

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.*

June 14, 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

Parish Staff

Rev. Jarek (Jaroslaw) Sniosek	Pastor
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Marie Talley	Musician
Winter Talley	Musician

Parish Church Support

Thank you for your continued generosity!

June 6 & 7
\$23,406

This weekend there will be a special collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

Celebrating our Faith

BAPTISM OF INFANTS

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

CONFIRMATION

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

EUCCHARIST

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

RECONCILIATION

Individual confession with a priest is the principal means of absolution and reconciliation of grave sins within the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation frees us from sinful patterns of behavior and calls us to complete conversion to Christ. Confessions are heard at 1:30pm-3:00pm on Saturday in English during season and 2pm on Sunday in Spanish in the Church. You may also approach any of our parish priests to hear your confession at another suitable time.

THE RITE OF ANOINTING

A person does not need to wait until the point of death to receive this sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient. The Sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after the anointing but becomes ill once again, or if, during the same illness, the person's condition becomes more serious. For those who are about to depart from this life, the Church offers the person Penance, Anointing of the Sick, and the Eucharist as Viaticum (food for the journey) given at the end of life. Contact the Parish Office at 992-0901 to be connected with the priest on duty.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are a registered parishioner of St. Leo and plan to marry in our parish please contact our office at least six months prior to the tentative wedding date. Weddings cannot be scheduled until the marriage preparation process is complete and it is determined that the parties are free to marry.

ANNULMENT - 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

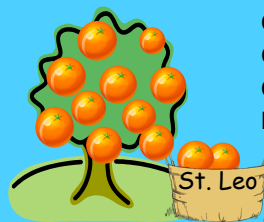
ONLINE GIVING

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 .. \$821,966
Our pledges \$842,839
Pledge goal attained.... 126.93%

= 10% of Goal

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

Saturday, June 20

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

Sunday, June 21

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

Changes may occur without notice.

Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 - YOU ARE NOT AN ACCIDENT

"I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself." (Exodus 19:4)

Most people spend at least part of life wondering who they are and whether they matter. Some look for the answer in success, others in relationships, others in staying so busy they do not have time to ask the question. But God tells Israel something beautiful: before He gave them commandments, He carried them. Before He asked anything of them, He loved them.

Jesus looks at the crowds and sees people who are troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. That image still feels painfully current. Many people look fine on the outside, but inside they are tired, scattered, and one inconvenience away from becoming very dramatic in a grocery store parking lot. The good news is that God does not wait for us to become impressive before He draws near. He loves us first, heals us first, gathers us first. Only then does He send us out to love others. We do not serve in order to earn God's love. We serve because we have already received it.

Prayer: Lord, remind me that my worth does not come from what I accomplish, but from being Your beloved child. Help me receive Your love and share it freely. Amen.

Readings: Exodus 19:2–6a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:6–11; Matthew 9:36–10:8

MONDAY, JUNE 15 - THE COST OF ALWAYS NEEDING MORE

"Ahab went home disturbed and angry." (1 Kings 21:4)

Ahab was a king with power, wealth, servants, land, and a palace. Yet he was miserable because he could not have Naboth's vineyard. It is almost funny until we realize how familiar it sounds. The human heart can overlook ninety-nine blessings and become completely focused on the one thing it does not have. We do this in ordinary ways. Someone else has the house, the health, the recognition, the vacation, the easier family, the better parking spot at Costco. Suddenly gratitude disappears, and we convince ourselves peace is waiting just beyond the one thing missing.

Jesus shows another way. He teaches a freedom that does not need to win every argument, possess every advantage, or settle every score. Contentment begins when gratitude becomes stronger than comparison. The peaceful heart is not the heart that has everything. It is the heart that can finally say, "Lord, what I have is already gift."

