

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 28, 2026



Madonna and Child Enthroned with Saint Peter and Saint Paul/Feast Day June 29/Domenico di Bartolo/1430

28290 BEAUMONT ROAD, BONITA SPRINGS, FL 34134 • PHONE (239) 992-0901
WWW.STLEOCATHOLICCHURCH.ORG • OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 AM - 4 PM
DAILY MASS: MONDAY-SATURDAY: 8 AM • CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 2PM-3PM
SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES: 3:30 & 5:30 PM • SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 5 PM
MISA EN ESPAÑOL DOMINGO - 3 PM Y LAS CONFESIONES ANTES DE LA MISA •
MASS IN POLISH: 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - 1:30 PM

Parish Staff

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Parish Church Support

Thank you for your continued generosity!

June 20 & 21
\$19,540

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

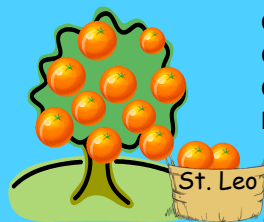
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2026 CFA

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 .. \$832,257
Our pledges \$851,424
Pledge goal attained.... 128.23%

= 10% of Goal

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 4

3:30 pm

Fr. Jarek

5:30 pm

Fr. Jarek

Sunday, July 5

7:30 am

Fr. Stan

9:30 am

Fr. Tim

11:30 am

Msgr. Cullen

3:00 pm-Spanish

Fr. Juan Carlos

5:00 pm

Fr. Jack

Changes may occur without notice.

Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

SUNDAY, JUNE 28 - WHAT WE MAKE ROOM FOR CHANGES US

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Matthew 10:39)

Most of us spend a surprising amount of time making room for things. We make room in closets for clothes we no longer wear, in garages for projects we may never finish, and on our calendars for obligations we did not really want in the first place. Life has a way of filling every available space. The challenge is not whether something will occupy our hearts and minds. The challenge is deciding what deserves that space. Whatever we make room for eventually begins shaping how we think, what we value, and who we become.

The woman in today's first reading understands this truth. She notices Elisha passing through her town and chooses to make room for him. She prepares a small room with a bed, table, chair, and lamp. It seems like a simple gesture of hospitality, but it becomes the doorway through which God's blessing enters her life. Jesus expands the lesson in the Gospel. He reminds His followers that discipleship is not about squeezing God into whatever space remains after everything else has claimed our attention. Christ asks to be first because He alone can put everything else in its proper place.

Many people fear that giving more of themselves to God will somehow diminish their freedom or happiness. Yet the opposite is true. We lose ourselves chasing things that cannot satisfy and find ourselves when we place Christ at the center. The hands we open to God never return empty. The more room we make for Him, the more we discover that He was making room for us all along.

Prayer: Lord, help me make room for You each day. Remove whatever crowds You out of my heart and teach me to place You first so that everything else may find its proper place. Amen. **Readings:** 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Psalm 89; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

MONDAY, JUNE 29 - GOD BUILDS WITH IMPERFECT PEOPLE

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." (Matthew 16:18)

Many of us spend years focusing on our weaknesses. We remember the mistakes we made, the opportunities we missed, the words we wish we could take back, and the moments when we should have known better but did not. Looking back, it is easy to conclude that God could probably find someone more qualified. If we were hiring people to lead a worldwide mission, most of us would choose polished experts rather than flawed human beings with complicated histories.

Yet today's feast celebrates Peter and Paul, two men who remind us that God sees possibilities where we often see limitations. Peter denied Jesus. Paul persecuted Christians. Neither had a perfect record. Yet Christ transformed them into pillars of the Church. Peter sits peacefully in prison while the Church prays for him. Paul reflects on his life and does not boast about success but about faithfulness. Their greatness did not come from perfection. It came from allowing God's grace to work through them.

The same Lord continues to build His Church through ordinary people today. He does not wait for us to become flawless before calling us. He works through willing hearts, imperfect efforts, and daily acts of faith. Every saint has a past, and every disciple has room to grow. The question is not whether we have weaknesses. The question is whether we will allow Christ to transform them into something beautiful.

Prayer: Lord, help me stop focusing on my shortcomings and start trusting Your grace. Use my strengths, weaknesses, successes, and failures for Your glory and the good of others. Amen.

Readings: Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 34; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

TUESDAY, JUNE 30 - THE STORM IS NOT IN CHARGE

"Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?" (Matthew 8:26)

One of the more frustrating realities of life is that storms rarely arrive when it is convenient. Difficulties seem to appear precisely when we already feel overwhelmed. A medical test comes back with unexpected results. A relationship becomes strained. Financial worries surface. Sometimes we are carrying so many concerns at once that even a misplaced set of keys feels like the final straw. The waves rise quickly, and before long we begin wondering whether we will make it through.

