

# 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.*

*March 15, 2026*



Gerardus Duyckinck I | Christ Healing the Blindman | American | 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 1:30PM-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  
 Rev. Gustavo Correa Garcia .....Parochial Vicar  
 Rev. Mr. Charles Ferraro .....Deacon

Juliana Alfano .....Musician  
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## Parish Church Support

Thank you for your continued generosity!

March 7 & 8

\$41,361

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\$4,410

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WWW.STLEOCATHOLICCHURCH.ORG

# 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](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/vocations)

# 2026 CFA

Making Your Pledge to the Catholic Faith Appeal

Our new CFA goal for 2026 is \$664,000. Please consider making a pledge to help us pay our Diocesan tax directly. We encourage you to do this, as this is the best and most efficient way to help the parish. You may have already received a pledge card in the mail from the diocese, or you can pick one up at the doors of the church or in the Parish Office. The funds collected support numerous ministries throughout the Church.



Our Goal..... \$664,000

Contributions to date.. \$188,827

Goal Attained..... 28.40%

= 10% of Goal

## Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 21

3:30 pm Fr. Tim  
 3:30 pm-Overflow Fr. Jack  
 5:30 pm Fr. Tim

Sunday, March 22

7:30 am Fr. Jarek  
 9:30 am Fr. Jarek  
 9:30 am-Overflow Fr. Jack  
 11:30 am Fr. Stan  
 3:00 pm-Spanish Fr. Gustavo  
 5:00 pm Fr. Stan

*Changes may occur without notice.*





# Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**WHEN GOD SEES DIFFERENTLY**

*"The LORD looks into the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)*

Samuel arrives in Bethlehem expecting the next king to look impressive. The older brothers appear strong, confident, and leader like. It seems obvious. Yet God quietly overturns the entire scene. The true king is not standing in the lineup but out in the fields watching sheep. We instinctively evaluate appearances, resumes, and confidence. God seems far less impressed by the qualities that usually capture our attention.

In the Gospel, a blind man receives sight while the religious experts grow more confused. It is one of the quiet ironies of faith. Those certain that they see clearly sometimes miss what God is doing, while those who know their limitations begin to recognize the light. Humility, it turns out, can function as spiritual eyesight.

Lent gently asks us to examine how we see. We form opinions quickly and rarely revisit them. Yet God continues choosing shepherds from fields and revealing truth in unexpected people. Sometimes the holiest person in the room is the one nobody noticed at first.

**Prayer:** *Lord, clear the blindness of my heart. Teach me to see people the way You see them, with patience and mercy. Amen.*

*1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1–41*

**MONDAY, MARCH 16 - FAITH BETWEEN PROMISE AND PROOF**

*"You may go; your son will live." (John 4:50)*

A desperate father travels to Jesus because his son is dying. Instead of going with him, Jesus simply speaks: "Your son will live." The man must now walk home without proof, medical reports, or reassurance. Just a sentence from Christ and a long road ahead.

Faith often lives exactly there, in the space between promise and evidence. Anyone who has prayed through uncertainty knows the feeling. We move forward with little more than a quiet word from God and the hope that somehow it will hold.

Isaiah describes a future filled with joy and restoration. At first it sounds almost unrealistic, which is often how God's promises feel before they unfold. Lent reminds us that trust is not naive optimism. It is the steady decision to believe that God's word is already at work even when we cannot yet see the results.

**Prayer:** *Lord, when I walk through uncertainty, help me trust Your word more than my fears. Amen.*

*Isaiah 65:17–21; Psalm 30; John 4:43–54*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17 - THE COURAGE TO STAND UP**

*"Do you want to be well?" (John 5:6)*

At the pool of Bethesda lies a man who has been sick for thirty-eight years. After so long, illness becomes routine. Hope itself begins to feel risky. So, when Jesus asks, "Do you want to be well?" the question reaches deeper than it first appears.

