

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 5, 2026



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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!

June 27 & 28

\$18,468

Peter's Pence Collection

\$2,418

Celebrating our Faith

BAPTISM OF INFANTS

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

CONFIRMATION

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

EUCCHARIST

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

RECONCILIATION

Individual confession with a priest is the principal means of absolution and reconciliation of grave sins within the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation frees us from sinful patterns of behavior and calls us to complete conversion to Christ. Confessions are heard 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 - Re-establishing 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

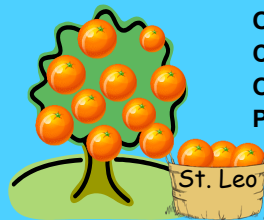
ONLINE GIVING

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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 ..\$874,575
 Our pledges.....\$893,502
 Pledge goal attained.... 134.56%

= 10% of Goal

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

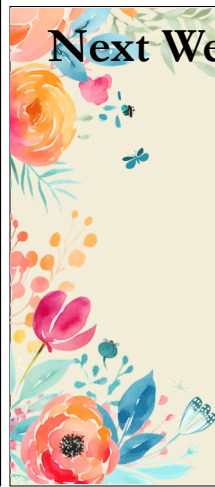
Saturday, July 11

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

Sunday, July 12

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.



Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

SUNDAY, JULY 5 - REST FOR TIRED SOULS

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)
Independence Day weekend invites us to celebrate the gift of freedom. Yet the Gospel reminds us that the deepest freedom is not simply political. It is spiritual. A person can live in a free country and still be imprisoned by anxiety, resentment, regret, perfectionism, or the exhausting need to keep everyone happy. Some people are not tired because they have done too much. They are tired because they have carried too much by themselves.

The prophet Zechariah sees a King unlike any the world expects. He does not arrive on a warhorse but on a donkey. He does not conquer through violence but banishes weapons and proclaims peace. The world admires noise, speed, power, and the occasional fireworks display that makes the whole neighborhood sound like a battlefield. Jesus reveals another kind of strength: quiet enough to listen, humble enough to serve, and strong enough to carry what we cannot.

His invitation is beautifully uncomplicated: **Come to Me**. Not when life slows down. Not when the family gets along. Not when the doctor's report improves. Not when your prayer life finally becomes consistent. Come now, exactly as you are. Christ does not ask us to carry our burdens until we deserve His help. He asks us to bring them to Him. The rest He offers is not an escape from responsibility but freedom from carrying life alone.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I am tired in ways that others may never see. Teach me to bring every burden to You instead of trying to carry it alone. Fill my heart with Your peace, Your humility, and Your quiet strength. Amen. **Readings:** Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 145; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

MONDAY, JULY 6 - WHEN GOD SPEAKS TO THE HEART

"I will lead her into the desert and speak to her heart." (Hosea 2:16)

Most people would not choose the desert as a romantic setting. No shade. No comfort. No good coffee shop nearby. Yet Hosea tells us that God leads His people into the desert not to punish them but to win back their hearts. Sometimes God does His deepest healing when the noise finally grows quiet. We often tell everyone else we're fine until we can barely remember what "fine" even feels like.

The Gospel introduces two desperate people. A father whose daughter has died falls at Jesus' feet. A woman who has suffered for years quietly reaches out and touches His cloak. Neither arrives with polished prayers or impressive faith. They simply bring their pain. And Jesus receives both with extraordinary tenderness.

God is not offended by our desperation. In fact, desperation is often the place where faith finally becomes honest. We spend so much energy trying to appear capable that we forget God already knows where we are hurting. The woman reaches out with trembling hope. The father kneels with unimaginable grief. Neither has perfect faith. Both simply refuse to let go of Jesus. Sometimes the strongest prayer is not spoken at all. It is simply refusing to stop reaching.

