

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 19, 2026



Saint Mary Magdalen/1350/Lippo Memmi/Feast Day July 22/Metropolitan Museum of Art

28290 BEAUMONT ROAD, BONITA SPRINGS, FL 34134 • PHONE (239) 992-0901
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

Parish Staff

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Winter Talley	Musician

Parish Church Support

Thank you for your
continued generosity!

July 11 & 12
\$18,725

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

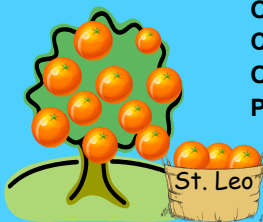
ONLINE GIVING

WWW.STLEOCATHOLICCHURCH.ORG

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 .. \$901,248
Our pledges \$919,723
Pledge Goal Attained....138.51%

= 10% of Goal

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 25

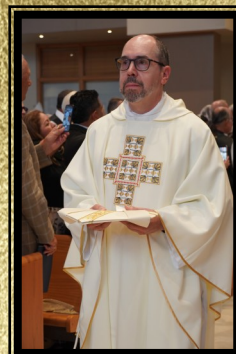
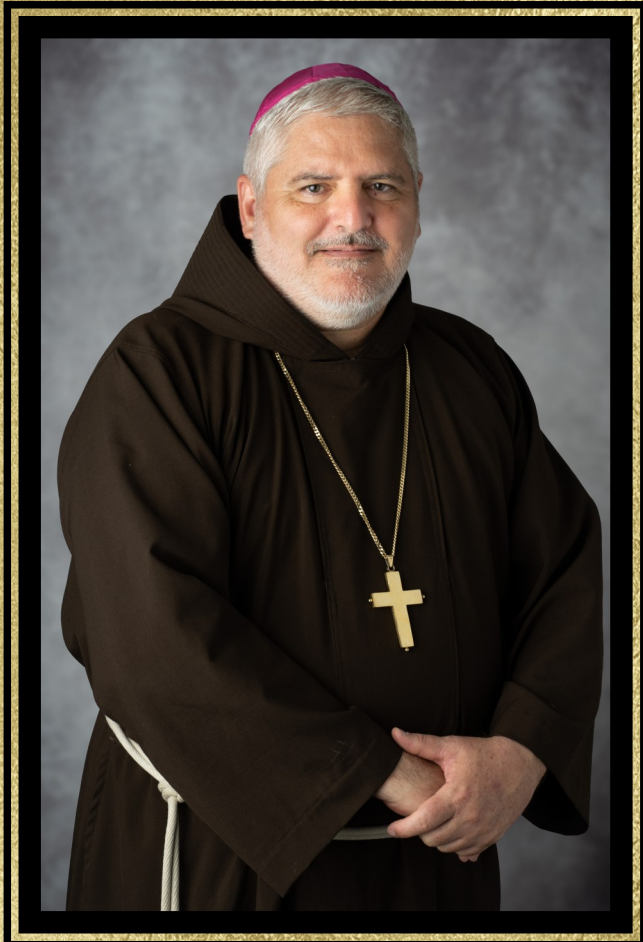
3:30 pm Fr. Stan
5:30 pm Fr. Tim

Sunday, July 26

7:30 am Fr. Jarek
9:30 am Fr. Jarek
11:30 am Fr. Jack
3:00 pm-Spanish Fr. Juan Carlos
5:00 pm Msgr. Cullen

Changes may occur without notice.