Prayer: Lord, save me from always needing more before I can be grateful. Open my eyes to the blessings already present in my life. Amen. **Readings:** 1 Kings 21:1–16; Psalm 5; Matthew 5:38–42

TUESDAY, JUNE 16 - THE DOOR THAT IS NEVER LOCKED

"Have you seen that Ahab has humbled himself before me?" (1 Kings 21:29)

Ahab is not exactly the person we expect to teach us about repentance. He is weak, selfish, easily manipulated, and responsible for terrible injustice. Yet when he finally humbles himself, God notices. That is one of the most astonishing truths in Scripture: the door of mercy is never locked.

Many people imagine God keeping a long file of their failures, carefully organized, perhaps color-coded. But God is not waiting to humiliate us. He is waiting to heal us. Repentance does not erase consequences, but it does open the soul again to grace.

That is why Jesus tells us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. He is not asking us to pretend evil is good. He is teaching us not to let bitterness become our permanent address. Mercy received must eventually become mercy given, or the heart becomes very crowded with old injuries.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for never giving up on me. Help me trust Your mercy and offer mercy where my heart still wants to hold on. Amen.

Readings: 1 Kings 21:17–29; Psalm 51; Matthew 5:43–48

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 - THE BEAUTY OF HIDDEN THINGS

"Your Father who sees in secret will repay you." (Matthew 6:4)

We live in a world where almost everything can be posted, liked, shared, tracked, and commented on by people we barely know. Meals are photographed. Vacations are documented. Even a walk sometimes needs proof, as though the steps did not count unless a device applauded.

Jesus points us toward a quieter holiness. Give in secret. Pray in secret. Fast in secret. Not because goodness should be hidden from the world, but because the soul must not become addicted to applause. Some of the most important things in life grow best away from public attention.

Elisha receives Elijah's mantle, but his greatness began long before that moment, in years of quiet faithfulness. The same is true for us. A marriage is strengthened

by unseen sacrifices. A family is held together by unnoticed patience. A parish is carried by people whose names may never be announced, but whose love is written clearly in heaven.

Prayer: Lord, teach me to be faithful when no one notices. Help me seek Your approval more than human praise. Amen. **Readings:** 2 Kings 2:1, 6–14; Psalm 31; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 - WHEN FEWER WORDS SAY MORE

"Your Father knows what you need before you ask him." (Matthew 6:8)

Most of us know what it is like to explain something for five minutes and then realize we could have said it in one sentence. Sometimes our prayer can become that way too. We keep explaining, repeating, clarifying, and reminding God, as though heaven misplaced the memo.

Jesus gently tells us that the Father already knows. Prayer is not giving God new information. Prayer is placing ourselves honestly before the One who knows us completely and loves us anyway. That is why the Our Father is so powerful. It is simple, direct, trusting, and free of religious decoration.

In that short prayer, Jesus gives us everything: worship, surrender, daily bread, forgiveness, protection, and hope. The older we get, the more we discover that the deepest prayers are often the simplest. "Lord, help me." "Lord, forgive me." "Lord, stay with me." And He does.

Prayer: Lord, teach me to pray with trust rather than anxiety. Help me remember that before I speak, You already know my heart. Amen. **Readings:** Sirach 48:1–14; Psalm 97; Matthew 6:7–15

FRIDAY, JUNE 19 - WHAT OWNS YOUR HEART?

"Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (Matthew 6:21)

Most people think treasure is something they possess. Jesus suggests treasure is often whatever possesses them. What gets our attention, our worry, our energy, our calendar, our imagination, and occasionally our last nerve? That may reveal more about our hearts than we realize.

Jesus is not against money, work, success, homes, savings, or nice things. He is against letting temporary things become ultimate things. Everything earthly eventually shows its limits. Cars age. Phones become outdated. Closets fill up. Even the favorite chair eventually begins making sounds no chair should make. Heavenly treasure is different. Faith, mercy, generosity, forgiveness, compassion, integrity, and love do not decay. A life filled with these things may not always look impressive to the world, but it becomes rich in the only way that finally matters. A well-lived life is not measured by what we accumulate, but by what we become.

