

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 4, 2026



Giotto di Bondone | The Adoration of the Magi | 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 • CONFESIONS: 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!

Due to the printer's
holiday schedule
this bulletin was submitted
before the most
recent collections were
tabulated.

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.

EUCARIST

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



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 10

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

Sunday, January 11

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

Changes may occur without notice.



Daily Reflections

by Father Jack

Sunday, January 4 - *The Epiphany of the Lord*

FOLLOWING THE STAR, NOT THE NOISE

"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

Epiphany is the feast of holy attention. The Magi notice a single star and refuse to treat it as background decoration. They interrupt their routines, pack their bags, and follow what quietly draws them forward. God rarely shouts. He tends to guide through small invitations that reward those willing to look up from their schedules.

Herod sees the same star and reacts very differently. He is troubled, not delighted, because Jesus threatens his sense of control. Christ still does this. He comforts the humble and unsettles those who want faith without surrender. The issue is never the light itself, but whether we want it to lead us.

The Magi kneel, offer gifts, and then return home by another way. That detail matters. Real worship always changes direction. If encountering Christ leaves us exactly the same, we probably admired the star more than we followed it.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, train my eyes to notice your light amid distraction. Lead me where you will and help me return changed. Amen. *Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12*

Monday, January 5 - *Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop*

TEST THE VOICES, FOLLOW THE LIGHT

"Do not trust every spirit but test the spirits." (1 John 4:1)

Saint John's advice feels written for our time. Not every confident voice speaks truth, and volume is not the same as wisdom. Discernment is not suspicion. It is learning which voices draw us closer to Christ and which quietly pull us away while sounding very certain.

The Gospel shows what the true Jesus actually does. He brings light into dark places, heals real wounds, and calls people to repentance and hope. Truth is never just an argument to win. It shows itself in mercy, humility, and lives slowly changed.

Saint John Neumann lived this quiet clarity. He was not flashy or loud. He served faithfully, built patiently, and trusted that steady goodness outlasts noise. Discernment grows when we stay close to Christ himself, not just opinions about him.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, sharpen my discernment. Help me recognize the voice of Jesus and follow the light that heals. Amen. *1 John 3:22–4:6; Psalm 2; Matthew 4:12–17, 23–25*

Tuesday, January 6

LOVE MOVES FIRST - "Not that we have loved God, but that he loved us." (1 John 4:10)

We often assume love begins once we improve. Once we pray better, behave better, or finally get consistent. Saint John gently corrects us. Love begins with God moving first. Before effort, before understanding, before deserving, there was mercy.

In the Gospel, the disciples see a hungry crowd and immediately calculate the problem. Jesus asks what they have, not what they lack. Five loaves and two fish are not impressive, except to God. Placed in his hands, small offerings become enough.

This is how love becomes livable. God does not wait for us to feel ready or abundant. He asks us to offer what is already in our hands today. Grace does the multiplying.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for loving me first. Teach me to trust you with what I have and to love generously. Amen. *1 John 4:7–10; Psalm 72; Mark 6:34–44*

Wednesday, January 7

WHEN FEAR MISREADS JESUS - "There is no fear in love." (1 John 4:18)

Fear is rarely honest about itself. It often dresses up as caution, realism, or being sensible. Saint John names what fear really does. It shrinks our vision and convinces us to expect the worst. Love, by contrast, expands the heart and gives us room to breathe again.

The disciples are exhausted, rowing against the wind in the dark, when Jesus comes toward them. Instead of relief, they panic. Fear makes them mistake

rescue for danger. They cannot imagine that help would come walking calmly toward them.

Jesus does not argue with their fear. He simply speaks. It is I. Do not be afraid. Many of us need to hear that again. In difficult seasons, we often assume abandonment when God is actually nearer than ever.

Prayer: Jesus, speak into my fear today. Help me recognize you in the storm and remain rooted in your love. Amen. *1 John 4:11–18; Psalm 72; Mark 6:45–52*

Thursday, January 8

OBEDIENCE THAT FEELS LIKE FREEDOM - "His commandments are not burdensome." (1 John 5:3)

Faith can feel heavy when we treat God like a demanding supervisor instead of a loving Father. Saint John reminds us that love changes the weight of obedience. What once felt like pressure slowly becomes relief, because love reshapes desire rather than forcing compliance.

Jesus reads Isaiah in the synagogue and declares its fulfillment. He is not offering advice for improvement. He announces freedom for captives and healing for the wounded. Christianity is not self improvement with religious language. It is rescue.