Prayer: Lord, speak to my heart in the quiet places where I carry fear, grief, disappointment, or hidden wounds. Help me keep reaching for You, trusting that Your compassion is always greater than my weakness. Amen. **Readings:** Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Psalm 145; Matthew 9:18-26

TUESDAY, JULY 7 - WHEN OUR IDOLS STOP WORKING

"They sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind." (Hosea 8:7)

Hosea offers a painful but liberating truth: whatever we worship eventually shapes us. Israel fashioned idols from silver and gold. Ours usually look much more respectable. Approval. Control. Comfort. Success. Keeping up appearances. Being right. Having the last word. Some idols even fit neatly into a calendar app. An idol is anything we keep returning to, hoping it will finally give us what only God can give.

The tragedy of idols is not that they ask too little but that they ask for everything while giving almost nothing in return. They promise security but produce anxiety. They promise importance but leave us emptier than before. Psalm 115 says idols have mouths but cannot speak, eyes but cannot see, ears but cannot hear. That is a remarkably accurate description of every false savior that keeps disappointing us, yet somehow keeps tempting us.

Jesus looks upon the crowds with compassion because they are "troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." That may be one of the most comforting lines in the Gospel. God does not roll His eyes at our confusion. He does not grow impatient with our wandering. He comes looking for us. The journey away from idols begins not with guilt but with allowing ourselves to be found by the Shepherd who never stopped searching.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, gently free my heart from every false god that promises more than it can give. Shepherd me back to what is true, lasting, and life giving, until You alone become the center of my life. Amen. **Readings:** Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Psalm 115; Matthew 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8 - BREAKING UP THE HARD GROUND

"Break up for yourselves a new field, for it is time to seek the Lord." (Hosea 10:12)

Some soil becomes hard simply because life keeps walking over it. Hearts can become that way too. Years of disappointment, unanswered prayers, old wounds, caregiving, grief, busy schedules, and quiet worries can gradually leave us less receptive to joy. We still believe. We still pray. We still come to Mass. But something inside feels compacted. Hearts rarely become hard overnight. More often, they simply become tired first.

Hosea's invitation is both challenging and hopeful: "Break up a new field." Anyone who has ever worked the ground knows this is not glamorous work. It is slow, messy, and requires patience. The spiritual life is often the same. We sometimes wait for dramatic inspiration, while God quietly asks for one honest confession, one difficult conversation, one act of forgiveness, one small step of trust. Real change rarely begins with fireworks. It begins with faithfulness. Then Jesus calls the Twelve. Looking at the list, it is hard not to smile. Peter will deny Him. Thomas will doubt. Matthew had been a tax collector. James and John could be hotheaded. Judas will betray Him. Apparently, Jesus has never waited for flawless people. He calls ordinary

men and women who are willing to keep saying yes while He keeps transforming them. That should encourage every one of us. God's Kingdom has always grown through imperfect people whose hearts remain teachable.

Prayer: Lord, soften whatever has become hard within me. Break through my fears, my discouragement, and my routines. Give me the courage to keep saying yes to You, trusting that You are still shaping my heart into good soil. Amen. **Readings:** Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Psalm 105; Matthew 10:1-7

THURSDAY, JULY 9 - HE LOVED US BEFORE WE UNDERSTOOD

"When Israel was a child I loved him." (Hosea 11:1)

Hosea gives us one of the most tender portraits of God in all of Scripture. The Lord remembers teaching Israel to walk, lifting His child to His cheek, bending down to feed him. Every parent or grandparent recognizes that kind of love. You spend years teaching a child to walk, only to watch those same little feet eventually carry them far from home. Parenting is beautiful, exhausting, joyful, heartbreaking, and full of hope all at once. It is not for the faint of heart. Yet God's response is astonishing. Even after His people wander away, He says, "My heart is overwhelmed... I will not destroy." Divine love is not sentimental. It does not pretend sin does not matter. But neither does it give up easily. The older we become, the more amazed we are that God has remained faithful through every chapter of our lives, even the chapters we would rather forget.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples, "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." That is the Christian life in one sentence. We do not love because people always deserve it or because loving is easy. We love because God loved us first, patiently, repeatedly, and without giving up on us. Every act of forgiveness, generosity, encouragement, and kindness becomes another small echo of the love we ourselves have received.