Prayer: Lord, help me treasure what truly lasts. Free my heart from anything that distracts me from Your Kingdom. Amen. **Readings:** 2 Kings 11:1–4, 9–18, 20; Psalm 132; Matthew 6:19–23

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 - ENOUGH FOR TODAY

"Do not worry about tomorrow." (Matthew 6:34)

If worry burned calories, many of us would be in Olympic condition. Sadly, it mostly burns peace, sleep, patience, and sometimes the ability to have a normal conversation before coffee. Jesus knows how easily the human heart runs ahead into tomorrow and returns carrying imaginary problems.

He does not tell us to be careless. Birds still build nests. Flowers still grow. Responsible people still plan, work, save, and make appointments they hope they remember. But Jesus warns us against living as though everything depends on our anxiety. Planning is wise. Panic is not.

Today has enough grace for today. Tomorrow will have its own grace when it arrives. The Father who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers has not forgotten you. Your task is not to control the whole future. Your task is to seek the Kingdom, love what is in front of you, and trust that God will already be waiting in every tomorrow.

Prayer: Lord, when I worry about the future, bring me back to this day. Give me enough trust, enough courage, and enough peace for now. Amen. **Readings:** 2 Chronicles 24:17–25; Psalm 89; Matthew 6:24–34

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

Why Twelve Ordinary Men Changed the World

by Father Jarek

There is a detail in this Sunday's Gospel that most people pass over without much notice. We understand why. It appears to be little more than a list of names. Peter. Andrew. James. John. Philip. Bartholomew. Thomas. Matthew. James. Thaddeus. Simon. Judas. Most readers move on quickly, eager to reach something more dramatic. Yet hidden inside that list is one of the most astonishing truths in Christianity. Jesus looked upon a troubled world and decided that these twelve men would become part of His answer.

The world Jesus entered was not peaceful. It was politically divided, economically unequal, morally confused, and burdened by violence, corruption, and fear. People worried about their future, their families, and their ability to survive. In many ways, it sounds remarkably familiar. Today we worry about wars, economic uncertainty, political polarization, social fragmentation, artificial intelligence, loneliness, and a future that often feels increasingly difficult to predict. Turn on the news for ten minutes and it can seem as though the entire world is being held together by duct tape, caffeine, and a collective hope that somebody else knows what they are doing.

Yet Jesus saw something deeper than political problems or social instability. Matthew tells us that His heart was moved with pity because the crowds were "troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." Those words may describe modern life better than we would like to admit. Many people appear successful, connected, and busy on the outside while carrying enormous burdens within. They are searching for direction, longing for meaning, struggling with loneliness, and quietly wondering whether anyone truly sees what they are carrying. The human heart has not changed nearly as much as technology has.

What is remarkable is the solution Jesus chooses. He does not organize a political revolution. He does not gather wealthy donors. He does not recruit military leaders or influential celebrities. He does not launch a public relations campaign. Instead, He gathers twelve ordinary men and entrusts them with the mission of helping change the world. At first glance, it seems almost unreasonable. If someone were looking for a strategy to transform human history, this would not appear to be the obvious approach.

Consider the men themselves. Peter was impulsive and often spoke before thinking. Thomas struggled with doubt. Matthew had worked for the occupying Romans and was likely viewed with suspicion by many of the others. James and John once wanted fire from heaven to consume people who irritated them. Several of the apostles are mentioned so briefly in Scripture that most Christians know very little about them. This was not a collection of polished experts. It was a group of ordinary people with strengths and weaknesses, courage and fear, faith and uncertainty.

Perhaps that is precisely the point. We live in a culture fascinated by extraordinary people. We admire celebrities, athletes, experts, entrepreneurs, influencers, and public figures. We often assume that meaningful change belongs to those with impressive credentials, exceptional talent, or enormous platforms. The Gospel quietly challenges that assumption. God has always preferred working through ordinary people who make themselves available to Him. Moses stuttered. David was overlooked. Jeremiah thought he was too young. Peter denied Christ. Paul persecuted Christians. Again and again, God chooses people who seem insufficient and then does extraordinary things through them.

