be appropriate. Do not get carried away. Scripture gently pushes back. Joy is not disorder. It is recognition. It is the heart realizing it has been spared more than it deserved.

David's joy ends in generosity. Everyone leaves fed. True worship always spills outward. When joy is real, it nourishes others and sends people home lighter than they arrived, carrying not just bread in their hands but reassurance in their hearts that God is near and abundance is meant to be shared.

Prayer: Lord, loosen my heart enough to rejoice freely in your goodness. Amen. *2 Samuel 6:12 to 19; Psalm 24; Mark 3:31 to 35*

Wednesday, January 28

Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas

GOD WHO DOES NOT NEED OUR STRUCTURE

"Should you build me a house to dwell in?" (2 Samuel 7:5)

David wants to give God something solid and impressive. God gently declines. Not because David is wrong, but because God refuses to be confined by even our best intentions. Divine presence has never depended on buildings, plans, or schedules.

We often feel safer when faith is organized. We like neat systems and predictable routines. Yet God continues to move freely, accompanying us through uncertainty and unfinished projects without asking permission.

Saint Thomas Aquinas understood that God is not something to be mastered. His brilliance was grounded in humility. He knew that truth is received before it is explained, and that mystery is not a problem to solve but a reality to live within.

Prayer: Lord, help me trust your presence without trying to manage it. Amen. *2 Samuel 7:4 to 17; Psalm 89; Mark 4:1 to 20*

Thursday, January 29

Thursday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time

THE COURAGE TO SIT STILL

"Who am I, Lord God, that you have brought me to this point?" (2 Samuel 7:18)

After hearing God's promises, David does something unexpected. He sits. He does not rush to respond or promise improvement. He allows gratitude to settle before words appear. Stillness becomes his way of honoring what he has received rather than trying to earn what comes next.

We often rush past gratitude because it feels unproductive. Sitting quietly with God does not solve problems or organize the future. Yet it roots us in reality.

It reminds us that we are already recipients before we are ever achievers.

David's prayer teaches us that gratitude is not weakness. It is honesty.

Recognizing how far God has brought us steadies the heart for whatever comes next. Only a heart grounded in gratitude can move forward without fear of losing control.

Prayer: Lord, teach me to pause long enough to truly receive your goodness.

Amen. *2 Samuel 7:18 to 29; Psalm 132; Mark 4:21 to 25*

Friday, January 30

Friday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time

WHEN NOTHING SEEMS URGENT

"David remained in Jerusalem." (2 Samuel 11:1)

David's failure begins quietly. He stays behind while others go to battle. There is no rebellion, just extra time and less vigilance. Scripture reminds us that many spiritual missteps begin when nothing seems urgent.

Comfort softens attention. Small decisions feel harmless. Drift is rarely noticed until damage appears. This story is not meant to shame but to warn us that attentiveness matters even when life feels calm.

Jesus responds with patience. The Kingdom grows slowly and often invisibly.

Growth happens not through control, but through steady faithfulness and trust that God is working even when we cannot track progress.

Prayer: Lord, keep my heart attentive when comfort tempts me to drift.

Amen. *2 Samuel 11:1 to 17; Psalm 51; Mark 4:26 to 34*

Saturday, January 31

Memorial of Saint John Bosco

WHO IS WITH US IN THE BOAT

"Do you not yet have faith?" (Mark 4:40)

The disciples panic while Jesus sleeps. The storm feels immediate and personal. Their question is honest and unfiltered. Do you not care. It is a prayer many people have prayed more than once.

Jesus calms the storm and then asks a deeper question. Faith does not eliminate storms. It reveals who is present within them. What changes is not the wind or the waves, but the heart that remembers it is not alone. The issue is not fear itself, but forgetting who is nearby.

Saint John Bosco taught young people that trust grows through relationship.

Faith matures not by avoiding fear, but by discovering that God remains close even when waves rise and control slips away.

Prayer: Lord, help me remember who is with me when fear takes over.