Prayer: Father, thank You for loving me long before I understood Your love. Thank You for never giving up on me. Help me to extend to others the same patience, mercy, and generosity You continue to pour into my own life. Amen. **Readings:** Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Psalm 80; Matthew 10:7-15

FRIDAY, JULY 10 - RETURN WITH WORDS

"Return, O Israel, to the Lord, your God." (Hosea 14:2)

Hosea gives wonderfully practical advice: "Take with you words, and return to the Lord." Sometimes we avoid prayer because we think we need the right words. We imagine God expects polished sentences or impressive devotion. Yet every genuine return begins with one honest sentence: "Help me." "Forgive me." "I'm tired." "I don't know what to do." "I want to come back." Those simple prayers often open the heart far more than beautiful speeches that never reveal what is really happening inside.

The Gospel is equally realistic. Jesus sends His disciples out like sheep among wolves. Hardly the recruiting slogan most organizations would choose. Then He tells them not to worry about having all the right answers because the Holy Spirit will give them the words they need. God has always been more interested in faithful hearts than flawless performances.

Faith does not mean we always feel courageous. It means we keep turning back toward God, one prayer at a time. Hosea promises that God heals, loves freely, and makes His people blossom again. That may be one of the most hopeful promises in all of Scripture. Grace can bloom in places we had already declared dead. No failure is greater than God's mercy. No heart is beyond His ability to restore.

Prayer: Lord, give me the courage to return to You with honesty. Heal what has been wounded, forgive what has gone astray, and let Your grace blossom again in every corner of my life. Amen. **Readings:** Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 51; Matthew 10:16-23

SATURDAY, JULY 11 - HERE I AM

Memorial of Saint Benedict

"Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)

Isaiah's call begins not with confidence but with awe. Standing before the holiness of God, he suddenly becomes aware of his own weakness. That often happens whenever we draw close to the Lord. We do not become impressed with ourselves. We become honest. We begin to see not only who God is but also who we truly are.

But God never leaves Isaiah in shame. The burning ember touches his lips, his sin is forgiven, and only then does the call come: "Whom shall I send?" God does not call perfect people. He purifies willing people. Saint Benedict understood that holiness is rarely dramatic. It is built one ordinary day at a time through prayer, humility, honest work, obedience, and beginning again whenever we fall. That is encouraging because beginning again may be one of the holiest things we ever do.

Jesus then tells His disciples not to be afraid. The Father knows every sparrow that falls and has counted even the hairs of our heads, though for some of us that inventory becomes a little easier each year. The point is both tender and freeing: nothing about our lives is too small for God's attention. We can answer His call with courage not because we are extraordinary but because we are deeply known and deeply loved. God has never asked anyone to have the entire future figured out. He simply asks for today's faithful "yes."

Prayer: Lord, purify my heart and my words. Teach me to begin again whenever I fall, to trust You with tomorrow, and to answer Your call today with a willing heart: "Here I am, Lord. Send me." Amen. **Readings:** Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 93; Matthew 10:24-33

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AMERICA AT 250: THE FREEDOM WE STILL HAVE TO CHOOSE

By Father Jarek

Every human heart longs to be free. Children long for the freedom to grow up. Teenagers long for the freedom to make their own decisions. Adults long for freedom from worry, illness, debt, loneliness, regret, and fear. Nations long for freedom from tyranny. Few words stir the human heart more deeply than freedom. Yet history and experience teach us that freedom is far more than simply being able to do whatever we want. The deepest question is not whether we are free, but what we will choose to do with our freedom.

Two hundred fifty years ago, on July 4, 1776, a group of imperfect but courageous men signed a declaration that changed history. They did not create a perfect nation. No nation ever is. They began an extraordinary experiment in ordered liberty, rooted in the conviction that human beings are not possessions of kings or governments but are endowed by their Creator with dignity, rights, and responsibility. Few constitutional republics have endured for two and a half centuries while preserving both liberty and the peaceful transfer of power. That anniversary alone is worthy of profound gratitude.