The man immediately explains the obstacles. No one helps him. Others move faster. The system seems unfair. His response is painfully familiar. Many of us have our own list of reasons why change is unlikely. Jesus listens and then bypasses the entire pool: "Rise, take up your mat, and walk."

Ezekiel describes water flowing from the temple, first a trickle, then a river bringing life everywhere it goes. Grace often works that way. Renewal begins quietly, sometimes with one decision that interrupts years of resignation.

**Prayer:** *Lord, give me courage to rise from the places where I have settled for less than the life You desire for me. Amen.*

*Ezekiel 47:1–9, 12; Psalm 46; John 5:1–16*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 - GOD HAS NOT MISPLACED YOU**

*"Can a mother forget her infant?" (Isaiah 49:15)*

At times people quietly wonder whether God has misplaced them somewhere along the road of life. Prayers seem unanswered. Situations remain unresolved. The silence begins to feel personal. Israel knew that feeling well

and voiced it honestly: "The Lord has forgotten me."

God responds with remarkable tenderness. Even if a mother could forget her child, He says, He would not forget His people. Divine attention does not fluctuate with our emotions. When we feel unseen, heaven has not looked away.

Jesus speaks of the life flowing from the Father into the world. That life continues quietly even when we cannot perceive it. Lent invites patience with God's timing. Seeds are already growing long before the garden looks alive.

**Prayer:** *Lord, when I feel forgotten, remind me that Your love is steady and faithful. Amen.*

*Isaiah 49:8–15; Psalm 145; John 5:17–30*

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19 - SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH**

**THE HOLINESS OF QUIET FIDELITY**

*"Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him." (Matthew 1:24)*

Joseph never delivers a speech in the Gospel, yet his life quietly protects the mystery of Christ. When he learns that Mary is expecting a child, the situation must have been confusing and painful. His first instinct is mercy. He plans to step aside quietly rather than expose her to shame.

Then the angel speaks in a dream, asking Joseph to trust what seems impossible. There will be questions, whispers, and a future he cannot predict. Yet Joseph wakes and simply does what God asks.

Many heroic acts in life happen without applause. Parents working quietly for their families. Caregivers showing up day after day. Saint Joseph reminds us that holiness often looks ordinary from the outside, which is why heaven sees it so clearly.

**Prayer:** *Saint Joseph, teach me the courage of quiet faithfulness. Help me trust God when the path is not fully clear. Amen.*

*2 Samuel 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16; Psalm 89; Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24a*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20 - WHEN GOODNESS MAKES PEOPLE UNEASY**

*"Let us beset the just one." (Wisdom 2:12)*

The Book of Wisdom describes something uncomfortable but true. A genuinely good person can disturb others simply by existing. Integrity has a way of shining light on compromises people prefer not to examine. Jesus experiences the same reaction. Some listeners are drawn to Him. Others become defensive. Truth often creates that tension. When light enters a room, it reveals what was previously hidden.

Lent invites us to notice how we respond when goodness challenges us. Do we grow curious, or quietly irritated? Growth often begins the moment we stop defending our habits and allow God to illuminate them.

**Prayer:** *Lord, when Your truth unsettles me, give me humility rather than resistance. Lead me into the freedom of Your light. Amen.*

*Wisdom 2:1a, 12–22; Psalm 34; John 7:1–2, 10, 25–30*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21 - THE VOICE THAT STOPS A CROWD**

*"Never before has anyone spoken like this man." (John 7:46)*

Crowds in the Gospel rarely react to Jesus calmly. Some are fascinated. Others skeptical. A few become hostile. The same voice is speaking, yet hearts respond in very different ways.

The temple guards offer one of the most honest responses in Scripture. Asked why they failed to arrest Jesus, they simply say, "Never before has anyone spoken like this man." Something in His words disarmed them before they even understood why.