*Most Rev. Emilio Biasca Agüero, O.F.M. Cap.
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida*



A recording of the Episcopal Ordination ceremony, and the Solemn Vespers on the evening before can be found at
<https://dioceseofvenice.org/livestream/>



Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

SUNDAY, JULY 19 - GOD IS MORE PATIENT THAN WE ARE **"Let them grow together until harvest." (Matthew 13:30)**

Most of us have an inner gardener with very little patience. We want weeds removed immediately, problems solved by tomorrow, and difficult people transformed by next Tuesday. We become frustrated by our own weaknesses, discouraged by the imperfections of those we love, and sometimes wonder why God does not intervene more dramatically. If He is all powerful, why does He not simply clear the field? Jesus surprises us by revealing that God is remarkably patient. The owner refuses to pull the weeds because he knows that rushing the process could destroy the wheat as well. Wisdom reminds us that true strength expresses itself through mercy, not harshness. Paul adds another comforting truth: even when we cannot find the words to pray, the Holy Spirit quietly prays within us. God is working in ways we cannot always see, protecting good that has not yet fully grown.

Life rarely unfolds as neatly as we would like. Every family has a few weeds, every workplace has difficult personalities, and every heart carries unfinished struggles. Even the most spiritually mature person can lose charity while trying to open a package that proudly promises "easy open." God is not discouraged by unfinished people. He knows what can still become wheat if given enough grace, time, and love.

Prayer: Lord, teach me to trust Your patient wisdom. Help me resist discouragement, extend mercy to others, and believe that You are still bringing good from the unfinished places of my life. Amen. **Readings:** Wisdom 12:13, 16–19; Psalm 86; Romans 8:26–27; Matthew 13:24–43

MONDAY, JULY 20 - WHAT GOD REALLY WANTS

"Only to do the right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

Many people quietly wonder whether they are doing enough for God. They worry that they should pray longer, know more Scripture, volunteer more often, or somehow become spiritually impressive. Religion can quietly devolve into a spiritual talent show where we exhaust ourselves performing for a standing ovation God never asked for.

Micah sweeps away all the confusion with breathtaking simplicity. God is not looking for extravagant displays but transformed hearts. Do what is right. Love what is good. Walk humbly with Him. Jesus echoes the same truth when He refuses to perform miracles simply to satisfy curiosity. Faith is not built by accumulating spectacular signs but by learning to recognize God's presence in ordinary faithfulness.

Our culture often measures success by visibility. God measures it by fidelity. A parent who patiently listens to a hurting child, an employee who chooses honesty over convenience, or a neighbor who quietly forgives an old wound may never trend on social media. Thankfully, heaven has never been particularly impressed by viral moments. It delights in ordinary people quietly becoming extraordinary through daily love.

Prayer: Lord, free me from trying to impress You or anyone else. Teach me to love goodness, choose what is right, and walk humbly beside You each day. Amen. **Readings:** Micah 6:1–8; Psalm 50; Matthew 12:38–42

TUESDAY, JULY 21 - THE FAMILY THAT FAITH BUILDS

"Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother and sister and mother." (Matthew 12:50)

One of life's deepest desires is to know where we truly belong. We spend years looking for acceptance through achievements, friendships, careers, or accomplishments, hoping someone will finally make us feel completely at home. Yet even the happiest families are imperfect, and every human relationship carries moments of misunderstanding. Jesus offers an astonishing invitation. He expands the meaning of family beyond biology and welcomes everyone who lives according to the Father's will. Micah

reminds us that God delights in mercy, throwing our sins into the depths of the sea rather than holding them over our heads forever. We do not become part of God's family because we are flawless. We belong because His mercy is greater than our failures.

Many people carry a quiet loneliness even in a crowded room. We wave to neighbors, laugh at the water cooler, coordinate family calendars, and still wonder whether anyone truly sees us. God does. He knows every joy, every hidden fear, and every quiet prayer never spoken aloud. In His family, no one is forgotten, no one is disposable, and no one has to pretend to be someone else.

Prayer: Father, thank You for making me part of Your family through Your mercy. Help me welcome others with the same love You have shown to me. Amen. **Readings:** Micah 7:14–20; Psalm 85; Matthew 12:46–50

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 - WHEN JESUS CALLS YOUR NAME

"Jesus said to her, 'Mary!'" (John 20:16)

There are moments when grief becomes so overwhelming that we cannot recognize hope even when it is standing directly in front of us.