When obedience flows from love, it stops feeling like loss. Loving God and loving others become one movement of the heart. Faith conquers the world not by force, but by quiet fidelity lived daily.

Prayer: Lord, free me from carrying faith as a burden. Teach me obedience shaped by love and rooted in trust. Amen. *1 John 4:19–5:4; Psalm 72; Luke 4:14–22*

Friday, January 9

THE COURAGE TO ASK FOR HEALING - "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean." (Luke 5:12)

The man with leprosy does something deeply courageous. He approaches Jesus and asks. He does not bargain or demand. He trusts Jesus enough to expose his need. Many of us avoid prayer not because we doubt God's power, but because asking makes us vulnerable.

Jesus responds not from a distance, but with touch. He is not afraid of wounds or shame. Mercy is not polite or theoretical. It is personal. God does not heal us from across the room. He meets us where we are.

Afterward, Jesus withdraws to pray. Healing and silence belong together. Grace needs space to deepen. If even Jesus made room for quiet, we should probably stop apologizing for needing it too.

Prayer: Jesus, I bring you what I hide and what I fear. Touch me with your mercy and lead me into healing silence. Amen. *1 John 5:5–13; Psalm 147; Luke 5:12–16*

Saturday, January 10

HE MUST INCREASE - "He must increase; I must decrease." (John 3:30)

Saint John ends his letter with a warning that sounds gentle until we sit with it. Guard against idols. They rarely look dangerous. They look useful, urgent, or comforting enough to slowly take center stage in our lives.

John the Baptist shows what freedom looks like when idols lose their grip. When his followers worry about attention shifting to Jesus, John does not compete or complain. He rejoices. He knows his role, and that clarity brings peace.

Letting Christ increase in us is not about disappearing. It is about relief. We are no longer responsible for being the center, the answer, or the savior. Humility begins to feel like rest.

Prayer: Lord, reveal the idols I excuse and the attachments I protect. Increase in me and give me the joy of humility. Amen. *1 John 5:14–21; Psalm 149; John 3:22–30*

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

Following the Star When Everyone Else Is Chasing Headlines

The Epiphany story opens with a quiet irony. A small group of strangers notices something luminous while nearly everyone else is anxious, agitated, or alarmed. The Magi see a star. Jerusalem feels threatened. Herod becomes troubled. And most people, it seems, are simply caught up in the collective unease. Light appears, and fear spreads.

Isaiah names the atmosphere with unnerving accuracy. “Darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples.” No revision is required. The line already sounds like the world we inhabit, where anxiety travels faster than wisdom and outrage circulates more efficiently than hope. We live beneath thick clouds of commentary, prediction, and alarm. Into this climate, God does not send a spectacle. He offers a light. Not a siren. A star.

The Magi are not rulers, priests, or insiders. They are watchers. They notice. They pay attention without panic. While others rush to control the situation, they allow themselves to be guided. This is their quiet brilliance. Where Herod gathers intelligence, they gather courage. Where Jerusalem trembles, they travel. The same light that unsettles some becomes a source of direction for others.

Epiphany makes something unmistakably clear. Not all reactions to Christ are joyful. Some experience hope as a threat. Herod knows the Scriptures well enough. He can quote the prophecy and locate Bethlehem with ease. What troubles him is not ignorance but vulnerability. Jesus represents a loss of control. He still does. Christ comforts those willing to follow and unsettles those who prefer certainty without surrender.

The journey of the Magi also unfolds with striking realism. It is not efficient. They stop in the wrong city. They consult the wrong authority. They nearly return to danger. And still, they are guided. The star reappears. Grace corrects their course. Epiphany quietly reassures anyone who has taken spiritual detours or trusted confident voices that led nowhere. God is patient with sincere seekers, even when their navigation is imperfect.

Psalm 72 widens the horizon. This child is not a private consolation or a tribal symbol. “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.” Epiphany is not a sentimental moment at the manger. It is a global unveiling. Paul makes this explicit in Ephesians. The Gentiles are not guests. They are coheirs. Outsiders do not merely observe salvation. They belong to it. The Gospel does not reinforce boundaries. It redraws them.

This has quiet urgency now. We inhabit an age saturated with alerts, updates, and carefully engineered alarm. Many lights flash. Few give direction. Epiphany asks a gentler but more demanding question. Not what is trending, but what is leading. Not what is loud, but what is true. The star does not argue or advertise itself. It shines steadily, waiting to be followed.

When the Magi finally arrive, the scene resists grandeur. There is no palace, no explanation, no display of power. Only a child with his mother. And they kneel. They do not demand clarity or credentials. They do not ask for a plan. Reverence comes first. Understanding follows later. That order still matters.