This Independence Day weekend, we give thanks. We thank God for the blessings of this nation and for the generations who sacrificed to build it, defend it, improve it, correct it, and hand it on. We are grateful for the freedom to worship, speak, vote, work, gather, serve, and dream. Gratitude, however, is not blindness. Love of country does not require pretending that every chapter of our history has been noble or that every challenge before us is small. Real patriotism is mature enough to be grateful and honest at the same time. It loves a nation enough not only to celebrate its achievements but also to desire its continual renewal.

Yet this Sunday's readings invite us to ask an even deeper question. What kind of people can remain truly free? The prophet Zechariah describes a king who comes not on a warhorse but on a donkey. He does not conquer through intimidation, violence, or domination. He comes in humility, bringing peace. It is a surprising image during a weekend filled with parades, flags, music, and fireworks. The world often measures greatness by noise, power, influence, and victory over others. God reveals something far more enduring. True strength is found in humility. True greatness is measured by mercy. True power is revealed in truth, love, and peace.

Saint Paul then reminds us that we are not meant to live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. That truth applies not only to individuals but also to every society. Freedom without the Spirit slowly becomes selfishness. Liberty without virtue becomes chaos. Rights without responsibility become entitlement. Speech without truth becomes noise and strength without humility becomes dangerous. A free nation ultimately depends not only on its laws and institutions but on the character of its people.

Perhaps that is one of the greatest lessons America can learn at 250. A Constitution can protect freedom, but it cannot produce wisdom. Elections can change leaders, but they cannot convert hearts. Courts can defend rights, but they cannot teach forgiveness. Markets can create prosperity, but they cannot give meaning. Technology can connect us across continents in seconds, yet it cannot teach us how to love the person sitting beside us. It can fill our calendars but not our souls. For all of that, we need grace.

Then Jesus speaks words every generation desperately needs to hear: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." How many people today are free on paper but exhausted in spirit? Free to choose, yet overwhelmed by endless choices. Free to speak, yet afraid of saying the wrong thing. Free to consume, yet never satisfied. Free to connect, yet profoundly lonely. Free to entertain ourselves every hour of the day, yet uncertain how to sit quietly with our own souls. Free to travel almost anywhere in the world, yet unsure where our lives are ultimately headed.

Christ offers a freedom deeper than political independence. He offers freedom from fear, resentment, addiction, pride, despair, and the exhausting burden of believing we must carry life by ourselves. He does not say, "Figure everything out." He simply says, "Come to me." He does not say, "Impress me." He says, "Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart." The freest person is not the one who answers to no one. The freest person is the one whose heart has learned to trust God completely.

Two hundred fifty years ago, America declared its independence. Every day, Christians are invited to make another declaration: our joyful dependence upon God. At first, that sounds like a contradiction. In reality, it is one of the deepest truths of the Gospel. The more we surrender ourselves to God, the freer we become. The saints were never less themselves because they belonged to Christ. They became more fully themselves than they had ever imagined possible. Dependence on God does not diminish human freedom. It perfects it. It teaches us to use our freedom not merely for ourselves but for truth, goodness, family, neighbor, the poor, the unborn, the elderly, the stranger, and the common good.

The founders pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to establish a free nation. Christ asks every generation to offer something even more personal: our hearts. Constitutions and institutions matter greatly, but no nation is sustained by laws alone. It flourishes when ordinary people choose honesty over deceit, sacrifice over selfishness, mercy over resentment, truth over convenience, hope over cynicism, and God over every lesser idol.

As America marks her 250th anniversary, may we never stop thanking God for the remarkable gift of this country. May He bless America. May He humble us where we need humility, heal us where we need mercy, strengthen us where we need courage, and guide us where we need wisdom. Above all, may we never forget that the deepest freedom is not simply the right to do whatever we want, but the grace to become the men and women God created us to be.

