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 21, 2026

The Birth and Naming of Saint John the Baptist/Feast June 24/Sano de Pietro/1450/The Metropolitan Museum of Art

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WWW.STLEOCATHOLICCHURCH.ORG • OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 AM - 4 PM
DAILY MASS: MONDAY-SATURDAY: 8 AM • 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 13 & 14
$35,366

Archdiocese for the Military Services
$3,418

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.

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 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 - 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 .. $824,224
Our pledges $844,439
Pledge goal attained.... 127.17%

= 10% of Goal

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

Saturday, June 27
3:30 pm — Fr. Tim
5:30 pm — Fr. Tim

Sunday, June 28
7:30 am — Fr. Jarek
9:30 am — Fr. Jarek
11:30 am — Fr. Stan
3:00 pm-Spanish — Fr. Juan Carlos
5:00 pm — Msgr. Cullen

Changes may occur without notice.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21 - FEAR IS A TERRIBLE FORTUNE TELLER
"Do not be afraid." (Matthew 10:31)
Most of us are not really afraid of the future. We are afraid of not being able to control the future. We want reassurance that our loved ones will be okay, that our health will hold up, that our plans will succeed, and that life will unfold according to our expectations. Instead, we are given uncertainty. So we do what human beings have always done: we worry. We rehearse conversations that have not happened yet, imagine problems that do not yet exist, and occasionally convince ourselves that a minor headache means we should update our will.
Jeremiah knew what it felt like to live with uncertainty. People criticized him, opposed him, and waited for him to fail. Yet he discovered something that changed everything: "The Lord is with me like a mighty champion." Jesus offers the same assurance when He reminds us that not even a sparrow falls without the Father's knowledge. The point is not simply that God knows everything. The point is that we do not have to carry responsibilities that belong to Him. We are not asked to control tomorrow. We are asked to trust the One who already stands there.
Much of life becomes lighter when we stop treating fear as a prophet. Fear constantly tries to convince us that it knows what is coming next. It points to worst-case scenarios and urges us to prepare for disasters that may never arrive. Faith does not guarantee that difficult things will never happen. Illness still comes. Loss still hurts. Plans still change. But faith reminds us that no challenge enters our lives without first passing through the hands of a God who loves us. The Christian promise is not that we will always understand the road ahead. The promise is that we will never walk it alone. And that is often enough to take the next step.
Prayer: *Lord, when fear begins writing stories about the future, help me remember that You are already there. Teach me to trust Your love more than my worries and Your presence more than my fears. Amen.* ***Readings:*** *Jeremiah 20:10–13; Psalm 69; Romans 5:12–15; Matthew 10:26–33*

MONDAY, JUNE 22 - THE HARD TRUTH ABOUT MIRRORS
"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye?" (Matthew 7:3)
Few things are easier than improving someone else's life from a safe distance. We know exactly how relatives should behave, how coworkers should improve, how politicians should govern, and how strangers should drive. Somewhere inside many of us lives a person who believes the world would run much more smoothly if everyone would simply listen to our advice. The unfortunate reality is that most people are busy wishing everyone would listen to theirs.
Jesus uses one of the funniest images in the Gospel: a man trying to remove a splinter from someone else's eye while carrying a wooden beam in his own. We laugh because the image is absurd. We also laugh because it is familiar. The flaws that irritate us most in others are often the very weaknesses we struggle to recognize in ourselves. Pride has a remarkable ability to hide in plain sight.
The tragedy of Israel in today's first reading began when people stopped listening to God. Spiritual growth begins when we become teachable again. The saints were not people who had no faults. They were people willing to see them. The moment we stop asking, "What's wrong with everyone else?" and begin asking, "Lord, what are You trying to teach me?" grace finally has room to work.
Prayer: *Lord, help me see myself honestly and humbly. Remove the blind spots that keep me from growing, and give me the wisdom to become more patient, compassionate, and understanding toward others. Amen.*
Readings: *2 Kings 17:5–8, 13–15a, 18; Psalm 60; Matthew 7:1–5*