Mary Magdalene looked at the risen Jesus and mistook Him for the gardener. Tears have a way of blurring our vision. So do disappointment, fear, and heartbreak.

Everything changes when Jesus speaks her name. One word breaks through her sorrow and restores her life. Mary's story reminds us that faith is not merely believing ideas about Christ. It is encountering Someone who knows us personally. The risen Lord does not simply solve problems. He calls people by name and sends them into the world carrying hope.

Most of us know those days when life feels slightly chaotic. The coffee spills, every traffic light is red, and technology suddenly develops a spiteful personality. We become so blinded by immediate frustrations that we miss the bigger picture. Yet even on messy days, Christ continues calling us. His voice is often softer than our anxieties but infinitely more trustworthy.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, speak my name again today. Help me recognize Your presence even when sorrow or uncertainty clouds my vision, and send me to share Your hope with others. Amen. **Readings:** Song of Songs 3:1–4 or 2 Corinthians 5:14–17; Psalm 63; John 20:1–18

THURSDAY, JULY 23 - DRINK FROM THE RIGHT WELL

"They have forsaken me, the source of living waters." (Jeremiah 2:13)

Human beings have an amazing ability to search everywhere except where real satisfaction is found. We expect success to fill the emptiness, possessions to quiet anxiety, constant entertainment to cure loneliness, or endless busyness to make life meaningful. Like thirsty travelers, we keep returning to wells that never quite satisfy. Jeremiah describes this tragedy with unforgettable imagery. God's people abandoned the fountain of living water and built broken cisterns that could not even hold water. Jesus explains that many people fail to understand His parables because their hearts have

gradually become closed. The greatest obstacle to God is rarely a lack of intelligence. More often it is a heart too distracted to listen. Our lives become whatever captures our attention. We check our phones countless times each day without anyone having to remind us. Imagine the peace we might discover if we glanced toward God even a fraction as often. His grace is not hidden because He enjoys playing hide and seek. It is overlooked by hearts that have become too distracted to notice.

Prayer: Lord, keep bringing me back to the living water that only You can give. Open my eyes, soften my heart, and teach me to seek You above everything else. Amen. **Readings:** Jeremiah 2:1–13; Psalm 36; Matthew 13:10–17

Daily Reflections

by Father Jared

FRIDAY, JULY 24 - BECOMING GOOD SOIL

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it." (Matthew 13:23)

We often assume that fruitfulness depends mostly on talent, intelligence, or opportunity. Jesus says otherwise. The decisive question is not how impressive the seed is but what kind of soil receives it. The same word of God falls on every heart, yet each heart responds differently.

Jeremiah announces God's promise to gather His scattered people and give them shepherds after His own heart. The Gospel explains that lasting growth requires deep roots. Shallow enthusiasm quickly fades. Anxiety chokes hope. Comfort can quietly crowd out faith. But hearts that remain open, patient, and teachable eventually bear astonishing fruit, often in ways they never anticipated.

Spiritual maturity is much like gardening. Nobody plants tomatoes on Saturday and complains on Sunday that nothing happened. Growth takes seasons, watering, pruning, and perseverance. The same is true of holiness. Every act of forgiveness, every faithful prayer, and every quiet choice to love when it would be easier not to is slowly enriching the soil of the soul.

Prayer: Lord, make my heart rich soil for Your word. Remove whatever chokes my faith, deepen my roots, and help my life bear fruit that blesses others. Amen. **Readings:** Jeremiah 3:14-17; Jeremiah 31; Matthew 13:18-23

SATURDAY, JULY 25 - THE STRENGTH OF CLAY JARS

"We hold this treasure in earthen vessels." (2 Corinthians 4:7)

The world admires polished appearances. We carefully hide weaknesses, protect our reputations, and quietly hope no one notices our cracks. Yet God has always delighted in accomplishing extraordinary things through very ordinary people. James was not chosen because he was flawless. He was chosen because he was willing to follow Christ wherever that journey led. Saint Paul reminds us that we carry God's treasure in fragile clay jars so that everyone knows the power belongs to Him. Jesus teaches James and the other apostles that true greatness is measured not by status but by service. The Kingdom turns every worldly definition of success upside down. The people who leave the deepest mark are usually those who spend themselves for others.

