

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.*

July 12, 2026



Madonna and Child in a Garden/Cosme Tura/1460/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 2PM-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!

July 4 & 5
\$19,928

Celebrating our Faith

BAPTISM OF INFANTS

Baptisms of children under 7 years old are offered every fourth Sunday of each month in Spanish and every second Sunday of the month in English. Please visit our website or contact our office for details and requirements.

CONFIRMATION

At confirmation we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and confirm and renew our baptismal promises committing to a life of maturity in the Christian faith. Unconfirmed Catholics wishing to receive the Sacrament should contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for suitable instruction. Unbaptized or non-Catholics can be confirmed at the Easter Vigil when they are baptized or received into the Church as a part of Order of Christian Initiation of Adult. To enroll in OCIA, please call Griselda Cisneros at 992-0901.

EUCHARIST

Parishioners who wish to bring communion to their spouses should contact the parish office to pick up a pyx with the St. Leo's inscription on it. Please use this pyx when approaching to receive a host for your spouse or a family member in the Communion procession during Mass. If you need to receive a gluten free host due to a medical condition please arrive 15 minutes before Mass begins and inform the Sacristan.

RECONCILIATION

Individual confession with a priest is the principal means of absolution and reconciliation of grave sins within the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation frees us from sinful patterns of behavior and calls us to complete conversion to Christ. Confessions are heard from 2:00pm-3:00pm on Saturdays in English and 2pm on Sundays 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

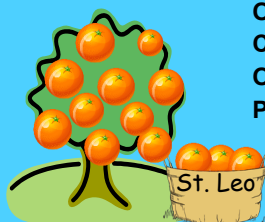
ONLINE GIVING

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2026 CFA

Congratulations !

Now that we have reached 100% of the
Diocesan goal we have an opportunity to
help St. Leo even more. Every dollar in
excess of the goal, up to 25% will be
returned to the parish assessment free!



Our goal..... \$664,000
Contributions to date .. \$898,848
Our pledges \$917,323
Pledge Goal Attained....138.15%

= 10% of Goal

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 18

3:30 pm Fr. Jack
5:30 pm Msgr. Cullen

Sunday, July 19

7:30 am Fr. Stan
9:30 am Fr. Stan
11:30 am Fr. Jarek
1:30 pm-Polish Fr. Jarek
3:00 pm-Spanish Fr. Juan Carlos
5:00 pm Fr. Tim

Changes may occur without notice.



This weekend, with great joy and gratitude to God, we welcome Bishop Emilio Biosca Agüero, O.F.M. Cap., newly ordained and installed as the third Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida. A Capuchin Franciscan, missionary, pastor, and servant of the Gospel, Bishop Biosca comes to our Diocese with a heart formed by prayer, humility, and years of faithful service among God's people in Papua New Guinea, Cuba, and Washington, D.C. May the Holy Spirit fill him with wisdom, courage, and joy, strengthening him each day to shepherd God's people according to the Heart of Christ with humility and love as he leads our Diocese into this new chapter of grace. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to Bishop Frank J. Dewane for nearly twenty years of dedicated episcopal leadership, steadfast service, and generous pastoral care of the Diocese of Venice. As we give thanks for his faithful ministry, we ask the Lord to abundantly bless Bishop Emilio, Bishop Frank Dewane the Bishop Emeritus of Venice, and all the faithful of our Diocese.

Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

SUNDAY, JULY 12 - GOD NEVER WASTES A SINGLE SEED

"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." (Psalm 65:13)

Most of us overestimate dramatic moments and underestimate the quiet power of small, faithful choices. We imagine that lasting change arrives with a breakthrough, yet God usually transforms us through ordinary decisions repeated over time. A few minutes of prayer before the day begins. One difficult conversation handled with patience. One act of forgiveness. One choice to keep trusting when nothing seems to be happening. Like a seed hidden beneath the soil, these moments appear small and easily forgotten, yet they are often where God is doing His most important work. Grace usually grows quietly long before it grows visibly.