The disciples know that feeling. Experienced fishermen suddenly find themselves terrified as a violent storm threatens their boat. Meanwhile, Jesus is asleep. At first glance, His sleeping seems strange. But His calm reveals something important. The storm may be frightening to the disciples, but it is not frightening to Him. The winds are loud, but they are not in charge. The waves appear powerful, but they remain subject to His command. When Jesus speaks, the sea becomes calm. Most of our fears come from imagining that the storm has the final word. Yet faith reminds us that God remains present even when life feels uncertain. Jesus never promised a storm-free life, but He did promise His presence within every storm. The size of the waves does not determine the outcome. The Lord in the boat does. When we remember that truth, fear begins to lose its power and peace slowly returns.

Prayer: Lord, when life feels overwhelming, help me remember that You are with me. Strengthen my faith, calm my fears, and teach me to trust Your presence in every storm. Amen. **Readings:** Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Psalm 5; Matthew 8:23-27

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 - GOD WANTS MORE THAN APPEARANCES

"Let justice surge like water, and goodness like an unfailing stream." (Amos 5:24)

Human beings are remarkably skilled at appearances. We know how to look busy when we are accomplishing very little. We know how to look confident while quietly wondering what we are doing. We know how to smile politely even on days when we would rather crawl back into bed and start over tomorrow. There is nothing wrong with putting our best foot forward, but problems arise when appearances become more important than reality. A polished exterior can sometimes hide a neglected heart.

That is precisely what Amos confronts in today's reading. The people continue offering sacrifices and observing religious practices, yet their lives do not reflect God's justice and mercy. The Lord makes it clear that He is not interested in empty rituals detached from genuine conversion. In the Gospel, Jesus frees two men from terrible suffering, yet the townspeople focus more on their lost

pigs than on the lives that have been restored. They prefer the comfort of familiar routines to the disruptive presence of God's transforming power.

The temptation remains the same today. It is possible to say prayers without really praying, attend Mass without truly listening, and speak about faith without allowing it to shape daily life. God desires something deeper than appearances. He seeks hearts that are open to His grace and lives that reflect His love. Genuine faith is not measured by how religious we appear but by how faithfully we love, forgive, serve, and seek what is right.

Prayer: Lord, help me move beyond appearances and grow in authentic faith. May my worship, words, and actions reflect a heart that is truly seeking You. Amen. **Readings:** Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Psalm 50; Matthew 8:28-34

THURSDAY, JULY 2 - COURAGE IS OFTEN QUIETER THAN WE EXPECT

"Courage, child, your sins are forgiven." (Matthew 9:2)

When people think of courage, they often imagine dramatic scenes from movies. They picture firefighters running into burning buildings, soldiers charging into battle, or heroes making stirring speeches before impossible odds. Yet most courage appears in far less dramatic ways. It is found in the parent caring for a sick child, the person facing a difficult diagnosis, the individual beginning again after failure, or the believer who keeps trusting God when answers seem slow in coming. Amos never expected to become a prophet. He was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamore trees.

Yet when God called him, he responded. He spoke the truth despite opposition from powerful people who wanted him silent. In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a paralyzed man and begins not by healing his body but by strengthening his heart. "Courage, child," He says. Before anything else changes, Jesus gives him the confidence to trust that God is already at work in his life.

Many of us need to hear those words today. Courage does not mean feeling fearless. It means moving forward despite fear because we trust the One who walks beside us. God rarely asks us to do everything at once. He simply asks us to take the next faithful step. The same Lord who strengthened Amos and healed the paralytic continues to provide the grace we need for whatever lies ahead.

Prayer: Lord, give me courage for the challenges I face today. Help me trust Your guidance, rely on Your strength, and follow wherever You lead. Amen. **Readings:** Amos 7:10-17; Psalm 19; Matthew 9:1-8

FRIDAY, JULY 3 - DOUBT CAN BECOME A DOORWAY

"My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28)

Most people have questions they cannot fully answer. Why did this happen? What should I do next? Where is God in this situation? We often assume that faith means having complete certainty about everything. Yet experience teaches otherwise. Even deeply faithful people encounter moments of confusion, struggle, and doubt. The problem is not having questions. The problem is pretending we do not have them or allowing them to drive us away from God instead of toward Him.

Thomas understands this struggle. The other disciples tell him they have seen the risen Lord, but Thomas cannot simply accept their testimony. He wants to see for himself. Rather than rejecting him, Jesus meets him in his uncertainty. He invites Thomas closer, allowing him to bring his questions directly into the presence of God. The result is one of the most beautiful professions of faith in the entire Gospel: "My Lord and my God!"