Jeremiah knew that speaking truth could provoke opposition, yet he entrusted his cause to God rather than to anger. Lent reminds us that truth does not need shouting to carry authority. Often it is quiet clarity that stops a crowd.

**Prayer:** *Lord, help me recognize Your voice amid the many voices of the world. Give me the courage to follow where You lead. Amen.*

*Jeremiah 11:18–20; Psalm 7; John 7:40–53*

# Lenten Schedule

## Lenten Daily Mass

Monday-Friday 8 am & 12 noon  
Saturday 8 am

## Stations of the Cross on Fridays

Stations with Mary, the Mother of Jesus,  
after 8 am Mass  
Traditional Stations of the Cross - 3 pm  
Estaciones de la Cruz - 6pm

## Confessions

Saturdays 1:30-3 pm  
Friday, March 27 4-8 pm  
Saturday, March 28 9am-12 noon

## Communal Reconciliation Service

In the Tradition of Taizé  
Monday, March 30th - 6 pm



## **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*

Victor Andrade Garcia  
Paul Kennedy



## FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

**Fasting** is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** by all Catholics between the ages of 18 years and 59 years (inclusive). On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

**Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older on **Ash Wednesday** and **all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday**.

**Fasting, Almsgiving, and Prayer** are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

*If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.*



**AGES 5-10  
AT SUNDAY 9:30AM MASSES**

**Don't miss out! No sign up necessary!  
Father will dismiss the children after the  
opening prayer to enjoy Jesus' Story Time  
in the chapel, and they will  
return to their families after the Intercessions.**



# Laetare

**The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Whoever is in Christ is a  
new creation, the old things  
have passed away: behold,  
new things have come.**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

Confessions are heard on Saturday afternoon  
from 1:30pm-3:00pm until April 11th,  
and then from 2:00pm-3:00pm  
for the remainder of the year.

# The Problem With Thinking We Already See Clearly

By Father Jarek

☞ One of the most fascinating details in the Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent comes at the very end of the story. After Jesus heals the man who was blind from birth, a group of Pharisees overhear the conversation and ask a question that sounds almost defensive: *“Surely we are not blind, are we?”* It is a revealing moment. The people asking the question are the religious experts of their time. They know the Scriptures, understand the law, and have spent years guiding others in faith. If anyone should be able to see clearly, surely it would be them.

☞ Yet the Gospel story quietly turns that assumption upside down. The man who began the day physically blind gradually begins to see the truth about Jesus, while the people confident in their understanding become increasingly unable to recognize what is happening right in front of them. The irony is striking. The real problem is not blindness itself. The real problem is believing that we already see perfectly.

☞ That insight feels surprisingly modern. Our world is full of situations in which people are absolutely certain they understand everything clearly. A headline appears online, and within seconds thousands feel confident enough to explain exactly what happened, who is right, who is wrong, and what should be done about it. Entire debates unfold before most of the facts have even surfaced. Human beings have always had opinions, but technology has given those opinions a speed and volume previous generations never experienced.

☞ There is something comforting about certainty. It makes the world feel organized. It tells us where we stand and who belongs on which side of an issue. Yet the Gospel gently suggests that certainty can become a spiritual blind spot. The Pharisees in the story are not villains. They are serious believers trying to defend what they believe is God’s law. But their confidence in their own perspective makes it difficult for them to see that God might be doing something unexpected.

☞ Meanwhile the man who was healed follows a different path. He does not pretend to understand everything. In fact, his understanding grows slowly. At first he simply says that *“the man called Jesus”* healed him. Later he suggests Jesus must be a prophet. Eventually, after encountering Jesus again, he recognizes Him as Lord. His vision develops step by step.

☞ Spiritual sight often grows in the same way. Faith is rarely a single moment of perfect understanding. More often it is a gradual journey in which our perception becomes clearer over time. Many people can recognize this pattern in their own lives. There are ideas we once held confidently that later turned out to be incomplete. There are people we judged quickly whom we later came to understand more deeply. There are experiences that once seemed confusing but eventually revealed meaning we had not yet seen.