Then comes the most easily overlooked line in the Gospel. “They departed for their country by another way.” Epiphany does not conclude with insight but with obedience. Encountering Christ alters direction. If it does not, we may have admired the light without ever entering the house.

Epiphany is not about finding God once and for all. It is about learning how to follow light faithfully in a world crowded with distraction. The Magi do not escape darkness. They travel through it. But they refuse to let it decide where they are going.

In an age where headlines shift hourly and anxiety is never more than one update away, Epiphany offers a quiet but searching question. Which light are you following? The one that troubles you, or the one that leads you, patiently and persistently, toward Christ.



Prayer

*Lord Jesus, true Light born into our darkness,
draw my restless heart away from
the noise that scatters my attention.
When fear disguises itself as urgency,
lift my eyes to your steady radiance.
Grant me the courage to follow where you lead,
the patience to trust your timing,
and the humility to walk another way,
quietly changed by having knelt before you.
Amen.*



HARD DRIVE HORNS

Parish Life Center
Monday, February 2nd

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

Tickets go on sale in the Parish Office Monday, January 5th.

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

All seating is open, NO reserved tables.

Hard Drive Horns, Southwest Florida's premier rock and roll band, has been highlighted on PBS twice, with two more features coming up in 2026. This Emmy nominated band includes some of the best musicians around and features a sizzling horn section you won't want to miss. Playing some of the best music of the last 50 years, Hard Drive Horns will give you an evening you won't forget!



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 go on sale in the Parish Office Monday, December 29th.

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

All seating is open, NO reserved tables.

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.



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 _____
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Number of people attending reception: _____

Email: _____

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

We are happy to welcome Father Gustavo Correa García to Saint Leo the Great Parish.

Father Gustavo was born in Colombia and was ordained to the priesthood on June 3, 2023. From an early age, his mother encouraged him to become a good and faithful man of God, guidance that eventually led him to discern a call to priestly service.



Before entering the seminary, Father Gustavo worked in the field of education in Colombia, an experience that has deeply shaped his pastoral approach. As a priest, he has come to value the importance of listening attentively, accompanying people in their daily lives, and building relationships rooted in compassion, faith, and respect.

Father Gustavo has a special devotion to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Saint Michael the Archangel, and Saint Rita of Cascia.

He feels truly blessed to join Saint Leo's Parish and humbly asks for God's blessing as he begins this new assignment among us.



The St. Leo Food Bank is always in need of supplies to share with local food pantries. All unopened, non-perishable foods that are not expired are welcomed. You may continue to drop off your donations when you come to Mass, or at our office Monday - Friday from 8am-3pm.

THESE ITEMS ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED

MOST NEEDED

- COOKING OIL
- DRIED BEANS
- MASECA (CORN TORTILLA FLOUR)
- WHITE RICE
- TOOTHPASTE
- TOOTHBRUSHES
- BAR SOAP
- SHAMPOO/BODY WASH
- TOILET PAPER
- ANTIBACTERIAL WIPES
- CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES
- CANNED TUNA & CHICKEN
- FLOUR & SUGAR
- CANNED SOUP
- POWDERED MILK
- PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY
- CEREAL
- JUICE

THE SANCTITY OF LIFE AND THE PATH OF MERCY

In conversations about the sanctity of life, many people carry more than opinions. They carry stories. Some carry grief that has never found words. Others carry decisions made under pressure, fear, or isolation. The Church approaches the mystery of life not as a courtroom, but as a place of encounter, where truth and mercy are never separated. The Catholic faith teaches that every human life is sacred from conception to natural death because every life is a gift from God. This conviction flows from reverence for human dignity, not from ideology or politics. Scripture reminds us that God knows each person before birth and holds every life in love. At the same time, the Church recognizes that life unfolds amid complicated human circumstances. She does not deny those realities. She holds them gently.

The Church has consistently taught that human life deserves protection at every stage, while also acknowledging the deep wounds many carry in connection with abortion. Saint John Paul II spoke honestly about this suffering, and Pope Francis repeatedly reminded the Church that mercy must never be withheld from those who seek healing. For this reason, the Church offers accompaniment rather than condemnation, forgiveness rather than fear, and hope rather than despair. Defending life is not only about public witness, but also about quiet presence, listening hearts, and practical care for women and families. The sanctity of life is not a weapon. It is a promise that every life is loved and every wound can be touched by grace.

For further reflection and pastoral essays on this topic, visit the Respect Life page at catholicjourneytoday.com.