Jesus tells the parable of the sower because every heart contains different kinds of soil. Sometimes God's word never sinks in because we are distracted. Sometimes it begins with enthusiasm but withers when life becomes difficult. Sometimes anxiety, endless busyness, and the constant stream of notifications slowly choke what matters most. Yet perhaps the most remarkable part of the parable is not the condition of the soil but the generosity of the sower. God never stops planting hope. Isaiah reminds us that His word never returns empty. Even when we cannot see it, His grace is already taking root beneath the surface.

Perhaps that is why the spiritual life resembles gardening far more than fireworks. Gardens grow one day at a time, almost too slowly to notice, until suddenly they are full of life. The same is true of the soul. Every prayer, every hidden sacrifice, every quiet act of love becomes another seed entrusted to God. Our task is not to force the harvest but to remain faithful to the Gardener. Even tomatoes refuse to grow overnight, no matter how often we wander outside to check on them. Thankfully, God is far more patient with us than we are with our gardens, and He has never wasted a single seed planted in faith.

Prayer: Lord, make my heart rich soil for Your word. Remove whatever keeps Your grace from taking root within me, and help my life bear lasting fruit that brings hope, joy, and love to everyone I meet. Amen. **Readings:** Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 65; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

MONDAY, JULY 13 - THE FAITH THAT REACHES MONDAY

"Learn to do good. Make justice your aim." (Isaiah 1:17)

One of the easiest mistakes in the spiritual life is believing that God belongs to Sunday while Monday belongs to us. We leave church inspired, only to lose our patience in traffic, become frustrated with a difficult coworker, or grow impatient with someone we love before the day is over. We often imagine holiness is found in extraordinary moments, yet it is usually hidden in ordinary choices. Every interruption, inconvenience, and unexpected encounter becomes an opportunity either to reflect Christ or simply react like everyone else. Sometimes holiness arrives disguised as an interruption.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God speaks with surprising honesty. He is not impressed by worship that never reaches the heart or changes the way we treat others. He desires lives marked by compassion, integrity, justice, and mercy. Jesus echoes the same truth when He reminds His disciples that following Him is not always comfortable. Choosing forgiveness over resentment, honesty over convenience, and kindness over winning an argument often requires quiet courage that few people notice but God always sees. The world has plenty of opinions. What it longs to encounter is authentic love.

Our greatest witness is rarely found in dramatic speeches or extraordinary achievements. More often it is revealed in the way we listen, encourage, forgive, and remain patient when life becomes inconvenient. The real test of Sunday worship is not how beautifully we sang but how faithfully we love on Monday morning. Every ordinary day offers countless opportunities to become a living reflection of Christ. The people around us may never read the Gospel, but every day they quietly read our lives.

Prayer: Lord, let my faith shape every part of my life. Help me bring Your compassion into every conversation, Your patience into every challenge, and Your love into every relationship. May my life become a quiet witness to Your goodness. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 1:10-17; Psalm 50; Matthew 10:34-11:1

TUESDAY, JULY 14 - WHEN FEAR IS NOT THE FINAL WORD

"Unless your faith is firm you shall not be firm." (Isaiah 7:9)

Fear has an active imagination. It writes stories that have not happened yet and then convinces us they are inevitable. A medical test becomes the worst possible diagnosis. A difficult conversation becomes certain rejection. One setback suddenly feels like the end of the story. King Ahaz looked at powerful enemies and assumed defeat was unavoidable. Most of us have done something similar, allowing tomorrow's worries to steal today's peace before tomorrow has even arrived. God tells the frightened king to remain calm because appearances are never the whole story. Faith does not require pretending everything is fine. It means trusting that God is present even when circumstances suggest otherwise. Jesus expresses His sorrow over towns that witnessed His miracles yet refused to believe. Sometimes the greatest obstacle to faith

is not a lack of evidence but a heart that has quietly stopped expecting God to act.

Fear narrows our vision until obstacles seem enormous. Faith widens it until we begin noticing God's quiet presence again.