☞ Humility plays an important role in this process. Humility does not mean believing we know nothing. It means recognizing that our vision is always partial. One of the quiet challenges of modern culture is that humility can feel rare. Public conversations often reward the loudest voices and the strongest declarations. People who express doubt or nuance sometimes appear less confident and therefore less convincing.

☞ Yet the Gospel suggests that humility may be one of the most important qualities for spiritual clarity. The healed man demonstrates this beautifully. When questioned by the religious authorities, he eventually says something wonderfully simple: *“One thing I do know. I was blind and now I see.”* He does not claim to have solved every theological question. He simply tells the truth about what has happened in his life.

☞ There is deep wisdom in that simplicity. Faith does not require us to pretend we understand everything. It invites us to remain open to deeper understanding. Perhaps the real miracle in this Gospel is not only the restoration of physical sight. It is the invitation to a different way of seeing the world.

☞ To see with patience instead of quick judgment. To see with humility instead of certainty. To see with curiosity instead of suspicion. When we approach life this way, something interesting happens. The world becomes less rigid and more alive with possibility. People become less like categories and more like stories still unfolding. And slowly, almost without noticing it, our vision begins to change. Which may be exactly what Jesus had in mind all along.

# Easter Schedule

SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 4  
In the Church: 8:30 pm (Bilingual)

SUNDAY MASSES, APRIL 5  
In the Church:  
6:00\*, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am  
3:00 pm (Spanish)

Overflow Masses in both the New Auditorium & Parish Life Center:  
7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

\*6:00 am Mass is celebrated without music

*Lenten  
Reflection  
with Priests*



Join us again this year for Lenten Reflections with Priests at 9am in the Auditorium for a 45-60 minute session designed to enrich our spiritual journey during this time of reflection and renewal. Lenten Reflection with Priests invites you to partake in a profound journey of faith, understanding and spiritual deepening.

*This Wednesday, March 18 at 9am in the Auditorium  
Fr. Jarek will speak on  
"Comfortable, Cluttered and Quietly Angry -  
The Spiritual Conditions We Prefer Not to Diagnose"*

During Lent we often focus on the obvious areas where we need to grow. Yet some of the most important spiritual challenges are the quiet ones we rarely name. A life that has become comfortable but spiritually stagnant. A mind cluttered with distractions that leaves little room for God. A quiet frustration or resentment that slowly drains our joy. In this Lenten reflection, we will explore several of these hidden conditions of the soul and how the grace of Christ gently brings clarity, healing, and renewed freedom. Lent is not only a season of sacrifice but also an invitation to honest reflection and deeper renewal of the heart.

Each session will be an opportunity to engage with one of our priests as they share their insights, experiences and wisdom on various topics related to our faith. This is a unique chance to connect with each of them as they impart an understanding of the elements of our faith which resonate especially with them. Please drop in for any or all of the sessions. There is no need to register.

# St. Leo Ladies' Guild Parish Raffle

*Helping Hands in our  
Parish Community and Beyond*

**Tickets will be sold  
this weekend, March 14 & 15  
after all Masses.**

Only cash or checks accepted  
5 cash prizes: \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,000, \$750, and \$500  
Tickets are \$10 each, purchase 5 and receive 1 free

Proceeds from the raffle will fund:  
-our annual scholarship program,  
-the completion of the Outdoor Stations  
of the Cross project and  
-continuous support of our local  
mission parishes and parish projects.





TUESDAY, MARCH 31  
**CHRISM  
MASS**

St. Leo the Great Parish  
Bonita Springs  
10:30am

### ALL ARE INVITED

The Epiphany Cathedral in Venice is under renovation and the Mass will take place at St. Leo Church. During this Mass, Bishop Frank J. Dewane will bless the Holy Oils which are used in the administration of the Sacraments at each parish throughout the year. Priests and Deacons celebrating 25 and 50 years of Ordination are also recognized at this Mass.