We all have flaws. Some are visible, while others remain hidden behind tidy outfits and packed schedules. But a perfectly sealed jar lets no light inside and allows none to shine out. God does not wait for us to become flawless. He pours His grace directly into our broken places, and through those very places His light often reaches someone else.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for working through my weakness instead of waiting for my perfection. Make me a humble servant whose life points not to myself but always to You. Amen. **Readings:** 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Psalm 126; Matthew 20:20-28

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KINGDOM

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father."

MATTHEW 13:43A

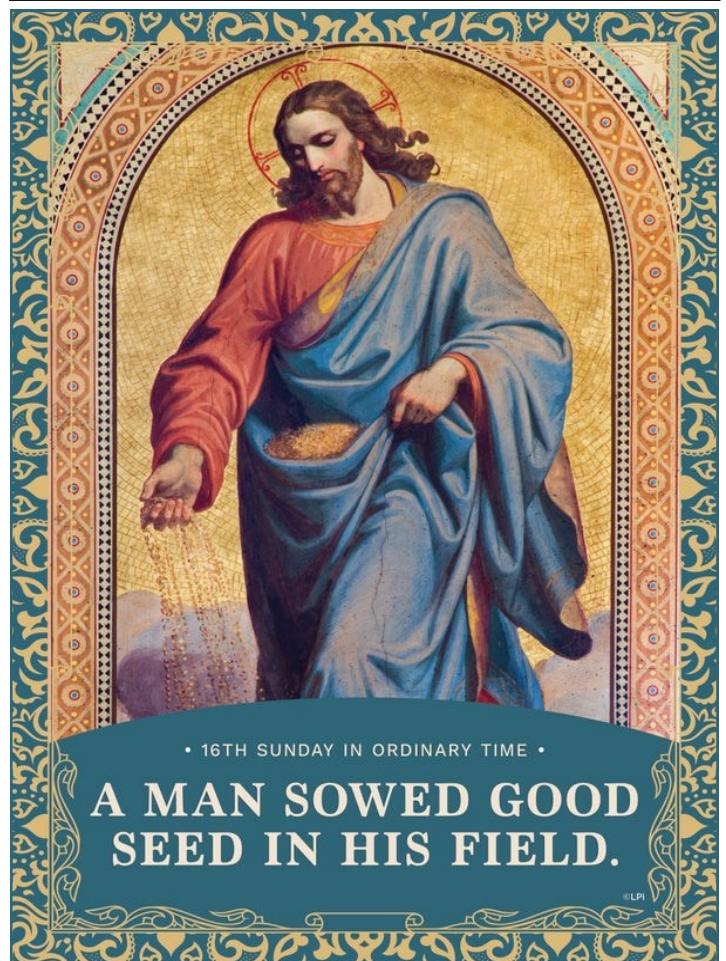
Safe Environment Training

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.



GOD IS NOT AS IMPATIENT AS THE EVENING NEWS

By Father Jarek

Turn on the television for ten minutes and you may begin wondering whether civilization quietly packed its bags and moved somewhere else. Every hour seems to bring another crisis, another scandal, another reason to worry about the future. If the evening news is to be believed, everything is either breaking, collapsing, or one step away from disaster. Even the weather forecast occasionally sounds like the opening chapter of the Book of Revelation. It is little wonder that so many people carry a quiet sense of anxiety long after they switch the television off.

The world has become remarkably impatient. We are expected to react immediately, form an opinion instantly, and decide who is right and who is wrong before all the facts are even known. Social media rewards outrage more than understanding. Public debate often divides people into heroes and villains, leaving little room for complexity, growth, or mercy. We have become accustomed to judging stories before they are finished.