Every one of us will face moments when we cannot see the road ahead. During those times, God rarely gives us a detailed map. Instead, He offers something better: His faithful presence. Courage is not the absence of trembling. It is taking the next faithful step while our knees are still negotiating with the rest of us. Hope begins the moment we stop allowing fear to write tomorrow's story and trust the Author who already holds every page.

Prayer: Lord, when fear begins to speak louder than faith, remind me that You are greater than every uncertainty. Help me trust You one step at a time, knowing that wherever the road leads, You are already there. Amen. **Readings:** Isaiah 7:1-9; Psalm 48; Matthew 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 - THE FREEDOM OF NOT HAVING TO BE THE SMARTEST

"You have revealed these things to the childlike." (Matthew 11:25)

Somewhere along the way, many adults begin believing they are supposed to have life completely figured out. We become remarkably skilled at looking confident while quietly wondering whether everyone else received an instruction manual that somehow skipped us. We feel pressure to have the right answers, make the perfect decisions, and never admit uncertainty. Yet the older we become, the more we discover that wisdom often begins not with knowing more, but with recognizing how much we still have to learn. Humility is not thinking less of ourselves. It is remaining open to being taught.

Jesus rejoices because His Father reveals the deepest mysteries not primarily to the powerful or impressive but to the childlike. Childlike does not mean childish. It means remaining teachable, trusting, and receptive. Proud hearts assume they already understand everything, while humble hearts continue asking, listening, and growing. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that even mighty nations rise and fall under God's providence. Human achievement has its limits. God's wisdom does not. Saint Bonaventure understood this well when he taught that knowledge may fill the mind, but only love opens the heart to God.

There is tremendous freedom in no longer pretending to know everything. We can ask questions without embarrassment, receive correction without defensiveness, and welcome each day as another opportunity to grow. Ironically, some of the wisest people you will ever meet are also the quickest to say, "I could be wrong." God rarely fills hands already convinced they are full. The heart that remains humble never stops discovering new reasons to be grateful, new lessons to learn, and new ways to recognize His presence.

Prayer: Lord, free me from the pride that closes my heart. Give me the humility to keep learning, trusting, and receiving Your wisdom with the joyful openness of a child. Teach me to seek not admiration but faithfulness. Amen. **Readings:** Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16; Psalm 94; Matthew 11:25-27

THURSDAY, JULY 16 - THE REST WE CANNOT GIVE OURSELVES

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened." (Matthew 11:28)

Many people are tired in ways that sleep cannot fix. Bodies become weary, but so do hearts. There is the quiet exhaustion of carrying responsibility, worrying about children or aging parents, making difficult decisions, grieving hidden losses, or trying to keep everyone else afloat while pretending we are doing just fine ourselves. Our culture applauds constant productivity and treats busyness almost like a badge of honor. Yet beneath many busy lives is a soul quietly longing to breathe again. Into that weariness Jesus speaks one of the most comforting invitations in all of Scripture: "Come to me." He never promises a life without burdens. Instead, He offers His presence beneath them. A yoke was never meant for one traveler. It joined two together so that the stronger could help carry the load. Isaiah proclaims that God brings peace and gives life to those who trust in Him. We spend so much energy trying to

prove ourselves worthy, while Christ simply invites us to walk beside Him. Perhaps the hardest lesson for many of us is accepting that we were never meant to carry everything alone. Rest is not a reward for finishing all our work because that day never seems to arrive. It is a gift received by those willing to place their burdens into the hands of Christ. Sometimes the holiest prayer is not, "Lord, give me more strength," but, "Lord, I finally admit I need Yours." When we stop trying to be our own savior, we discover the quiet freedom of letting Jesus be who He has always promised to be.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I bring You the burdens I cannot carry alone. Teach me to rest in Your love, trust in Your strength, and find lasting peace in Your faithful presence. Amen. **Readings:** Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Psalm 102; Matthew 11:28-30

Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

FRIDAY, JULY 17 - MERCY ALWAYS COMES FIRST

"I desire mercy, not sacrifice." (Matthew 12:7)