Amen. *2 Samuel 12:1 to 17; Psalm 51; Mark 4:35 to 41*

**For the full version of each day's reflection,
visit CatholicJourneyToday.com
and journey deeper with Scripture, prayer, and daily encouragement.**

God Does His Best Work While We Are Busy Doing Something Else

By Father Jarek

A SCRIPTURAL MESSAGE FOR THIS WEEK

Many of us assume that if God is going to speak, it will happen when life finally grows quiet. When the house is in order. When the calendar clears. When we have time to sit still and be spiritual on purpose. Scripture this week gently dismantles that assumption. God, it turns out, has a habit of showing up while people are already doing something else.

Most people recognize that pattern. It happens while folding laundry, driving home, standing at the sink, or sitting in the car for a moment longer than necessary before going inside. Nothing feels especially holy. Life is simply moving along. And yet something stirs. Scripture suggests that these moments are not distractions from grace. They are often where it begins.

GOD ENTERS IN BETWEEN PLACES

Isaiah reminds us that the great light of salvation does not rise over a capital city or a religious center. It appears along a forgotten road by the sea, in places people pass through but rarely notice. Zebulun and Naphtali are not destinations. They are in between places. And yet that is exactly where God chooses to begin something new. God does not wait for ideal conditions. He enters real ones.

CALLED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WORKDAY

The Gospel continues the pattern. Jesus calls fishermen while their nets are still wet and their hands are tired. There is no retreat. No preparation. No moment when they pause their work and decide they are ready for a spiritual experience. The call comes in the middle of ordinary labor. Follow me. God does not interrupt their lives so much as redirect them from within.

That rhythm feels familiar. God rarely announces Himself with spectacle. He whispers during routine. He nudges while attention is elsewhere. He slips meaning into moments we assumed were only chores. Anyone waiting for life to slow down before listening may be waiting a very long time.

FAITH ARRIVES BEFORE CONFIDENCE

Paul's words to Timothy add another layer. Timothy's faith does not begin with confidence or clarity. It begins with inheritance. With the faith of his grandmother and mother. With prayers he did not compose and stories he did not fully understand at first. Faith arrives early. Confidence comes later, if at all. This is good news for anyone who has ever felt unsure or underprepared. God does not wait for readiness. He trusts the seed will grow.

THE COURAGE TO SIT STILL

David's story deepens the insight. When God makes promises to him, David does something unexpected. He sits. He does not rush into action or begin planning his response. He lets gratitude settle. In a culture that prizes productivity, sitting still can feel irresponsible. Yet Scripture suggests that stillness is sometimes the most faithful response. Before David does anything for God, he recognizes how much he has already received.

That recognition matters. When gratitude is rushed past, faith slowly turns into performance. We begin to think God depends on our effort to remain present. The readings insist otherwise. God is not managed by schedules or sustained by plans. He walks with His people through uncertainty and unfinished business without asking them to keep up.

WHEN NOTHING SEEMS URGENT

Then comes the warning. David's later failure does not begin with rebellion but with comfort. He stays home. Nothing seems urgent. Scripture is honest enough to say that drift often begins not in crisis but in ease. When attention softens, small decisions quietly gain weight. This is not meant to frighten us but to wake us gently. Faith requires attentiveness even during calm seasons.

REMEMBERING WHO IS IN THE BOAT

The week closes with the storm. The disciples panic while Jesus sleeps. Their question is raw and familiar. Do you not care. Jesus calms the storm, but His deeper concern is not the wind or the waves. It is their forgetfulness. Faith does not eliminate fear. It reveals who is present within it. The problem is not that they are afraid. It is that they forget who is in the boat.

Saint John Bosco understood this well. Working with restless and often troubled young people, he knew that faith does not grow through control or constant correction. It grows through presence. Through trust patiently built. God works most deeply not when life is perfectly ordered, but when hearts are gradually awakened within ordinary days.

PAYING ATTENTION TO WHERE GOD IS WORKING

Taken together, these readings offer a freeing message. God does not wait for us to be impressive, organized, or spiritually focused. He finds us busy, uncertain, tired, and occasionally distracted. He works there.

The invitation of the week is simple and demanding. Pay attention. Sit still when needed. Stay awake when things feel calm. And trust that God is already at work, often while we are busy doing something else.

PRAYER

Faithful God,
you meet us not when everything is settled,
but in the middle of our days,
our routines, our responsibilities,
our unfinished tasks.

Teach us to recognize your presence
when life feels ordinary and unremarkable.
Slow our hearts when
gratitude needs time to settle.
Sharpen our attention when
comfort tempts us to drift.