Jesus offers a completely different way of seeing. In the parable of the wheat and the weeds, the servants are eager to pull up the weeds at once. They want immediate action. Yet the master surprises them. "Let them grow together until the harvest." At first, his response seems almost careless. Isn't it dangerous to leave the weeds? But the master understands something the servants do not. Pull too quickly, and you may uproot the wheat as well. What appears obvious today may look very different tomorrow. Only the One who sees the entire field can judge the proper time for the harvest.

Most of us understand this better as we grow older. Life teaches us that people cannot be summed up in a single moment. The rebellious teenager sometimes becomes the most devoted parent. The successful businessman may quietly carry unbearable loneliness. The difficult neighbor may be grieving a loss no one else knows about. The child who drifted away from the faith may one day find the long road home. After enough birthdays, we begin to realize that every life contains chapters no one could have predicted. We also discover that our own story is still being written. God is not finished with us either.

The Book of Wisdom tells us why God is so patient: His power is guided by mercy. He is strong enough that He never has to rush. He is never driven by panic, never manipulated by headlines, and never surprised by human weakness. While we often see only today's failures, God sees tomorrow's possibilities. He knows what grace can accomplish in a heart that has not yet finished growing.

That is why Christian hope is so different from ordinary optimism. Optimism depends on favorable circumstances. Hope depends on the character of God. Saint Paul reminds us that even when we cannot find the words to pray, the Holy Spirit quietly prays within us. While the world urges us to panic, God invites us to trust. While the news counts crises, God continues counting acts of quiet kindness, hidden forgiveness, faithful marriages, generous neighbors, devoted grandparents, and ordinary people who choose love over resentment every single day. Those stories rarely make the headlines, but they are changing the world all the same.

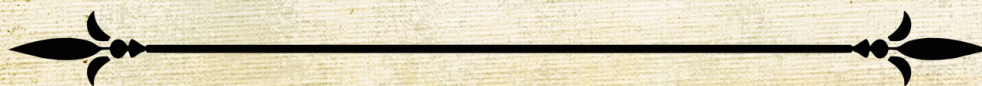
Perhaps one of the greatest blessings of growing older is discovering that history is not written one news cycle at a time. It is written over lifetimes. God has never confused today's headline with the final chapter. Neither should we. The harvest belongs to Him, and until that day arrives, there is always more grace at work than the evening news will ever be able to report.



Prayer

*Lord, there are days when my heart is unsettled by all I see and hear.
I worry about my family, my health, my future, and the future of this world.
Too often I want quick answers, quick solutions, and quick change.
Yet You invite me to trust Your timing instead of my own.
Help me remember that You are still at work in the people I love,
in the situations I cannot control, and even in the unfinished
places within my own heart.*

*When I am tempted to lose hope, remind me that
You see the whole story while I see only one page.
Fill me with the quiet peace that comes from knowing
You are never anxious, never surprised, and never finished with me.
Teach me to live each day with patience, gratitude,
and the confident hope that Your love will have the final word. 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.

TO DONATE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND CLOTHING BRING THEM TO:

Our Lady of Light Thrift Shop
24600 S. Tamiami Tr. Ste. 600A (992-1576)

St. Vincent de Paul Resale Shop
3725 Bonita Beach Road (992-1899)

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.



DIocese OF Venice IN Florida
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

July 6, 2026

My Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

On June 24, 2026, two consecutive earthquakes of 7.2 and 7.5 magnitudes struck northern Venezuela. In recent days, all of us have seen heart wrenching images and videos of the damage and human toll of this disaster. These pictures show us parents searching for missing children, rescue teams digging through rubble, and everywhere people picking up the pieces.

These "doublet" earthquakes have caused grave and extensive devastation throughout the region, with over 2,000 confirmed deaths and thousands missing at this time. Further, there are many thousands of individuals who have been injured, and countless homes and other buildings have been damaged and destroyed.