Most of us become surprisingly generous attorneys when defending ourselves and surprisingly strict judges when evaluating everyone else. We know the reasons behind our own mistakes but often know only the results of someone else's. A driver cuts us off, a coworker disappoints us, or a family member says something hurtful, and before long we have written an entire story without knowing half the facts. Quick judgments are easy. Mercy takes patience. Compassion begins where assumptions end. Jesus reminds the Pharisees that God's law was never intended to crush people but to lead them toward life. When His hungry disciples pick grain on the Sabbath, He reveals that love gives every commandment its deepest meaning. In the first reading, King Hezekiah pours out his fear and grief before God instead of pretending to be strong. The Lord hears his prayer and responds with mercy. Again and again, Scripture reveals a God who sees beyond appearances and responds not with cold condemnation but with compassionate love.

Every person we meet is carrying a story we cannot fully see. The cashier who seems distracted, the neighbor who appears distant, the friend who suddenly grows quiet may be fighting battles hidden from everyone else. Mercy invites us to slow down long enough to remember that. We may not always be able to solve another person's struggles, but we can refuse to make them heavier. Blessed are those who leave people feeling more understood than judged, for they reflect the very heart of Christ.

Prayer: Lord, make my heart more merciful than critical. Help me see others through Your compassionate eyes, speak with kindness, judge slowly, forgive quickly, and love as generously as You continually love me. Amen. **Readings:** Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Isaiah 38; Matthew 12:1-8

SATURDAY, JULY 18 - GENTLE STRENGTH CHANGES THE WORLD

"A bruised reed he will not break." (Matthew 12:20)

In a world that often mistakes volume for strength, gentleness can seem almost invisible. We admire the loudest voice, the sharpest comeback, and the person who always wins the argument. Yet most of us remember something entirely different. We remember the teacher who believed in us, the friend who listened without interrupting, the parent who forgave us, or the stranger whose unexpected kindness changed an ordinary day. Quiet strength leaves the deepest impression because it reaches places force never can. Matthew describes Jesus as the Servant who refuses to break the bruised reed or extinguish the smoldering wick. He meets weakness with compassion and opposition with remarkable peace. At the same time, the prophet Micah condemns those who use power to exploit the vulnerable. Scripture presents us with two very different ways of living. One uses strength to dominate. The other uses strength to restore. Christ shows us that genuine greatness is measured not by how much power we possess but by how lovingly we use it.

Every conversation leaves someone a little lighter or a little heavier. Every encounter offers the opportunity either to wound or to heal, to discourage or to encourage, to close a heart or to open one. The strongest people are rarely those who make everyone else feel small. They are the ones who quietly help others stand a little taller. May we leave behind not merely the memory of our words but the lasting echo of Christ's gentleness, for that quiet strength has always been powerful enough to change the world. **Prayer:** Lord, make me an instrument of Your gentle strength. Help me bring hope to discouraged hearts, peace to troubled minds, and compassion to every person

I meet, so that others may experience Your love through me. Amen. **Readings:** Micah 2:1-5; Psalm 10; Matthew 12:14-21

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SOWN



"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it."

MATTHEW 13:23



"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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Safe Environment Training

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and complete online training in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. Please visit the Diocese of Venice website for further information.

To report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families please call 800-962-2873.

Further, if Diocesan personnel or volunteers are involved, also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator Susan Benton at 941-416-6114.

The Bishop Who Cannot Make A Single Flower Grow

by Father Jarek

The world has always admired leaders who appear to be in control. We like people who promise quick solutions, measurable results, and dramatic change. Every election season, every corporate seminar, and every self help book seems to offer the same reassuring message: with the right leader, everything will finally be fixed. We are strangely attracted to people who sound certain, even though life has taught us that wisdom usually comes wrapped in humility. The Church knows better.