When storms arise, remind us
who is in the boat.
When days feel calm, keep us
awake to grace.
And when we are busy
doing something else,
help us trust that
you are already at work within us.

Amen.

AN EVENING OF JOY, MEMORY, AND MUSIC

**A Parish Dinner Concert
with Fr. Jarek & Marcin
Wednesday, February 25th**

**Tickets go on sale
Tuesday, January 27th at 8am 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.**



Join Fr. Jarek and Marcin for an upbeat parish concert featuring beloved classics from the 1960s and 1970s. Familiar songs, joyful rhythms, and a spirit of celebration promise an evening that lifts the heart and brings our community together.

Expect smiles, laughter, and music that reminds us how deeply songs connect us to one another. Come as you are, bring a friend, and let the music do what it does best: lift spirits, awaken joy, and remind us that celebration itself is a form of gratitude.





BETTER TOGETHER

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 are on sale in the Parish Office.
A light supper and a glass of wine will be served.
All seating is open, NO reserved tables.

Come and enjoy a night filled with memorable duets by our very own fabulous cantors, Juliana and Marie. Returning on the piano is the wonderful Jodie DeSalvo.

This ticket sale closes at noon on Tuesday.

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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, January 29th.

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.



Songs of Love

Parish Life Center
Thursday, February 5th

Doors open at 5:15pm

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

Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office

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

All seating is open, NO reserved tables.



A dynamic, nationally recognized quartet of Gulfshore Opera's Professional Artists in Residence will serenade guests with timeless arias, passionate opera scenes, and Broadway favorites that celebrate love in all its dimensions.

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.

Join us as we welcome the Lew Del Gatto Quintet for an evening of New Orleans Style Jazz. Lew brings an incredibly rich history of jazz artistry to the stage and will be joined by four other highly talented musicians. You'll think you are sitting in the middle of the French Quarter right at Preservation Hall!

LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!



Tickets are going very fast!
More than half were sold the first two days.



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 or Judie Dougherty at jmdougherty6229@gmail.com

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



St. Leo Parish Life Center

For registration and questions call Estefania Valencia at (239) 324-9334 or email stefy@immokaleepregnancy.com

St. Leo's Respect Life Ministry



Please join us at the monthly meeting, Friday, January 30th, in the Nest Café at 9am.

All are welcome to attend and participate in a discussion of our February mission of why the Church honors the sacredness of marriage and supports life-giving families. For more information please call Loretta at 917.886.7273 or Peggy at 239.293.3201



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**

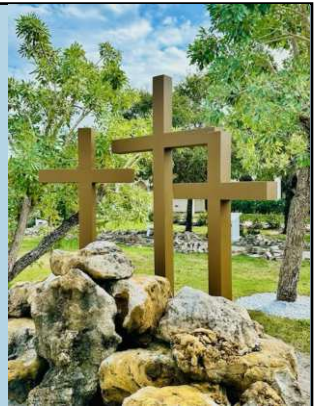
**3:30PM ON SATURDAYS
9:30AM ON SUNDAYS**

We Pray for the Recently Deceased of Our Parish

Micheline Merilees
Larry Besko



MEMORIAL BRICKS FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS GARDEN



As part of the renovation of the St. Leo Stations of the Cross Garden, the St. Leo Ladies' Guild will be handling the ongoing ordering, installing and maintaining of brick memorials to be placed within the garden. Placing a brick in this sacred space, whether in memory of a loved one, to mark a special event, or celebrate an anniversary is a timeless way to remember what matters most in our lives.

Memorial bricks may be ordered in two sizes – 4"x 8" (\$125) or 12"x12" (\$300).

Brochures with order forms are available in the parish office. The next cutoff date for brick orders will be January 31st and installation of bricks placed with this order is expected in March. Upcoming order deadlines will be in May and October.