TUESDAY, JUNE 23 - SPREAD IT OUT BEFORE THE LORD
"He spread it out before the Lord." (2 Kings 19:14)
Most of us bring edited versions of ourselves to prayer. We tell God what we think He should know, while quietly holding back the deeper fears. We mention the financial concern but not the panic behind it. We pray for a loved one but avoid speaking about how helpless we feel. We bring Him the summary while keeping the full story folded away in our hearts.
King Hezekiah does something profoundly simple. After receiving a threatening letter, he carries it into the temple and spreads it out before the Lord. He does not minimize the problem, pretend to be strong, or hide his anxiety. He lays the entire situation before God.
It is one of the most beautiful images of prayer in Scripture. Real prayer begins when we stop managing appearances and start bringing God the truth.
Many burdens become lighter not because circumstances immediately change, but because we stop carrying them alone. Jesus speaks of the narrow gate because trust is rarely the easiest choice. Yet peace often begins when we place our fears into God's hands and resist the temptation to take them back every fifteen minutes.
Prayer: *Lord, teach me to bring You not only my polished prayers but also my fears, disappointments, and uncertainties. Help me trust that nothing I place before You is beyond Your care. Amen.* ***Readings:*** *2 Kings 19:9b–11, 14–21, 31–35a, 36; Psalm 48; Matthew 7:6, 12–14*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 - THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
YOU WERE NEVER AN ACCIDENT
"The Lord called me from birth." (Isaiah 49:1)
One of the quiet struggles many people carry is the fear that their most important years are behind them. Children grow up. Careers end. Retirement arrives. Health changes. The phone rings less often than it once did. A person can begin to wonder, "Do I still matter? Does my life still have a purpose?" These questions are rarely spoken aloud, but they echo in many hearts.
The birth of John the Baptist reminds us that every life is part of a larger story God is writing. Before John preached a sermon, baptized a convert, or pointed anyone toward Christ, God already knew him. Isaiah speaks of being called from the womb. The psalm reminds us that we are wonderfully made. Our value does not come from what we accomplish but from whose we are. God's love precedes every achievement and survives every disappointment.
John's greatness came from understanding who he was and who he was not. He did not try to be the Messiah. He simply prepared the way. The same invitation is given to us. We do not have to be famous, impressive, or indispensable. We simply have to be faithful. God still has a purpose for every life that He continues to sustain.
Prayer: *Lord, thank You for creating me with purpose and love. Help me trust that my life matters, even when I cannot see the full impact of my faithfulness. Amen. Readings: Isaiah 49:1–6; Psalm 139; Acts 13:22–26; Luke 1:57–66, 80*

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 - WHEN THE STORM ARRIVES
"The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew." (Matthew 7:25)
Nobody discovers the strength of a foundation during a sunny afternoon. We discover it when life becomes difficult. A spouse becomes ill. A diagnosis changes everything. A child struggles. A marriage faces challenges. Grief enters the home. Suddenly the questions are no longer theoretical. What seemed stable is tested, and what seemed important is often placed in a new perspective.
Jesus speaks of two houses facing the same storm. One stands. One falls. The difference is not intelligence, talent, wealth, or luck. The difference is the foundation. The wise man built his life upon something deeper than circumstances. He listened to God's word and put it into practice long before the storm arrived. Faithfulness during ordinary days prepared him for extraordinary challenges.
Many of the strongest people we know did not become strong during a crisis. They became strong through years of prayer, trust, forgiveness, and perseverance. Storms do not create foundations. They reveal them. Every act of faith today is preparing us for whatever tomorrow may bring.
Prayer: *Lord, help me build my life upon You. Strengthen my faith during ordinary days so that I may stand firm when difficult days come. Amen.* ***Readings:*** *2 Kings 24:8–17; Psalm 79; Matthew 7:21–29*

FRIDAY, JUNE 26 - SOMETIMES PEOPLE JUST NEED TO BE NOTICED
"He stretched out his hand and touched him." (Matthew 8:3)
Loneliness is one of the hidden sufferings of our time. Many people are surrounded by others and still feel unseen. Some have lost spouses. Some live far from family. Some spend entire days speaking to almost no one. Others carry burdens they feel nobody would understand. A person can go a very long time without hearing someone sincerely ask, "How are you really doing?"
The leper in today's Gospel had experienced more than physical illness. He had experienced isolation. People avoided him. Conversations stopped when he appeared. Yet before Jesus healed him, He touched him. That simple gesture restored something deeper than health. It restored dignity. It reminded the man that he was still seen, valued, and loved.
The world is filled with people carrying invisible wounds. A phone call, a visit, a kind word, a handwritten note, or a few minutes of genuine listening may become a channel of God's grace. Some people are not waiting for advice. They are waiting to be noticed. In a world that often rushes past suffering, compassion remains one of the most powerful forms of healing.
Prayer: *Lord, help me notice those who are lonely, discouraged, or forgotten. Make me an instrument of Your compassion and a reflection of Your loving presence. Amen.* ***Readings:*** *2 Kings 25:1–12; Psalm 137; Matthew 8:1–4*