Many believers discover that some of their deepest spiritual growth begins in seasons of questioning. Honest doubts can become doorways to deeper trust when we continue seeking Christ instead of walking away. God is not threatened by our questions. He invites us to bring them to Him. Faith is not possessing all the answers. Faith is trusting the One who does, even when some mysteries remain unresolved.

Prayer: Lord, when questions arise, help me bring them to You with honesty and trust. Strengthen my faith and teach me to follow You even when I cannot see the entire path ahead. Amen.

Readings: Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 117; John 20:24-29

SATURDAY, JULY 4 - GOD SPECIALIZES IN NEW BEGINNINGS

"I will raise up its ruins and rebuild it." (Amos 9:11)

Nearly everyone has experienced something that did not turn out as planned. Careers change direction. Relationships encounter difficulties. Dreams take longer than expected. Sometimes we look at parts of our lives and see unfinished projects, broken plans, and opportunities that seem lost. We can begin to wonder whether certain things can ever be repaired. Yet Scripture repeatedly reminds us that God has always been in the business of rebuilding what appears beyond repair.

Through the prophet Amos, the Lord promises restoration. He will rebuild ruins, restore His people, and bring new life where there was once devastation. Jesus uses a similar image in the Gospel. New wine requires new wineskins. Growth requires openness. Transformation requires a willingness to let God do something new. We often ask God to improve our lives while leaving everything else unchanged, but His grace frequently works by creating something far better than we originally imagined.

Independence Day celebrates freedom, but the deepest freedom is found in Christ. True freedom is not merely the ability to do whatever we want. It is the ability to become the person God created us to be. No failure has the final word. No broken place is beyond God's reach. Whenever we place our lives in His hands, He begins the quiet work of renewal. With God, every ending can become the beginning of something new.

Prayer: Lord, rebuild what is broken in my life and renew what has grown weary. Give me the courage to embrace the new beginnings You place before me. Amen. **Readings:** Amos 9:11-15; Psalm 85; Matthew 9:14-17

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THE PEOPLE WE LOVE CANNOT CARRY THE WEIGHT OF GOD

By Father Jarek

One of the quiet struggles of human life is that we often expect good things to do what only God can do. We do not usually realize it when it happens. No one wakes up one morning and decides to build life around a child, a spouse, a career, a friendship, or a dream. It happens gradually. We begin attaching our happiness, identity, security, or sense of purpose to something that was never designed to carry that much weight. Eventually the weight begins to show.

A parent begins to expect a child to justify every sacrifice that was made. A spouse begins to expect another person to meet every emotional need. A family begins to believe that happiness depends on everyone getting along perfectly. A successful career becomes the measure of a person's worth. A retirement account becomes the source of security. A reputation becomes something that must be protected at all costs. The problem is not that these things are bad. The problem is that they are not God.

That truth stands behind one of the most challenging sayings in the Gospel. Jesus says, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." For many people, those words sound troubling because Jesus seems to be asking us to choose between Him and the people we love most. Yet that is not what He is doing. Jesus is not asking us to love our families less. He is teaching us how to love them properly.

Whenever we place another person in a position that belongs only to God, both the relationship and the person eventually suffer. Human beings make wonderful spouses, parents, children, friends, and grandparents, but they make terrible gods. No husband can carry the burden of being someone's ultimate source of happiness. No wife can carry the burden of being someone's entire reason for living. No child can carry the burden of fulfilling every hope and dream of a parent. No friend can carry the burden of providing complete understanding, constant support, and perfect wisdom.

Relationships become heavier than God intended when we ask people to carry expectations that belong only to Him. That is why even good relationships sometimes disappoint us. Not because love has failed, but because we have quietly asked love to do more than love was ever meant to do.

The first reading offers a beautiful contrast. The Shunammite woman welcomes Elisha into her home and prepares a room for him. Before she receives the blessing she longs for, she makes room for God. The order matters because she does not seek God in order to receive a son. She seeks God because God is worthy of being sought. Only later does the blessing arrive. How often we reverse that order. We become consumed with protecting blessings while neglecting the One from whom blessings come. We spend enormous energy preserving what is good and far less energy nurturing our relationship with the God who gave it.

The Shunammite woman teaches us something many people spend a lifetime learning. When God occupies His proper place, everything else begins to find its proper place as well. Saint Paul takes the lesson even deeper. He reminds us that through Baptism we belong to Christ. Before we are parents, children, spouses, grandparents, friends, professionals, retirees, successful, struggling, healthy, sick, admired, or forgotten, we belong to Him. That is the deepest truth about us, and it is the deepest truth about the people we love.