LEO FROM CHICAGO



**“Leo From Chicago”
Tuesday, February 3rd 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
MONDAY	JANUARY 26	
8:00 am	+Charles P Reymann	His Daughter, Rita
TUESDAY	JANUARY 27	
8:00 am	+Ron Madaffer	Kelly Cummings
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 28	
8:00 am	+Barb Rausch	Her Loving Family
THURSDAY	JANUARY 29	
8:00 am	+Katherine Donofrio	Karen Callahan
FRIDAY	JANUARY 30	
8:00 am	+Bonnie Bardauskis	Her Loving Husband, Dan
SATURDAY	JANUARY 31	
8:00 am	+Gerry Robinson	Dorothy Jaracz
3:30 pm	+Cheryl Dodosh	Dorothy Jaracz
3:30 pm - Overflow	+Richard Jaracz	Dorothy Jaracz
5:30 pm	+Gerri Ann Pankowski	Dorothy Jaracz
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 1	
7:30 am	+Evelyn Storto	Dorothy Jaracz
9:30 am	+Kim O'Hara Izzi	Her Loving Husband
9:30 am - Overflow	+Jack Ditty	Mel & Barb Avery
11:30 am	+Eileen Dwyer	Pati & Peter Grana
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	+Joe Karaus	Gary & Marlene Morgenthal

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

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 †Bonnie Bardauskis
Requested by Her Loving Husband, Dan

Candles this week are dedicated to †Clare Murphy
Requested by Antonia Daughtry

Please Pray for Our Troops

Lt. Marco Colavecchia
Brian Dearcia Leon
Michael DeSantis
Cpt. Mary Kate Flynn
Lt. Thomas A. Flynn
Cpt. Sean Flynn
Thomas Geanuracos
Carlos Gonzales
Lt. Andrew D. Holt
Brian Howlett
Lt. Com. Matthew Kleine
Reed Lessman
Lt. Col. Nicholas LoRusso

Joseph McDermond
Daniel McDonald
Cpt. Kyle Martin
Michael Oliveira
Sgt. Thomas Pauls
Nick Parrorzio
Cpt. Evan Razzano
Lt. Riley N. Schliem
Lt. Col. Jonathan W. Schwarz
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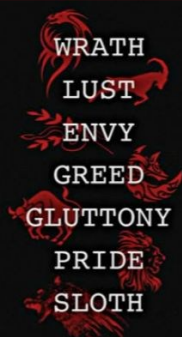
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Our Capital Improvement Fund allows us to collect assessment free money to be used for necessary repairs and projects for the parish campus. Funds have been used to pay for the replacement of the skylights in the church and a portion of the air conditioning units in the Parish Life Center and Education Buildings.

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The next gathering is January 27th at Inspired Living in Bonita Springs. 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 speak.

Contact James Gontis for more information.

Gontis@dioceseofvenice.org

There is no cost, but registration is required.

<https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2026-eucharistic-missionary-conference>



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En Jesús se cumplen todas las promesas de Dios. Las palabras de Isaías en la primera lectura nos lo dicen: *"El pueblo que habitaba en las tinieblas vio surgir una luz brillante"*. El gozo se multiplicó y la alegría aumentó. La razón de la alegría del pueblo es sencilla: se rompió el yugo que los oprimía. Experimentar la libertad es algo maravilloso, y se puede gozar de muchas formas: desde una enfermedad, a quedar sano; de estar encarcelado, y ser puesto en libertad; de relaciones no buenas, a romper con ellas. En fin, existen muchos ejemplos. Pero hay uno que debemos seguir muy de cerca: *"La gente que vivía en la oscuridad ha visto una luz muy grande; una luz que ha brillado para los que viven en lugares de sombras de muerte"* (Mateo 4:16).

¿En nuestra vida, cuáles son los lugares de sombra y de muerte? ¿Dónde debe entrar la luz que ilumine nuestra existencia? La conversión del corazón debe ser la guía que oriente el timón de nuestra vida. San Pablo nos indica una de tantas direcciones: que no haya divisiones entre nosotros, sino, por el contrario, que exista concordia entre las familias y la comunidad. Claramente nos recuerda que pertenecemos a Cristo. La clave está en saber vivir de acuerdo con el Evangelio. El Papa León XIV nos ofrece pautas seguras para llegar a Cristo: *"Ayúdense los unos a los otros a construir puentes con el diálogo, con el encuentro, uniéndonos todos para ser un solo pueblo, siempre en paz"*. *"La humanidad necesita de Él como puente para ser alcanzada por Dios, por su amor"*.

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
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
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