This weekend, our Diocese joyfully welcomes Bishop Emilio Biosca Agüero as our new shepherd. It is a moment of hope, gratitude, and fresh beginnings. Yet the readings for this Sunday gently remind us of something both humbling and liberating. Not even a bishop can make a single seed grow. Jesus tells the familiar parable of the sower. The farmer scatters seed generously over every kind of ground. Some falls on the path, some among rocks, some among thorns, and some on rich soil that produces an abundant harvest.

Notice what the farmer does not do. He does not pull on the tiny sprouts to make them grow faster. He does not argue with the rocks or negotiate with the weeds. He simply sows faithfully and trusts the mysterious work taking place beneath the surface. Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord declares that His Word is like the rain and snow that fall upon the earth. They quietly soak into the ground, nourishing life long before anyone notices green shoots pushing through the soil. God's Word never returns empty. It always accomplishes His purpose, although rarely according to our timetable.

That can be difficult for us because we live in a culture that expects immediate results. Online purchases arrive within hours. Questions are answered in seconds. If our internet pauses for five seconds, we begin wondering whether civilization is collapsing. It is not surprising that we sometimes bring that same impatience into our spiritual lives. We pray for a struggling child and expect an immediate conversion. We ask God to heal an old wound by next Tuesday. We hope one conversation will repair years of misunderstanding. But gardens do not grow that way, and neither do souls.

Most of us can look back and recognize people who quietly scattered seeds into our lives. A grandmother who never stopped praying. A parent who insisted we go to Mass even when we complained. A teacher who believed in us before we believed in ourselves. A priest whose homily lingered in our hearts for years. At the time, those moments may have seemed ordinary. Looking back, we realize they quietly changed the direction of our lives. None of those people made us grow. They simply planted faithfully.

That is also the vocation of a bishop. Bishop Emilio will preach, teach, celebrate the sacraments, visit parishes, encourage priests, comfort the suffering, and call us to holiness. Yet even he cannot manufacture faith or make a single human heart love Christ. Only the Holy Spirit can soften hardened hearts, heal old wounds, and awaken new life. The bishop is not the author of grace. He is simply one more servant through whom the Divine Sower continues His work.

The same is true for every Christian. Parents cannot force faith into their children. Grandparents cannot pray their grandchildren into heaven by sheer determination. Priests cannot argue people into holiness. Friends cannot love others into instant conversion. Our task is both simpler and more demanding. We are called to keep sowing. We speak words of kindness when the world rewards outrage. We forgive when resentment feels easier. We keep praying when answers seem delayed. We continue loving even when the harvest remains invisible.

Saint Paul reminds us that all creation is still groaning as it waits for the fullness of God's redemption. We are people who live between the sowing and the harvest. That waiting can be difficult, but it is never empty. Beneath the surface, roots are growing. Grace is working. God is accomplishing what no human eye can yet see. Perhaps that is the quiet invitation hidden within these beautiful readings. Instead of asking whether we are seeing enough results, we might ask whether we are still scattering good seed. God has never asked us to make the flowers grow. He asks only that we trust Him enough to keep planting. And that is very good news, not only for our new bishop, but for every one of us.

A Prayer for a Faithful Heart

*Lord Jesus, thank You for the countless people who patiently planted
seeds of faith in my life, often without ever seeing the harvest.*

*When I become discouraged because change seems slow,
remind me that Your grace is always at work
beneath the surface, even when I cannot see it.*

*Bless Bishop Emilio as he begins his ministry among us.
Fill him with the wisdom, courage, and joy of the Good Shepherd.*

*Make my own heart good soil, ready
to receive Your Word with trust, perseverance, and hope.*

Help me to be faithful in the small acts of love

*You place before me each day,
confident that every seed planted in
Your name is never wasted.*

Amen.

St. Leo Food Bank

"The need has never been greater."

The St. Leo Food Bank is always in need of supplies to share with local food pantries.

All unopened, non-perishable foods that are not expired are welcomed.