Most of history's greatest acts of goodness never appear in history books. A parent sacrifices for a child. A teacher believes in a struggling student. A nurse sits beside a frightened patient. A friend makes a phone call at exactly the right moment. A volunteer serves quietly without recognition. A parishioner visits someone who feels forgotten. A person chooses forgiveness when resentment would be easier. These actions rarely attract attention, yet they often change the course of another person's life. Changed lives have a way of changing families, communities, and eventually the world itself.

Perhaps that is why Jesus begins not with strategy but with compassion. Before He sends the apostles, He sees the crowds. Before He commissions them, He loves them. Before He asks them to serve, His heart is moved. Compassion always comes before mission. The world does not need more outrage, and it certainly does not need more people shouting at one another. There is already an endless supply of that. What the world desperately needs are people whose hearts are capable of being moved by the suffering, struggles, and loneliness of others.

The apostles eventually changed the world, not because they were extraordinary, but because they were willing. They allowed God to use what they had, even when it seemed inadequate. The same invitation remains today. Somewhere nearby there is a person who needs encouragement. Someone needs forgiveness. Someone needs hope. Someone needs a reminder that God has not forgotten them. Someone is praying for help without knowing where that help will come from.

The remarkable possibility is that God may choose to answer that prayer through someone very ordinary. Through someone whose name will never appear in a history book. Through someone who has doubts, weaknesses, fears, and imperfections. Through someone who occasionally wonders whether they have anything important to offer. Through someone who may not feel particularly qualified for the task, but who is willing to say yes to God anyway.

The Kingdom of God has always advanced in this way. The names change from generation to generation, but the mission remains the same. God continues to work through ordinary people who trust an extraordinary God. Twelve ordinary men helped change the world two thousand years ago. The Gospel invites us to believe that God is still doing the very same thing today.

Prayer

Lord, when I look at my weaknesses, I sometimes forget that You have always worked through imperfect people.

I see my limitations more clearly than my possibilities, my failures more readily than Your grace.

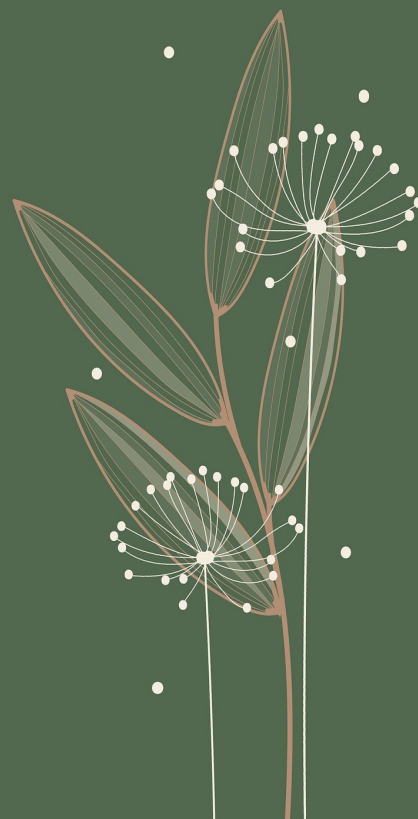
Yet You chose fishermen, tax collectors, doubters, and sinners to carry Your Gospel into the world.

Help me remember that You are not looking for perfection.

You are looking for willingness. Give me eyes that notice those who are troubled and abandoned, a heart that is moved with compassion, and the courage to respond when You call.

Teach me to trust that even the smallest act of kindness, generosity, or faithfulness can become something much greater in Your hands.

And when I wonder whether my life can make a difference, remind me that You have been changing the world through ordinary people for a very long time. Amen.





Congratulations to the 2026 Ladies' Guild Scholarship Recipients. On Sunday, June 7th at 9:30 Mass, Fr. Jarek, Ladies' Guild Scholarship Committee Co-chairs, Clare Sasak and Judie Dougherty, and Guild President Beth Daniels introduced the students.