OVERFLOW MASSES BEGIN NEXT WEEK
IN THE NEW AUDITORIUM
3:30PM ON SATURDAYS
9:30AM ON SUNDAYS

We Pray for the Recently Deceased
of Our Parish

Brenda Piccione
John Ritt
Ray DeVita



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Come join your fellow parishioners for coffee and goodies following 8am morning Mass in the Nest Café. Gatherings take place every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, beginning on January 16th.

It's a wonderful time to relax, see old friends, and meet new ones.



JOSEPH GRABOWSKI

VP OF EVANGELIZATION FOR THE SOCIETY OF G.K. CHESTERTON.



Faith & Ale is a monthly gathering of Catholic men. Join us at St. John XXIII Catholic Church in Fort Myers, FL for our January 15th event, titled:

“Agreeable Disagreement: Lessons in Logic and Life”

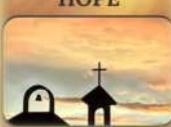
We invite you to register for this event and see our season's lineup on our website www.faithandale.com/register/. Review the details of this event below:

- Start time 6:30pm, doors open at 6pm.
- St. John XXIII Catholic Church
13060 Palomino Lane
Fort Myers, FL 33912
- \$10 Suggested Donation (pizza & drink)
- Register www.faithandale.com



Jan 15

If you enjoy Fr. Jarek's reflections in the bulletin, take your faith journey further at CatholicJourneyToday.com a site created with you in mind. Discover daily reflections, inspiring homilies, faith-filled articles, and enriching courses in Scripture and Catholic catechism. Whether you seek spiritual insights, practical wisdom, or a quiet space for reflection, you'll find it here.



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St Leo's Ladies' Guild

Invites all parishioners to

The Naples Players

Readers Theatre Roadshow

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 1:00 PM

In the New Auditorium

Doors open at 12:30 PM

Light refreshments will be served

The Roadshow will feature three, short, one-act plays from the TNP Repertoire.

Readers Theatre emphasizes the most important part of theatre – the story – without the complexity of costumes, scenery or props.

Join us to enjoy:

“A Charming Affair” (a fairy tale comedy)

“Chocolate” (a who-done-it comedy)

“The Challenge of Bureaucracy” (a telephone comedy)



Come As You Are
You are Welcome Here!

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

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

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

January 13th to March 31st 2026

10:00 to 11:45am

Doors Open at 9:30 for Coffee Social With Treats



Evening Sessions: The Blessed Mother Center—Rm.203

750 Seagate Dr., Naples, FL 34103

January 13th to March 31st 2026

6:30 to 8:00 pm (Doors Open at 6 pm)

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

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

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
MONDAY	JANUARY 5 +Maureen Broitzman	Louis Perry
TUESDAY	JANUARY 6 +Maureen Broitzman	Bonnie Dunne-Martin
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 7 +Genevieve Czarnecki	Her Son, John
THURSDAY	JANUARY 8 +Maureen Broitzman	Peter & Pati Grana
FRIDAY	JANUARY 9 +Howard Edwards Jr.	His Family
SATURDAY	JANUARY 10 +Connie Bozzi +Richard Allen Vogege 3:30 pm - Overflow The Parishioners of St. Leo	St Leo Ladies Guild Scott Stuckenschneider
SUNDAY	JANUARY 11 +Connie Bozzi +Alfred Kelly III 9:30 am - Overflow +Joseph Bilder 11:30 am +Michael E Wilbert 3:00 pm - Spanish Special Cumulative Intentions 5:00 pm +Paul Mecca	Dolres Mikos, healing Her loving Sister, Bernette St. Leo Money Counters Sal & Maureen Bellino Charlie & Joy O'Donnell His Loving Family Barbara Nuzzi

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.



EUCARISTIC 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 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.

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.



Flowers this week are dedicated to Parishioners of St. Leo

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

Please Pray for Our Troops

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

We pray today for...

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



ST LEO'S RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Meetings are held in the Nest Café on the last Friday of each month following 8am Mass beginning again in January.

For questions contact Loretta at 917.886.7273 or Peggy at 239.293.3201.

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

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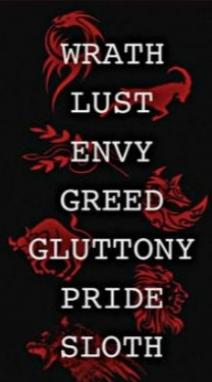
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Men's Study Group Thursday Mornings in the Nest Café January 15th-February 26th

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

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.



