

# 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 22, 2026*



Joos van Cleve | The Annunciation | The Metropolitan Museum of Art | Solemnity March 25

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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  
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 Rev. Mr. Charles Ferraro .....Deacon

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## Parish Church Support

Thank you for your continued generosity!

March 14 & 15

\$41,912

ONLINE GIVING

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.. \$263,516

Goal Attained..... 39%

= 10% of Goal

## Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 28

3:30 pm Fr. Jarek

3:30 pm-Overflow Fr. Jack

5:30 pm Fr. Jarek

Sunday, March 29

7:30 am Fr. Stan

9:30 am Fr. Stan

9:30 am-Overflow Fr. Jack

11:30 am Fr. Tim

3:00 pm-Spanish Fr. Gustavo

5:00 pm Fr. Tim

*Changes may occur without notice.*



# Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

## SUNDAY, MARCH 22 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT WHEN JESUS WAITS, HE HAS NOT FORGOTTEN

"I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25)

The story of Lazarus is powerful because it begins where many prayers begin: with disappointment. Martha and Mary send word to Jesus, and Jesus does not arrive when they hoped. Anyone who has ever prayed urgently knows that feeling. We ask for help, healing, clarity, or relief, and heaven seems to move at a pace that feels almost offensive. By the time Jesus arrives, Lazarus has been dead four days and Martha, quite practically, points out that this is no longer a promising situation.

Yet Jesus does not avoid grief. He steps into it. He listens, He weeps, and then He speaks life into a place everyone else has already given up on. That is one of the deepest consolations of faith. God is not only present in tidy miracles and quick answers. He is also present in the delay, in the tears, and in the places that already smell like defeat.

Some parts of life can feel sealed up behind a stone: an old wound, a strained relationship, a tired marriage, a prayer that seems buried. Lent reminds us that Christ still stands before tombs and calls people by name. He has not lost the address. What looks finished to us may still be the place where His glory is about to appear.

**Prayer:** Lord, when I do not understand Your timing, help me trust Your heart. Speak Your life into every place in me that feels tired, buried, or beyond hope. Amen.

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

## MONDAY, MARCH 23 - MERCY DROPS THE STONES

"Neither do I condemn you." (John 8:12)

The woman in the Gospel is dragged into public shame by people who seem far more interested in making a point than helping a soul. That still happens. Human beings have a strange talent for becoming moral prosecutors when someone else is on trial. We may not carry literal stones, but we know how to throw sharp words, cold judgments, raised eyebrows, and those wonderfully holy sounding sentences that are not holy at all. Jesus changes the whole scene without shouting. He does not excuse sin, but He refuses to let cruelty pretend to be righteousness. One sentence turns the crowd inward: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone." Suddenly everyone remembers that they too need mercy. It is amazing how quickly outrage loses energy when conscience wakes up.

Lent invites us to ask not only where we need forgiveness, but also where we enjoy standing above others. The Lord never says sin does not matter. He says the sinner does. That difference changes everything. A heart touched by grace becomes slower to accuse, quicker to understand, and much less interested in playing assistant savior for the entire neighborhood.

**Prayer:** Lord, save me from the pride that condemns others while excusing myself. Teach me to speak truth with humility and to offer the mercy I so deeply need. Amen.

Daniel 13; Psalm 23; John 8:1-11

## TUESDAY, MARCH 24 - WHEN COMPLAINING BECOMES A WAY OF LIFE

"O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you." (Psalm 102:2)

The people in the desert are tired, irritated, and thoroughly unimpressed with their menu. Their patience wears out and their complaining spills over. It is an ancient story, but not an unfamiliar one. Fatigue has a way of making everything look worse. Even blessings can start to feel annoying when the heart is worn down. A person can receive daily bread and still mutter as if heaven has done absolutely nothing. Most of us have had at least one such day before lunch.

Yet the deeper problem is not hunger but distrust. The people stop seeing God as their guide and start treating Him as the reason for their misery. Still, when they repent, God provides a strange remedy: they must look directly at the sign lifted up before them. In other words, healing begins not by denial, but by turning toward the very place where grace is being offered.

Jesus takes that same image and directs it toward Himself. We are healed when we lift our eyes to Him instead of curling inward around fear, resentment, or self pity. Lent is a good season to notice what we keep staring at. Anxiety multiplies when it becomes our favorite view. Christ does not remove every desert immediately, but He gives us a place to look so we do not lose our souls on the journey.

**Prayer:** Lord, when I grow weary and negative, lift my eyes back to You. Heal the parts of me that complain easily and trust slowly. Amen.