A total of \$28,000 in scholarships were awarded to the eight recipients.

Scholarship money is generated from the Ladies Guild fundraising efforts, specific donations from parishioners and friends, and the St Leo parish community. The Ladies' Guild would like to thank all who supported our events throughout the year, including those who purchased 50/50 tickets at concerts, and our parish raffle.

**Top row, left to right: Jeni Francisco, Allen Murillo, Jeffrey Chic, Sebastian Hernandez, Rodrigo Sarabia
Bottom row, left to right: Beth Daniels, Dulce Barrientos (represented by her sister Jackie),
Clare Sasak, Fr. Jarek, Judie Dougherty, Dulce Dominquez, Ashley Santillan.**



DIocese OF Venice IN Florida
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

June 6, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA ("AMS") was created to ensure that Catholic military personnel received the full range of pastoral services, including access to the sacraments and spiritual guidance. The Catholic chaplains and deacons of AMS provide pastoral care to over a million Catholics serving in the US Armed Forces, their family members, students at the Military Academies, patients at Veterans Affairs medical centers and federal personnel working abroad.

Years of wars have placed many hardships on military personnel and their family members, and they rely on our Catholic chaplains for spiritual guidance and support. However, there is a severe shortage of Catholic chaplains in the Archdiocese for the Military Services, which results in our military men and women not having access to the sacraments or spiritual guidance for months at a time.

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, does not receive financial assistance from the government. Its mission is solely supported by the generosity of donors such as you. The Diocese of Venice will take up a collection for AMS on the weekend of June 13 and 14, 2026. Please know of my gratitude for your financial contribution, helping to ensure that our military personnel continue to have the spiritual support they need and deserve.

Also, allow me to recognize and thank the many of you who are veterans, as well as members of your family and friends, who served with dedication. It is truly a selfless sacrifice to serve in the military whether here in the USA or overseas. I take this opportunity to extend to each of 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

St. Leo's Respect Life Ministry



RESPECT LIFE AND THE SACRED HEART

June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a beautiful reminder that every human life is precious because every person is created, loved, and cherished by God. The Heart of Christ beats with compassion for the unborn, the elderly, the poor, the disabled, the lonely, those struggling with addiction, survivors of abuse, and all who carry hidden wounds. Respect Life is not simply about defending life; it is about reflecting the mercy, dignity, and unconditional love that flow from the Heart of Jesus.

Throughout this month, we invite you to deepen your understanding of the Church's vision of human dignity by visiting the June Respect Life page at CatholicJourneyToday.com. There you will find inspiring articles, reflections, resources, and practical ways to help build a culture of life rooted in both truth and compassion. Together, may we become living reflections of the Sacred Heart by protecting, serving, accompanying, and loving every human life from conception to natural death.

Welcome to St. Leo Church

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Kimberly Perez-Hernandez
William Halcisak
Alejandro, Mary Luz, Mateo & Maria Matallana
Dino Iuliano
George Raab III
Tom & Susan Ludwick
Bridget Bartkowiak
Lon & Julianne Voigt
Marcos, Niurka & Marcos Cotayo-Lopez Jr.
Kimberly Perez-Hernandez
William Halcisak
Leonardo Gonzalez
Deyla Salinas
Rosa Gutierrez
Leo Gutierrez
Norma Vielma
Cristian Lopez
Esther Favela
Teresa M Harley
Peter & Ruth Mania
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Francisco & Patricia Mendez
Kristen & Ezekiel Schon
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Maisen Clark
Gregory, Jacklin & Madeline Braun
Daniel & Marie Nolting
Jani & Alana Manovski
Brian & Caroline Hastings
Juan Macias
Cindy Torres
Juan, Leticia, Ian & Juan Miguel De Jesus Flores
Grant A Post
Janice Comer Bradley
Brian & Meghan McLaughlin
Thomas Jr. & Laurie Baldwin
Phyllis Helfgott
Shannon & Amy Tuley
Jason, Rebecca, Jacob & Caleb Pruitt
Spencer Armstrong
Isaiah Graham
Aaron & Katelyn Faust
Juan, Maria, Byron, Fankly & Dylan Jimenez
Ian Moyer



Join Our Faith Formation Team!