Our Lord calls each of us to care for our brothers and sisters in need, and, at this time in particular, for those who are suffering in the wake of this terrible tragedy. Recognizing the need of those who have been so severely impacted by the earthquakes as well as to inquiries regarding the Diocese's response, a second collection will be held throughout the Diocese of Venice on the weekend of July 25-26, which will be sent to assist in recovery.

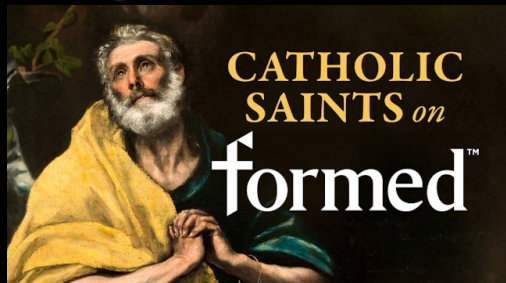
Your generosity for the people of Venezuela is deeply appreciated. Regardless of your generous response of assistance, please continue to pray for all who are suffering as a result of this terrible disaster, as well as for those who have lost their lives.

I take this opportunity to extend to you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


+ Frank J. Dewane
Apostolic Administrator of the
Diocese of Venice in Florida

FORMED



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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 20	
8:00 am	+Kathy Pecorella	Her Loving Husband, Ronnie
TUESDAY	JULY 21	
8:00 am	+Mary Pica	Her Loving Family, Pauline Graziano
WEDNESDAY	JULY 22	
8:00 am	+ Jon Greeley, Sr.	Lizabeth Cueny
THURSDAY	JULY 23	
8:00 am	+Elizabeth Malcolm	Bill & Mary Yeomans
FRIDAY	JULY 24	
8:00 am	+Joseph Bardauskis	His Loving Family
SATURDAY	JULY 25	
8:00 am	+Joseph Graziano	His Loving Wife and Daughters
	Dedicated to Respect Life	
3:30 pm	+Ralph Rockwell	The Raymond Family
5:30 pm	The Parishioners of St. Leo	
SUNDAY	JULY 26	
7:30 am	+Amedeo Michael Zippilli	His Friends
9:30 am	+Lucille Doucette	Her Loving Daughter, Paula Zimmerlink
11:30 am	+Patrick Morronney	Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Morgan
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	+Sharon Valus	Ethel Figurski



Flowers this week are dedicated to †+Cynthia Caputo
Requested by Her Loving Husband, Guy Caputo

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

Please Pray for Our Troops

Lt. Marco Colavecchia
Brian Dearcia Leon
Michael DeSantis
Cpt. Mary Kate Flynn
Lt. Thomas A. Flynn
Cpt. Sean Flynn
Aaron Gaudet
Thomas Geanuracos
Carlos Gonzales
Lt. Andrew D. Holt
Brian Howlett
Sgt. Ryan McCabe
Lt. Com. Matthew Kleine
Lt. Wm. Reed Leesman

Lt. Col. Nicholas LoRusso
Joseph McDermond
Daniel McDonald
Cpt. Kyle Martin
Michael Oliveira
Sgt. Thomas Pauls
Nick Parrozzio
Cpt. Evan Razzano
Cpt. Brayden Reichenbach
Lt. Riley N. Schliem
Lt. Col. Jonathan W. Schwarz
Lt. Col. Peter Shayhorn
*All serving in the military,
especially those in combat.*

We pray today for...

Linda Aquino
Clayton Aunkle
Jen Bacik
Linda Bardol
Gary Beckes
Jeffrey Bogart
Lorraine Bracy
Bob Brock
Hildi Brown
Larry Brown
Denise Buk
Isabelle Marie Caiola
Patrick Cain
Peter Castro
Michelle Chiarulli
Scott Cochell
Lourdes Coll
Greg Daeger
Jeff Davis
Tara DeRoma
Robby Dirks
Jaden Anthony Droz
Brad Fairfield
Rudolph & Mary Fazio
Michael Federico
Brynn Forlizzi
Cory Fredericksen
Gisette Lupita Garcia
Vincent Gil
Kevin Glowacki
Ben Gondersone
Rich Gonzalez
Karen Grimshaw
Luke Hass
Chie Herron
Robbin Holcomb
Mathew Hughes
Kendall Hunter
Nolan Kane
Mary Kobel
Robert Kochalka

Jeff Lally
Karen Lamont
Joanne Laurenzana
Emily Lienesch
Mark Lips
Debra Marcondes
Mary Mavilla
Tim McAuliff
Beverly McDowell
Paul Modzelewski
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To add names or update information call the Parish Office at
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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 & 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 -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 all to join us in these wonderful prayers.