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102; John 8:21-30

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 - SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD THE HOLIEST WORD MAY BE YES

"May it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)

The Annunciation is one of the quiet turning points of history. No parade, no thunder, no dramatic crowd scene. Just a young woman, an angel, a bewildering message, and a decision. Mary is troubled, thoughtful, and honest. She does not pretend to understand everything. She asks a real question. Then, in faith, she says yes. That yes becomes the doorway through which salvation enters the world.

There is something deeply comforting in the simplicity of it. God often works not through grand displays, but through willing hearts. Most vocations do not begin with fireworks. They begin with small fidelity, ordinary courage, and a readiness to trust without seeing the whole map. We like five year plans, color coded calendars, and at least three reassuring signs. God often gives enough light for the next step and asks us to walk.

Mary shows us that holiness is not flashy. It is available, receptive, and brave. Her yes is not passive. It is costly, trusting, and full of surrender. Every time we say yes to God in a moment of uncertainty, a little echo of Nazareth happens again. Grace enters ordinary places, and Christ takes flesh in the middle of real human life.

**Prayer:** Lord, give me the trust of Mary. When Your will feels larger than my understanding, teach me to answer with faith, humility, and love. Amen.

Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 40; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

## THURSDAY, MARCH 26 - GOD DOES NOT FORGET WHAT HE HAS PROMISED

"The Lord remembers his covenant for ever." (Psalm 105:8)

God changes Abram's name to Abraham and ties His promise to a future Abraham cannot yet see. That is often how God works. He speaks of fruitfulness before the field is green, of future before the evidence is visible, of covenant while people are still standing in uncertainty. Abraham has to live between promise and fulfillment, which is a very biblical place to be and also a very uncomfortable one.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks with stunning clarity about who He is: "Before Abraham came to be, I AM." It is no wonder the crowd reacts so strongly. Jesus is not offering one more spiritual opinion among many. He is revealing that the eternal God has stepped into human history. The one making promises to Abraham is standing right in front of them. Some recognize the mystery. Others reach for stones.

We still do something similar. When God fits our preferences, we listen. When He speaks with authority over our lives, we get defensive. Yet Lent asks us to soften what has grown hard. The Lord is faithful even when we are slow, cautious, skeptical, or spiritually allergic to surrender. He remembers His covenant long after we have forgotten where we placed our confidence.

**Prayer:** Lord, when my heart resists Your voice, make it gentle again. Help me trust that Your promises are stronger than my doubts and more lasting than my fears. Amen.

Genesis 17:3-9; Psalm 105; John 8:51-59

## FRIDAY, MARCH 27 - WHEN THE TRUTH MAKES PEOPLE UNCOMFORTABLE

"In my distress I called upon the Lord, and he heard my voice." (Psalm 18:7)

Jeremiah knows what it feels like to be watched, whispered about, and quietly set up for failure. Many of us know at least a little of that experience. Sometimes it happens in workplaces, sometimes in families, sometimes even in churches. It is painful to realize that not every smile is kind and not every conversation has good intentions behind it. The heart grows tired when it feels surrounded.

Jesus experiences that same hostility in the Gospel. He has shown good works, spoken truth, and revealed the Father, yet people reach for stones. It is one of the sobering realities of discipleship: goodness does not always receive applause. Truth does not always create peace. Sometimes light exposes what darkness would prefer to keep comfortable, and the reaction can be fierce.

Still, neither Jeremiah nor Jesus lets opposition become the final word. They remain rooted in the Father. That is where strength comes from. Not from winning every argument, not from controlling public opinion, but from abiding in God. Lent teaches us to bring our distress to the Lord instead of letting it harden into bitterness. There is a great freedom in knowing that being misunderstood is painful, but not fatal, when God knows the truth.

**Prayer:** Lord, when I feel discouraged, criticized, or alone, keep me steady in You. Save me from bitterness and help me remain faithful, gentle, and brave. Amen.

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18; John 10:31-42

## SATURDAY, MARCH 28 - GOD IS STILL GATHERING WHAT HAS BEEN SCATTERED

"I will make with them a covenant of peace." (Ezekiel 37:26)

Ezekiel speaks to a divided and wounded people, and God answers not with abandonment but with gathering. He promises to bring them back together, cleanse them, shepherd them, and dwell among them. That promise reaches far beyond ancient Israel. Human life is full of scattering. Families scatter. Attention scatters. Communities scatter. Even the heart can feel like a room where too many drawers are left open at once.