Prayer

Lord God, we thank You for the gift of our country and for all who have sacrificed so that freedom might endure. Teach us to be grateful without being blind, honest without becoming cynical, patriotic without becoming proud, and faithful without becoming afraid. Heal what is wounded in our nation.

Strengthen what is noble. Purify what is selfish. Guide our leaders with wisdom, protect those who serve, bless our families, and help us care for the poor, the vulnerable, and one another. Above all, make our hearts meek and humble like the Heart of Christ, so that the freedom we cherish may become the freedom to love generously, serve joyfully, seek truth courageously, and walk faithfully in Your will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Ordination and Installation Mass of Bishop Emilio Biosca Agüero, OFM Cap., will be held at 2pm, Sat., July 11.

Out of necessity, due to high demand and capacity constraints, this event is by Invitation Only.

But all are called to be part of this historic moment via livestream! Both the Ordination Mass on July 11 and the Solemn Vespers, Friday, July 10, will be livestreamed via the Diocesan website or on Facebook.

St. Leo Parish was allotted nine seats. We received notification from the Diocese with only a 48-hour window to submit the names of those attending. Because of this short deadline, there was not sufficient time to communicate the opportunity through a weekend bulletin or pre-Mass announcements.

To ensure that the available seats could be filled within the required timeframe, the invitations were offered to parishioners attending the weekday Masses during that period on a first-come, first-served basis.

We are grateful to the Diocese for making these seats available and ask all parishioners to keep Bishop-elect Emilio in their prayers as he prepares to begin his ministry as our new bishop.



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Diocese of Venice in Florida*

**Most Rev. Emilio
Biosca Agüero,
O.F.M.Cap.**

JULY 11, 2026 | 2:00 PM



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Independence
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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.



“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” - Mt 11:28-30

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Faithful Bible Study students continue to meet through the summer on Mondays after 8am Mass in the Nest Café. All are welcome to join!

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
MONDAY	JULY 6	
8:00 am	+Encarnacion Bolanos	Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Morgan
TUESDAY	JULY 7	
8:00 am	+Tom Yurok	The Keating Family
WEDNESDAY	JULY 8	
8:00 am	+Geri Rausch	Loving Daughter, Jan
THURSDAY	JULY 9	
8:00 am	+John Howell	Nelly Willshine
FRIDAY	JULY 10	
8:00 am	+Daniel Cuenya	Lizabeth Cueny
SATURDAY	JULY 11	
8:00 am	+Jon Greeley, Sr.	Lizabeth Cueny
3:30 pm	+John Gliwa	The Gliwa Family
5:30 pm	+Bill & +Betty Wolven	Their Loving Family
SUNDAY	JULY 12	
7:30 am	+David Sandberg	His Loving Wife, Cheryl
9:30 am	+Katherine Cuozzo	Amy Solazzo & Loving Family
11:30 am	+Katherine Urraro	The Tornincaso Family
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	The Parishioners of St. Leo	



Flowers this week are dedicated to Parishioners of St. Leo

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

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 Pault
Nick Parrorzio
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.*

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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.

Rosary Makers - Wednesday at 10:30 am - Nest Café

All are welcome to join the JMJ Rosary Makers as they make beaded string rosaries. The instructions, supplies and tools required will be provided. Since prayer and evangelization are needed more than ever, so are rosaries.

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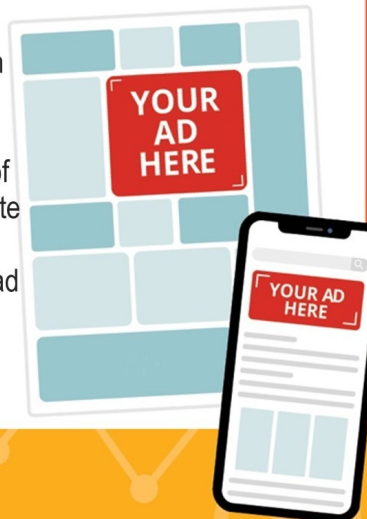
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