Our Capital Improvement Fund

Our Capital Improvement Fund allows us to collect assessment free money to be used for necessary repairs and projects for the parish campus. Funds have been used to pay for the replacement of the skylights in the church and a portion of the air conditioning units in the Parish Life Center and Education Buildings.

More recently we have repaired roof leaks in the church, added a security system, replaced the church bell system, freshly painted many of our buildings and added extra landscaping. These funds are not designated for the construction of any new buildings. We sincerely thank you for your continued generosity.

Please know that contributing to this assessment free fund is the most efficient way to help St. Leo maintain and improve our beautiful properties.

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

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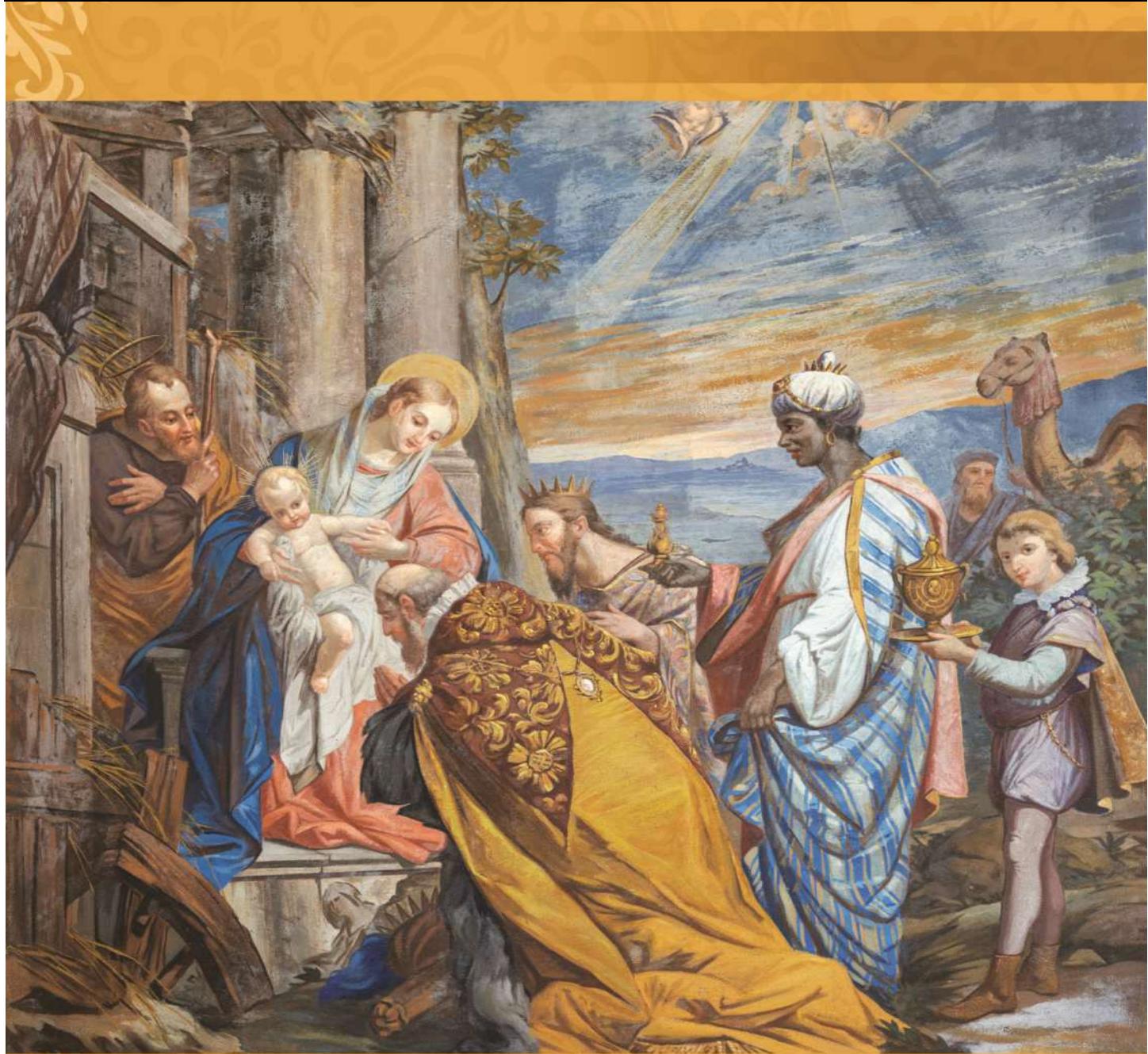
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