When God is first, we stop asking people to carry burdens they were never meant to carry. We become free to love them for who they are rather than for what we need them to provide. We become grateful instead of possessive, faithful instead of fearful, and capable of loving others as gifts rather than treating them as foundations. The irony of the Gospel is that loving God most does not diminish human love but deepens it. A parent who loves God first often becomes a better parent. A spouse who loves God first often becomes a better spouse. A friend who loves God first often becomes a better friend. When God is at the center, everyone else is finally free to be themselves.

Perhaps that is why some of the wisest people eventually discover that life's greatest blessings were never meant to become life's greatest priorities. Children are gifts. Marriage is a gift. Friendship is a gift. Health is a gift. Success is a gift. Every one of these blessings enriches life, but gifts are safest when they do not have to replace the Giver. Jesus is not asking us to choose between God and the people we love. He is teaching us that the people we love are safest, happiest, and most deeply loved when God remains first, because the people we love cannot carry the weight of God. Only God can.

PRAYER

Lord, thank You for the people You have placed in my life.

Thank You for family, friends, and all those whose love has shaped my journey. They are among Your greatest gifts to me. Help me never to ask them to carry what only You can carry. Teach me not to look to others for the security, purpose, peace, or fulfillment that can be found only in You. Keep my love generous, grateful, and free.

When I am tempted to make another person the center of my world, remind me that only You belong there. When I expect too much from others, help me remember that they are human, just as I am. Bless the people I love. Draw them close to You. Fill them with Your peace and guide them in Your ways. Help me to love them well by loving You first, because You alone can carry the weight of every heart. 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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*Third Bishop of the
Diocese of Venice in Florida*

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

JULY 11, 2026 | 2:00 PM





“Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” - Mt 10:37-38

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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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.

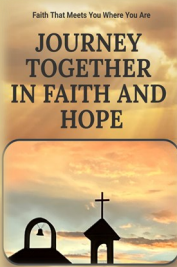
Registration forms can be picked up 24/7 from the boxes outside the Religious Education Gate. Be sure to take one family form, plus a student form for each child you are registering.

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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NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
MONDAY	JUNE 29	
8:00 am	+Barry Sullivan	His Loving Family
TUESDAY	JUNE 30	
8:00 am	+Richard Branca	The Richards Family
WEDNESDAY	JULY 1	
8:00 am	+John Kolinski	Julie King
THURSDAY	JULY 2	
8:00 am	+William Pollinger	The Clukey Family
FRIDAY	JULY 3	
8:00 am	+Tim Doucette	Julie King
SATURDAY	JULY 4	
8:00 am	+Mary Cibella	Her Loving Daughter, Gloria
3:30 pm	+Sean Love	His Loving Family
5:30 pm	+Michael & +Anna Marie Novello	Their Loving Daughter, Antonia
SUNDAY	JULY 5	
7:30 am	+Sally Hull Venhorst	Suzi & Steve Becker
9:30 am	+Jody Cornell	Amy Solazzo & Loving Family
11:30 am	The Parishioners of St. Leo	
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	+Anne Talarico	Janet Lewis



Flowers this week are dedicated to Parishioners of St. Leo

Candles this week are dedicated to †Deceased Parishioners of St. Leo



Please Pray for Our Troops

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

Lt. Col. Nicholas LoRusso
 Joseph McDermond
 Daniel McDonald
 Cpt. Kyle Martin
 Michael Oliveira
 Sgt. Thomas 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.*

We pray today for...

Linda Aquino
 Clayton Aunkle
 Linda Bardol
 Tom Bardol
 Gary Beckes
 Jeffrey Bogart
 Bob Brock
 Hildi Brown
 Denise Buk
 Isabelle Marie Caiola
 Patrick Cain
 Peter Castro
 Michelle Chiarulli
 Scott Cochell
 Lourdes Coll
 Greg Daeger
 Janet Davis
 Jeff Davis
 Tara DeRoma
 Robby Dirks
 Jaden Anthony Droz
 Brad Fairfield
 Rudolph & Mary Fazio
 Michael Federico
 Brynn Forlizzi
 Cory Frederickson
 John Galli
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 Vincent Gil
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 Chie Herron
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Prayer Group

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

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

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

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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.
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ST LEO'S RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

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



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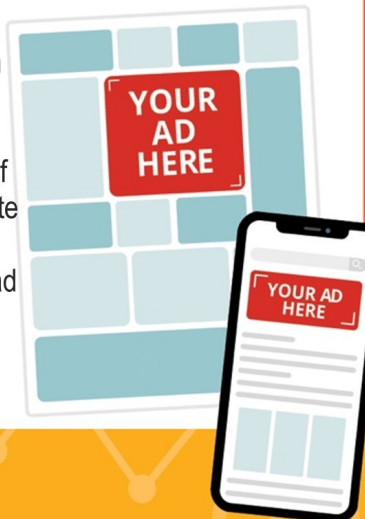
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