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 - ONLY SAY THE WORD
"Lord, I am not worthy." (Matthew 8:8)
Most of us find humility easier to admire than to practice. Some people spend their lives trying to prove they are worthy. Others become convinced they are not worthy of anything at all. Both approaches keep the focus on ourselves. Genuine humility is different. It is not thinking less of ourselves or more of ourselves. It is thinking more about God and trusting Him completely.
The centurion in today's Gospel possesses a remarkable faith. He recognizes his own limitations, yet he has complete confidence in Jesus. What makes his faith even more beautiful is that he is not seeking help for himself. He comes on behalf of his servant. His heart is moved by another person's suffering. He believes that Christ's word alone is enough to bring healing and hope.
Every Mass places the centurion's words on our lips because they express the heart of Christian faith. We are not saved because we are worthy. We are saved because God is merciful. The miracle begins not when we become perfect but when we place our trust in the One who loves us despite our imperfections. Love grows whenever another person's pain matters to us as much as our own.
Prayer: *Lord, I am not worthy, yet I trust completely in Your mercy. Strengthen my faith, deepen my humility, and help me love others with a generous and compassionate heart. Amen.*
Readings: *Lamentations 2:2, 10–14, 18–19; Psalm 74; Matthew 8:5–17*

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THE BURDEN OF TRYING TO CONTROL EVERYTHING

By Father Jarek

Aging is a little like flying on an airplane. When we are young, we imagine we are in the cockpit. We make plans, set goals, and assume that if we work hard enough, life will largely cooperate with our intentions. Then come the years when life delivers its humbling lesson. Health changes. Loved ones make choices we would never choose for them. Unexpected losses occur. Carefully constructed plans unravel. Eventually, most of us discover that we were never really flying the plane. We have simply been passengers learning to trust the One who is.

One of the great surprises of adulthood is discovering how little we actually control. Yet many of us continue trying anyway. We try to control outcomes, people, conversations before they happen, our children's decisions, our grandchildren's futures, our finances, our health, and occasionally the thermostat when someone else in the house keeps changing it. The result is usually exhaustion.

What makes this burden particularly difficult is that it often grows out of love. Parents worry because they love their children. Grandparents worry because they love their grandchildren. Spouses worry because they love one another. Much of our anxiety begins as affection. We carry people in our hearts, and before long we begin carrying responsibilities that were never ours to bear.

This is where today's readings offer remarkable wisdom. Jeremiah's life was anything but predictable. He was criticized, opposed, ridiculed, and frequently misunderstood. Yet in the middle of all that uncertainty, he discovered something that changed everything: "The Lord is with me like a mighty champion." Notice what he does not say. He does not say that God explained everything, removed every obstacle, or guaranteed that life would unfold exactly as planned. He simply says, "The Lord is with me."

Those words may be among the most comforting in all of Scripture. Many of us spend our lives seeking explanations when what we truly need is presence. We want to know how every problem will be solved, how every story will end, and how every uncertainty will unfold. God often gives us something better than answers. He gives us Himself.

Jesus makes the same point in today's Gospel: "Do not be afraid." Not because life is easy. Medical diagnoses are real. Financial concerns are real. Family struggles are real. Aging, grief, and loss are real. Yet Jesus does not tell us not to be afraid because nothing bad will happen. He tells us not to be afraid because we never face those things alone.

"Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge." If God pays attention to sparrows, He certainly pays attention to you. He knows the worries that keep you awake at night, the loved one you cannot stop worrying about, the diagnosis you are waiting to hear about, and the uncertainty you carry into the future. Nothing escapes His attention.