**You may continue to drop off your donations when you come to Mass,
or at our office Monday - Friday from 8am-3pm.**

THESE ITEMS ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED

MOST NEEDED

- ☐ COOKING OIL
- ☐ DRIED BEANS
- ☐ MASECA (CORN TORTILLA FLOUR)
- ☐ WHITE RICE

- ☐ TOOTHPASTE
- ☐ TOOTHBRUSHES
- ☐ BAR SOAP
- ☐ SHAMPOO/BODY WASH
- ☐ TOILET PAPER
- ☐ ANTIBACTERIAL WIPES

- ☐ CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES
- ☐ CANNED TUNA & CHICKEN
- ☐ FLOUR & SUGAR
- ☐ CANNED SOUP

- ☐ POWDERED MILK
- ☐ PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY
- ☐ CEREAL
- ☐ JUICE

If you prefer, you may donate money directly to St Leo Food Bank. These funds will be dispersed to those in need both directly, and through our partner parishes and organizations.

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

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

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

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

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The Perpetual Baby Shower



Please remember all the infants who are in need of diapers and new clothes. Their toddler brothers and sisters grow so fast and need clothes also.

The Ladies of St. Leo Guild thank all of you for your past support. Contributions may be left in the donation boxes at the doors of the church or taken to the parish office.

BABIES ALWAYS NEED

- ☐ WIPES
- ☐ FORMULA
- ☐ BABY WASH
- ☐ BABY SHAMPOO
- ☐ DIAPERS (ESPECIALLY SIZE 6)



WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY!

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.

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.

Welcome to St. Leo Church

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Loretta Rosenmayer
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Jorge, Deysi, Jorge & Angel Cancino

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Prayer For Safety In Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from tragedies like those whose memories are still vivid.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we may walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.



NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
MONDAY	JULY 13	
8:00 am	+Don Dresselhuys	Nelly Willshine
TUESDAY	JULY 14	
8:00 am	+ Jon Greeley, Sr.	Lizabeth Cueny
WEDNESDAY	JULY 15	
8:00 am	+Jason Abbenante	His Loving Parents
THURSDAY	JULY 16	
8:00 am	+Bud Von Heyn	His Loving Family
FRIDAY	JULY 17	
8:00 am	+Albert Kidwell	His Loving Mother, Sally
SATURDAY	JULY 18	
8:00 am	+Daniel Cuenya	Lizabeth Cueny
3:30 pm	+Mary Ann Clukey	Her Loving Husband
5:30 pm	The Parishioners of St. Leo	
SUNDAY	JULY 19	
7:30 am	+Kenneth N Weyker	Ethel Figurski
9:30 am	+Paul Harris	The Harris Family
11:30 am	+Mark Abruzzino	His Loving Parents, Bill & Becky
1:30 pm	Special Cumulative Intentions	
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	+Peter Dunne	His Loving Sister, Bonnie



Flowers this week are dedicated to †Wendy Bilyeau
Requested by The Bilyeau Family

Candles this week are dedicated to the Parishioners of St. Leo

Please Pray for Our Troops

Lt. Marco Colavecchia
Brian Dearcia Leon
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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 & peace in our world.

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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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The monthly meetings which are held in the Nest Café on the last Friday of each month at 9am will break for the summer and **resume on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th.** For questions contact Loretta at 917.886.7273 or Peggy at 239.293.3201.



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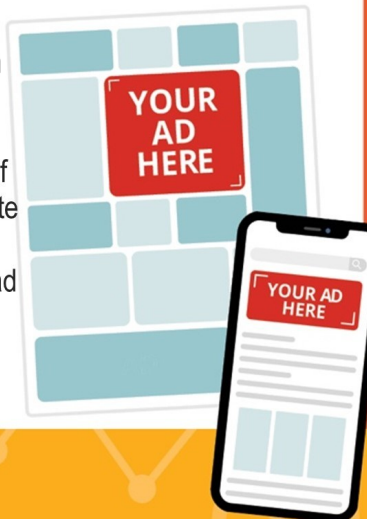
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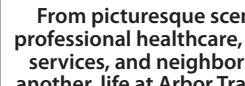
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