Men and women are invited to join the Ladies of St. Leo's Sing a Long group which visits nursing homes and assisted living facilities on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 2pm during season. The next gathering is March 24th at Discovery Village, 26850 Bay Dr. 26850 Bay Drive. Contact Penny at 314-412-4022 for more information.



**OVERFLOW MASSES ARE CELEBRATED  
IN THE NEW AUDITORIUM**

**3:30PM ON SATURDAYS  
9:30AM ON SUNDAYS**



The St. Leo Ladies' Guild awards four, \$4000 scholarships to individuals interested in furthering their education at a university, community college, or a technical or trade school. Applicants must have been members of St. Leo the Great parish for at least one year prior to submitting an

application and demonstrate an involvement in St. Leo activities, in their school or in their local community. Applications are due by April 27th and may be obtained in the parish office or by contacting Clare Sasak at cesak27@aol.com or Judie Dougherty at jmdougherty6229@gmail.com



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-4pm.**

#### THESE ITEMS ARE ESPECIALLY 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.**

#### Babies always need

- Wipes
- Formula
- Baby Wash
- Baby Shampoo
- Diapers (especially size 6)

#### We appreciate your generosity!



## Knights of Columbus



### Tootsie Roll Drive Next Weekend

and United Cerebral Palsy of SWFL.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual drive to support charities for the handicapped and intellectually disabled. One hundred percent of all donations are distributed to LARC - Bonita Springs, Special Olympics of Collier County, the STARability Foundation,

Thanks to the parishioners of St. Leo the Great for their wonderful support in the past.



If you would like to spread cheer for the upcoming Easter season, please consider a donation which will supply a local family with a gift card for food. You may write a check for \$25 made payable to St. Leo Poor Box and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office.

The distribution will be done through Catholic Charities at the Juan Diego Outreach Center on the St. Leo campus and the food pantries at the parishes in Clewiston, LaBelle and Ft. Myers.



All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join us in room 13/14 of the Education building on Friday nights from 6:30-8:30pm for food, games and sharing of our faith. Call the Religious Education Department at 992-0901 for more information.

# Sounds of Freedom Dinner Concert

## Tuesday, March 24th Parish Life Center

As of bulletin submission fewer than 50 tickets remained.

Doors open at 5:15 pm - Dinner at 5:30 pm  
\$20 per person

Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office.  
Wear your patriotic colors and join us for a light supper, with a glass of wine.  
All seating is open, NO reserved tables

This year a select group from the Naples Brass, and their vocal accompanist, will be entertaining us with popular, jazz, and classical patriotic songs to stir our hearts and remind us of the music of the United States today and through the years. In addition to many standard patriotic songs, they will be adding the Military Service hymns which honor the sacrifices of those who bravely wore those uniforms.

## Stations of the Cross Renovation



The St. Leo Ladies' Guild invites all parish members to the rededication of The Outdoor Stations of the Cross Thursday, March 26th at 10am

# NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 16</b>	
8:00 am	+Carol Brady	John Brady
12:00 noon	+Sam Larocco	His Loving Wife, Claire
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 17</b>	
8:00 am	+James & Mary Hunt Walker Forhan	Great Great Grandson Dominic Houlihan
12:00 noon	+Danny Kelly	His Loving Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 18</b>	
8:00 am	+Isabelle Harrington	Robin Burke
12:00 noon	+Minnie Pitta	The Pitta Family
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 19</b>	
8:00 am	+Joseph & +Rose Scenna	Loving Family Rita & Robert Sokol
12:00 noon	+Kristen Ward	Carol & Jim Ward
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 20</b>	
8:00 am	+Ilario Marzocca	Roseanne & Nicolo DeBari
12:00 noon	+Jim Driscoll	Jennifer Driscoll
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 21</b>	
8:00 am	Arianna Lopez on her 15th Birthday	Cisneros Family
3:30 pm	+Isabelle Harrington	Dee Papernik
3:30 pm - Overflow	+Isabelle Harrington	Nancy List
5:30 pm	The Parishioners of St. Leo	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 22</b>	
7:30 am	+Tom & +Dolores Gieselhart	Karin Daniels
9:30 am	+Francis Lombardi	Margaret Miller
9:30 am - Overflow	+Isabelle Harrington	Sal & Joan Tassone
11:30 am	+Pasquale & Rosanne Urraro	The Tornincaso Family
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	+Isabelle Harrington	Laura & Ed Skiba