Are you passionate about our Faith?
Are you willing to share a few hours of your time
to help educate our St. Leo's students?
We are looking for committed parishioners to join our
Religious Education team as catechists or catechist assistants
on Wednesday evenings or Sunday afternoons
for the upcoming school year.

We provide curriculum, training, and support to ensure
you succeed in this rewarding ministry.
To learn more or to sign up,
please contact Paula Hand at csc@stleocatholicchurch.org

Make a difference in the faith journey of our youth
by becoming part of this important ministry!

We Pray for the Recently Deceased Of Our Parish

Florence M Rybak



SHEPHERD

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.

MATTHEW 9:36

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.

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The Sacred Heart of Jesus



We are pleased to provide for all our of parishioner the ability to access this wonderful website filled \with thousands of wide ranging movies, programs, audios, such as the Lives of Saints of History and Modern Day, The Sacraments, Bible Study, Children's Entertainment, Praying at Home, and Movie Night selections. To access FORMED choose the link on our website, search "St Leo Bonita" to find us in the drop box, and sign up for your own free account.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION IN JUNE

Registration for Fall Religious Education classes for children in grades 1-12 is taking place in June. Remember – children are NOT automatically re-enrolled. The child's parent or guardian must enroll their child EACH YEAR to attend.

Registration forms can be picked up 24/7 from the boxes outside the Religious Education Gate. Be sure to take one family form, plus a student form for each child you are registering.

Completed forms plus fees and copies of sacrament certificates (for new students) should be returned on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am-3pm in the office in the Education Building or Wednesdays 4:30pm-7:30pm in room 13/14 of the Education Building. To drop off forms at other times contact Gisela Meraz at the Religious Education office at 992-0901.

Schedule of classes for the Fall 2026-2027 school year:
Wednesday 6:10-7:30 pm
for grades 1-8
Sundays for High School
and Sacrament Preparation



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On Father's Day

Father's Day Spiritual Bouquets to remember your loved ones are available in the front entrance of the church and at the parish office.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
MONDAY 8:00 am	JUNE 15 +Kim O'Hara Izzi	Her Loving Family
TUESDAY 8:00 am	JUNE 16 +Mary Ellen Chabot	Her Loving Family
WEDNESDAY 8:00 am	JUNE 17 +Stella Bardauskis	Her Loving Family
THURSDAY 8:00 am	JUNE 18 +Sergio Alexander Espinoza III	Frank & Mary DeLuca
FRIDAY 8:00 am	JUNE 19 +Margaret Jenkins	Her Loving Husband, John
SATURDAY 8:00 am	JUNE 20 +Ann Marth Smuniewski	Michael & Judy Richter
3:30 pm	+Raymond Justus	His Loving Wife
5:30 pm	+Albert Kidwell	His Loving Mother, Sally
SUNDAY 7:30 am	JUNE 21 +Gasper Pecorella	His Loving Son, Ronnie
9:30 am	The Parishioners of St. Leo	
11:30 am	+Frank Bruno	Patricia Bryant
1:30 pm - Polish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	+Helen Pournaras	Rose & Guaitoli



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Names remain on our prayer list for 30 days & troop list for 6 months.
To add names or update information call the Parish Office at 992-0901 or email: ehernandez@stleocatholicchurch.org

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On the second Friday of each month in the Cry Room following 8am Mass we pray for good and holy priests for one hour.
For more information contact Betty at 860-595-6370 or holdenbnd@gmail.com

Prayer Group

All are welcome on Wednesday mornings in the Nest Café at 8:45am to pray for our personal intentions and those of our community, country and peace in our world.