The problem is that we often confuse responsibility with control. Responsibility is God's gift. Control is usually an illusion. We are responsible for loving people, but not for controlling them. We are responsible for making wise decisions, but not for guaranteeing outcomes. We are responsible for being faithful, but not for running the universe. That position has already been filled.

One of the hardest spiritual lessons is learning where responsibility ends and trust begins. As we grow older, the list of things we worry about often grows longer while our ability to control them grows smaller. Eventually, we arrive at a crossroads. We can continue carrying burdens God never asked us to carry, or we can place them into His hands.

That does not mean we stop caring. It means we stop pretending that caring and controlling are the same thing. They are not. Love says, "I will walk with you." Control says, "Everything depends on me." Love trusts. Control tightens its grip. Love brings peace. Control brings exhaustion.

Perhaps that is why Jesus repeats so often, "Do not be afraid." Not because life is predictable. Not because every problem will disappear. But because God remains faithful through it all. And in the end, that is enough. Not enough to answer every question or remove every uncertainty, but enough to take the next step, enough to face tomorrow, enough to sleep peacefully tonight, and enough to entrust those we love to the God who loves them even more than we do.

A Prayer

Lord, I confess that I often carry burdens You never asked me to carry.
I worry about people I love. I replay conversations.
I imagine problems that may never happen.
I try to solve situations that are beyond my ability to solve.
Sometimes I hold so tightly to my fears that
my hands are no longer free to receive Your peace.

Today I place before You the people I love most.
Watch over them when I cannot.
Guide them when I do not know what to do.
Remind me that they belong first to You.
Teach me the difference between responsibility and control.
Give me the wisdom to do what I can, the humility to accept what
I cannot, and the faith to trust You with everything else.
When fear whispers that everything depends on me, help me remember
that the world rests safely in Your hands, not mine. Amen

Welcome to St. Leo Church

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Daniel Hornyak
Timothy & Lorena Grogan
Edward & Ida Massaro
Froylan Santiago Gomez
Isilma Howard
Mary Pendergast
Aaron & Lynne Spiwak
Charlie & Camille Gilroy
Carol Benjamin
Dennis & Patricia Lacognata
Jeff Sizemore III
Evans Connelly Jr & Mary Maher
Jack & Karen Kowalczyk
Charles & Diana DiBella
Mateo, Jonathan, Liam Noah & Alexander Garcia
Rainer, Kristina, Mathias, Julia,
Marlene & Vincent Lohbeck
Martin, Cristina & Martin Bermudez
Jesus, Ariana, Angel, Nayeli, Jesus & Emil Ramirez
Delainey & Quincy Salek-Gomes
Dennis Walentowski
Paul & Marilyn Krystaszek
Alejandro, Christopher & Elizabeth Delgado
Daniel, Taimi Hachey, Kimberly,
Amber & Matthew Hachey
Irene Muro
Irma, Ashley & Jackson Gomez Ramos
Chrisopher, Katarzyna, Noah & Milana Pakietur
Daisy Meza
Elsie Ramirez
Miguel, Cassandra & Luka Mosqueda Reyes
Victor, Marisela, Abigail & Victor Godinez Rea
Colin Harlow
Benjamin, Brooke, Cameron & Callum Masella
Timothy & Jennifer Theriault
Don & Dottie King

Volunteers Needed for Prison Outreach

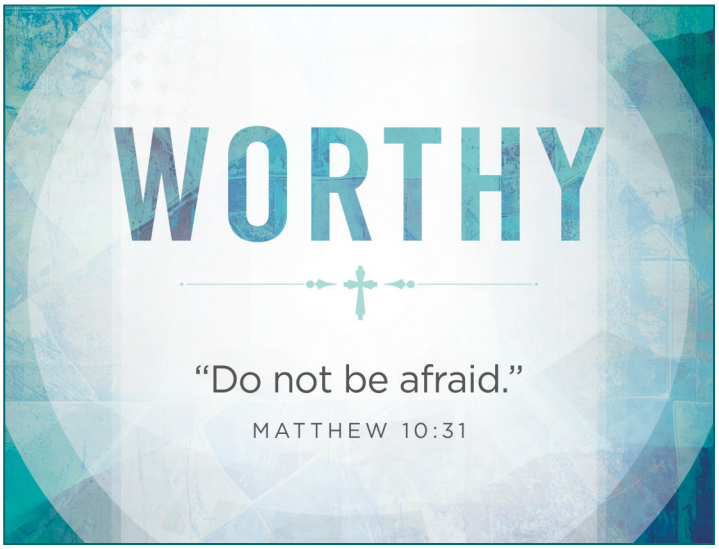
Join the team of Diocesan volunteers who enter county jails and state prisons within the 10-county Diocese of Venice to do pastoral outreach, distribute the Eucharist and facilitate programs. Priests, Deacons, and lay volunteers are encouraged to assist in this ministry. Volunteers will first participate in an orientation program before entering the facility and will shadow experienced volunteers until they feel comfortable. Times and days vary by facility.