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.



## 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](http://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 THROUGH 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 you to join us in these wonderful prayers. Your presence and participation are greatly appreciated.



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**March 19**

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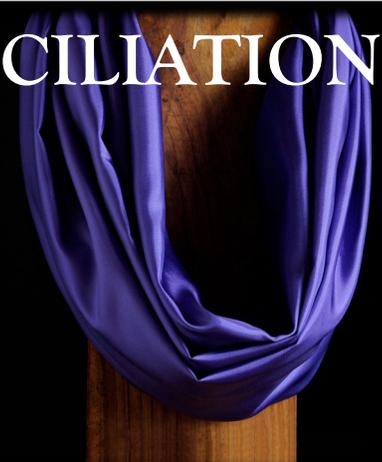
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# RECONCILIATION



Friday, March 27 4-8 pm  
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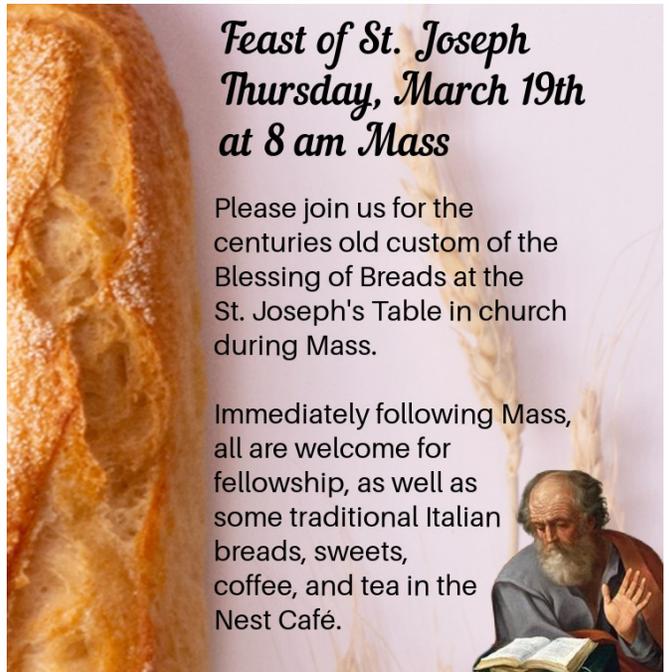
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In the Tradition of Taize  
Monday, March 30 6 pm

Regularly Scheduled Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 1:30-3pm, however **NO CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD ON HOLY SATURDAY**

## Feast of St. Joseph Thursday, March 19th at 8 am Mass

Please join us for the centuries old custom of the Blessing of Breads at the St. Joseph's Table in church during Mass.

Immediately following Mass, all are welcome for fellowship, as well as some traditional Italian breads, sweets, coffee, and tea in the Nest Café.



## St. Leo's Respect Life Ministry



Please join us at the monthly meeting, Friday, March 27th, in the Nest Café at 9am.

All are welcome to attend and participate in a discussion of our April mission of Caring for the Sick and Dying, and how the Church recognizes that sickness and death are not just medical conditions, but deeply human experiences that call for love, care and spiritual support.

For more information please call Loreta at 917.886.7273 or Peggy at 239.293.3201.

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