ST LEO'S RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

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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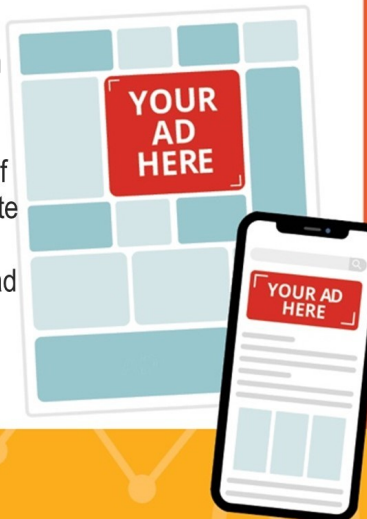
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Estos terremotos “dobles” han causado una devastación grave y extensa en toda la región, con más de 2.000 fallecidos confirmados y miles de desaparecidos hasta el momento. Además, hay muchos miles de personas que han resultado heridas, y un sinnúmero de viviendas y otros edificios han sufrido daños o han quedado destruidos.

Nuestro Señor nos llama a cada uno de nosotros a cuidar de nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados y, en este momento en particular, de aquellos que sufren a raíz de esta terrible tragedia. Conscientes de las necesidades de quienes se han visto tan gravemente afectados por los terremotos, así como de las consultas recibidas sobre la respuesta de la Diócesis, se llevará a cabo una segunda colecta en toda la Diócesis de Venice el fin de semana del 25 al 26 de julio, cuyos fondos se destinarán a ayudar en la recuperación.

Agradecemos profundamente su generosidad hacia el pueblo de Venezuela. Independientemente de su generosa respuesta de ayuda, les ruego que sigan rezando por todos los que sufren a causa de este terrible desastre, así como por aquellos que han perdido la vida.

Aprovecho esta oportunidad para transmitirles mi más sincero afecto, así como mis oraciones.

Sinceramente soy en Cristo,

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El Papa Francisco, de feliz memoria, decía lo siguiente con referencia a las parábolas enseñadas por Jesús a sus oyentes: *“Jesús, cuando hablaba, usaba un lenguaje sencillo y también imágenes, ejemplos tomados de la vida cotidiana, para poder ser comprendido fácilmente por todos. Por esto lo escuchaban*

encantados y apreciaban su mensaje, que llegaba directo al

corazón. No era ese lenguaje complicado que usaban los doctores de la ley de la época, difícil de entender, lleno de rigidez y que alejaba a la gente. Con este lenguaje, Jesús hacía comprender el misterio del Reino de Dios; no era una teología complicada” (16-07-2017).

Danos, Señor, de tu sabiduría por medio del Espíritu Santo, para ser semilla del trigo bueno, aun cuando crezca la cizaña junto a nosotros. Quitá de nuestro corazón la envidia, el rencor y la mentira; limpia con tu amor lo malo de nuestros pensamientos y acciones. Que tu Palabra sea el centro de nuestra vida. Que no perturben tan fácilmente nuestra fe los medios de comunicación, el internet ni los chismes de farándula que vemos y escuchamos todos los días. Que seas Tú quien nos guíe hacia tu gracia. Gracias por amarnos a pesar del mal presente en nosotros. Abre nuestros oídos para escucharte y seguir tu voz, y que tu mensaje de hoy no sea en vano. *“El que tenga oídos, que entienda”* (Mateo 13:43).



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