Please contact Joe Mallof at 224-217-7139 or Bob Hiniker 863-558-0407 to learn where you can fit into this joyful opportunity.

We Pray for the Recently Deceased Of Our Parish

Susan Zupfer

Christopher Lane Davies



A Father's Day Blessing

Loving God,

Bless all fathers and father figures who have shared Your love through their presence, sacrifice, wisdom, and example. Strengthen them in their vocation, reward their generosity, and fill their hearts with Your peace.

May the faith they have passed on, the love they have given, and the quiet sacrifices they have made continue to bear fruit for generations to come. When their strength is tested, renew them. When they feel unappreciated, encourage them. And in all things, help them reflect the steadfast love of our Heavenly Father.

Please know that you are being remembered in a special way at all the Masses celebrated this weekend.
May God bless you abundantly and grant you every grace.

Happy Father's Day!

Frs. Jarek, Juan Carlos, Jack, Stan, Tim, and Harold

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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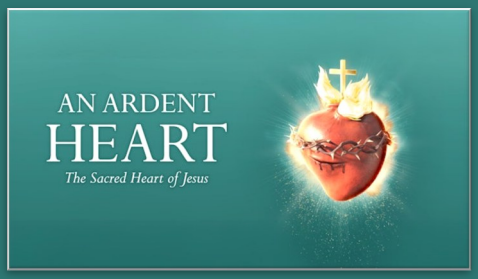


We are pleased to provide for all our of parishioner the ability to access this wonderful website filled \with thousands of wide ranging movies, programs, audios, such as the Lives of Saints of History and Modern Day, The Sacraments, Bible Study, Children's Entertainment, Praying at Home, and Movie Night 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

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
MONDAY	**JUNE 22**	
8:00 am	+Joseph Spiotta	His Loving Family
TUESDAY	**JUNE 23**	
8:00 am	+Mary Ellen Chabot	Her Loving Family
WEDNESDAY	**JUNE 24**	
8:00 am	+Peter Hand	His Loving Wife, Paula
THURSDAY	**JUNE 25**	
8:00 am	+Albert Kidwell	His Loving Mother, Sally
FRIDAY	**JUNE 26**	
8:00 am	+Joe Scenna	His Loving Daughter & Son-in-Law
SATURDAY	**JUNE 27**	
8:00 am	+ Lou Sorce	Carol Ciaffone
3:30 pm	+Sister Marian Sartain	Victor Sterne
5:30 pm	+Harold & +Jerri Rausch	Their Daughter & Son-in-Law
SUNDAY	**JUNE 28**	
7:30 am	The Parishioners of St. Leo	
9:30 am	+Carol Daniels	Susan Roschen
11:30 am	+Achilles Koulouvaris	Donna Hindes
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	+Thomas Lackey	Vincent Fitzgerald

Hearing Loops are installed around the pews adjacent to the north and south entrances of the church and in the new auditorium. Hearing Loops transmit sound directly into a hearing aid or cochlear implant. To receive the Loop signal, manually activate the T-coil or telephone setting on your device. Consult your audiologist or hearing aid professional with problems.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Experiencing the marvelous presence of Christ through Eucharistic Adoration is available in our Chapel from 7am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday and on Saturdays and Sundays from 7am to 5:30pm.