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

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

Walking with Moms in Need is a program at St. Leo which connects pregnant women and new mothers in need with assistance and support. Please go to our website for more information www.stleocatholicchurch.org

The Sewing, Knitting & Crocheting Group

shares their talents to benefit local charities. They welcome volunteers of all skill levels on Tuesdays beginning at noon in the Juan Diego Outreach Center. Contact Bernice Romano at 239-601-5877 with questions.



DAILY PRAYER SCHEDULE

MONDAYS -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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You might want to consider joining our Bereavement Group which will meet for 9 weeks beginning this Thursday, June 18th, from 9-10:30am the Nest Cafe. Paula Hand will be facilitating the group, and you will be provided with a companion book to assist you in our group discussions. If you are interested in joining or have questions, please email csc@stleocatholicchurch.org or call the Parish Office at 992-0901. We look forward to embarking together on this journey from grief to healing.

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Asimismo, los sacerdotes cuentan con seguro médico y participan en los programas diocesanos de jubilación y retiro. También quisiera recordar la importancia de verificar la información antes de aceptar rumores o comentarios de segunda mano. Como discípulos de Cristo, estamos llamados a buscar siempre la verdad, hablar con caridad y evitar todo aquello que pueda causar división, confusión o daño dentro de nuestra comunidad.

Si en algún momento tienen preguntas o inquietudes sobre la vida parroquial, los animo a acudir directamente a la oficina de la parroquia o a hablar conmigo personalmente. Siempre estaremos dispuestos a ayudar y a ofrecer información confiable.

Agradezco profundamente el apoyo, la confianza y la generosidad de nuestra comunidad hispana. Sigamos construyendo juntos una parroquia unida en la fe, la verdad y la caridad cristiana.

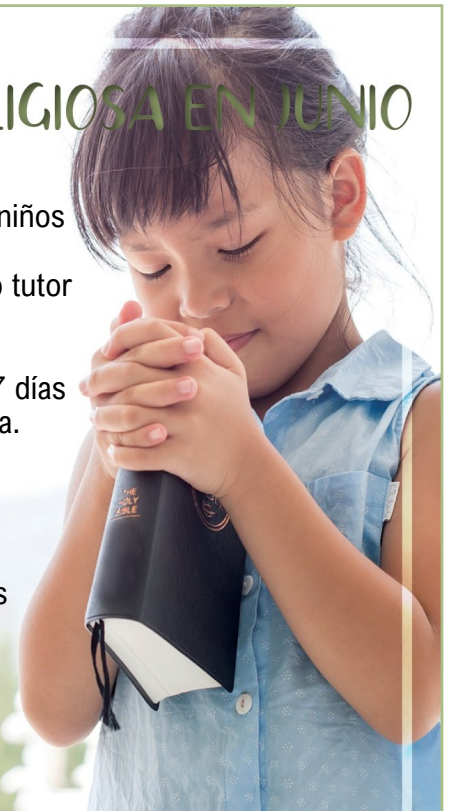
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INSCRIPCIÓN PARA LA EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA EN JUNIO

La inscripción para las clases de Educación Religiosa de otoño, dirigidas a niños y jóvenes de 1.º a 12.º grado, se llevará a cabo durante el mes de junio. Recuerde: los niños NO se reinscriben automáticamente. El padre, madre o tutor del menor debe inscribir a su hijo CADA AÑO para que pueda asistir.

Los formularios de inscripción pueden recogerse las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, en las cajas ubicadas fuera del portón de Educación Religiosa. Asegúrese de tomar un formulario familiar, además de un formulario de estudiante por cada niño que vaya a inscribir.

Los formularios completados, junto con las cuotas y las copias de los certificados sacramentales (para estudiantes nuevos), deben entregarse los lunes, martes, jueves y viernes, de 9 am a 3 pm, en la oficina situada en el Edificio de Educación; o bien, los miércoles, de 4:30 pm a 7:30 pm, en el salón 13/14 del Edificio de Educación. Para entregar los formularios en otros horarios, comuníquese con Gisela Meraz en la oficina de Educación Religiosa al 992-0901.



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