ST. LEO MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIEST CENACLE

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

Prayer Group

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

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

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

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

The Sewing, Knitting & Crocheting Group

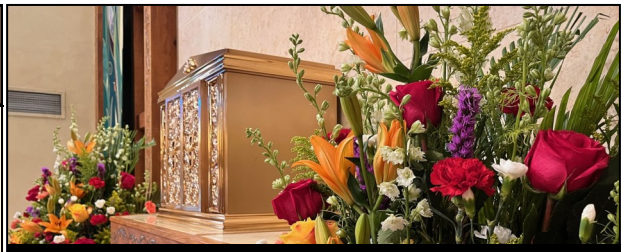
shares their talents to benefit local charities. They welcome volunteers of all skill levels on Tuesdays beginning at noon in the Juan Diego Outreach Center. Contact Bernice Romano at 239-601-5877 with questions.

DAILY PRAYER SCHEDULE

MONDAYS -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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WELCOME MONSIGNOR

It is our privilege to welcome Monsignor Harold Cullen who will be celebrating Masses with us here at St. Leo. He is the Pastor Emeritus of St. Catharine-St Margaret Parish in Spring Lake New Jersey. He grew up in the City of Cork in Ireland before joining the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists). After Ordination in Galway, he worked in education in Dublin before moving to the US. Here he studied at Xavier University Ohio, and Temple University Philadelphia, where he earned a Doctorate in Psychology. He worked in the field of Psychology in Philadelphia and New Jersey before joining the Diocese of Trenton in 2005.
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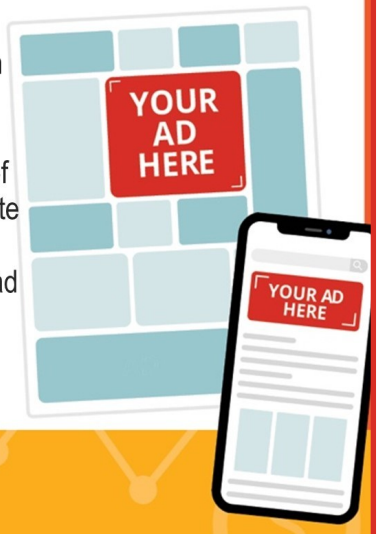

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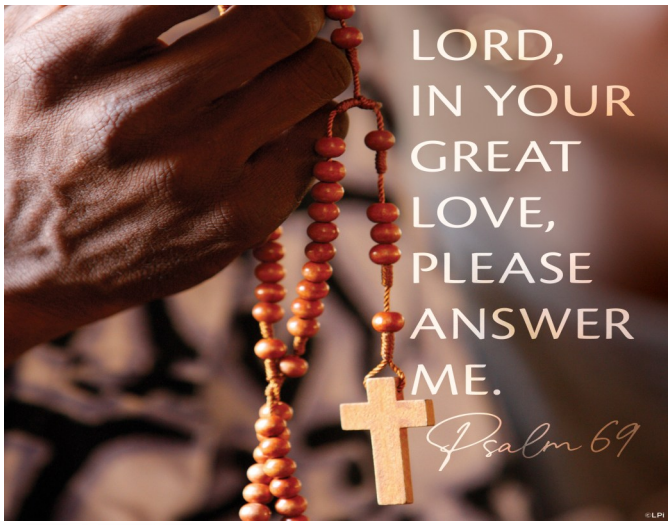

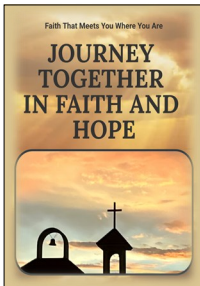

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Una Bendición para el Día del Padre

Bendice a todos los padres y figuras paternas que han compartido
Tu amor a través de su presencia, sacrificio, sabiduría y ejemplo.
Fortalécelos en su vocación, recompensa su generosidad y llena sus corazones con Tu paz.

Que la fe que han transmitido, el amor que han dado y los sacrificios silenciosos
que han realizado continúen dando fruto para las generaciones venideras.
Cuando sus fuerzas sean puestas a prueba, renuévalos. Cuando se sientan incomprendidos
o no valorados, anímalos. Y en todo momento, ayúdalos a reflejar
el amor inquebrantable de nuestro Padre Celestial.

Queremos que sepan que los tenemos presentes de manera especial en todas las Misas
que se celebran este fin de semana.
Que Dios les bendiga abundantemente y les conceda toda gracia.

¡Feliz Día del Padre!

Padres Jarek, Juan Carlos, Jack, Stan, Tim y Harold

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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.
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