In the Gospel, after the raising of Lazarus, some begin to believe and others begin to plot. The same miracle produces faith in some and fear in others. That is often the way grace works. It reveals what is already living inside the heart. Caiaphas speaks with political calculation, yet even through that twisted logic God is preparing something greater: Jesus will die to gather the dispersed children of God into one.

As Lent draws closer to Holy Week, the message becomes clearer. Christ enters our fractured world not merely to inspire us, but to unite what sin has broken. He gathers scattered hearts, estranged people, tired disciples, and fearful communities. He is still making peace where we expect only tension. He is still building communion out of fragments. And thank God for that, because most of us are at least a little spiritually cluttered by Saturday.

**Prayer:** Lord, gather the scattered parts of my heart and make me one in You. Bring peace where there is division, healing where there is hurt, and hope where there is fear. Amen.

Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31; John 11:45-56

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and journey deeper with Scripture, prayer, and daily encouragement.

# Hosanna

## TO THE KING OF KINGS



## REGULATIONS ON 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.*

# PRISON MINISTRY

## 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.

Faith That Meets You Where You Are  
**JOURNEY TOGETHER IN FAITH AND HOPE**



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**AGES 5-10  
 AT SUNDAY 9:30AM MASSES  
 NEXT WEEK IS OUR FINAL TIME TO  
 MEET FOR THIS SEASON.**

**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.**

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.

**There will be no confessions heard on Holy Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

# The Problem With God's Timing

By Father Jarek

There are few experiences more frustrating than waiting. Modern life has trained us to expect speed. We order something online and track the package every two hours. We get mildly irritated when a website takes more than three seconds to load. A microwave that runs for ninety seconds can feel like an eternity. Somewhere along the way we developed the quiet assumption that everything in life should operate at the pace of convenience. Faith, however, does not seem to follow that schedule.

The Gospel story of Lazarus begins with a message that sounds urgent. Mary and Martha send word to Jesus: "Master, the one you love is ill." Anyone reading the story for the first time would expect Jesus to leave immediately. When someone you love is in danger, you go. But Jesus does something strange. He stays where he is for two more days. From a human perspective, the decision seems almost painful. By the time Jesus finally arrives, Lazarus has been dead for four days. The grieving sisters meet him with words that feel painfully honest: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

Anyone who has prayed for something important understands that sentence.

Lord, if you had been here, the diagnosis would have been different.

Lord, if you had been here, the relationship would have survived.

Lord, if you had been here, this problem would not have happened.

Waiting is one of the most difficult parts of faith. When we pray, we often hope for quick reassurance. Instead we sometimes receive silence, delay, or circumstances that grow even more complicated. At first glance, the delay in the Lazarus story looks like absence. But the Gospel quietly tells us something important before the delay even begins: "Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus." In other words, the delay is not caused by indifference.

The truth is that God's timing often operates on a deeper level than our immediate expectations. If Jesus had arrived early, Lazarus would have been healed. That would have been wonderful. But by arriving later, Jesus reveals something greater: that he is not only the healer of illness but the Lord of life itself. Standing before the tomb, he says the words that echo through centuries: "I am the resurrection and the life." Then he calls Lazarus out.

One of the quiet lessons of this story is that God sometimes allows situations to move beyond what we think is repairable. Not because he enjoys our anxiety, but because he is preparing to reveal something deeper than we expected. That does not mean the waiting is easy. Even Jesus weeps at the tomb. Faith does not eliminate sorrow, but it places sorrow within a larger horizon.

Most of us eventually discover that life contains many seasons of waiting. Waiting for clarity, waiting for healing, waiting for direction, waiting for change in people we love. During those seasons it can feel as though nothing is happening. Yet the Lazarus story suggests something different. While we are waiting, God is still working. His timing may not match our preferred schedule, but it is never careless. In fact, some of the most important moments in life arrive precisely when we thought hope had already expired.

Which may be why God's timing often stretches our patience. If everything happened immediately, we might believe the miracle came from us. And God, in his quiet wisdom, knows that sometimes the most powerful moment in a person's life comes when the stone is already in place, the situation seems final, and then a voice calls out from outside the tomb: "Come out."

## Prayer

Lord, when Your timing feels slow  
and my heart grows restless,  
draw me closer to You.

When prayers seem unanswered  
and the road ahead feels uncertain,  
remind me that Your love is never  
absent and Your work is never finished.

Teach me the wisdom of waiting,  
the courage to trust what  
I cannot yet see, and the patience  
to believe that You are at work  
even in seasons that feel empty.

When hope grows faint, let me hear  
again Your voice that calls life out of  
what seemed lost.

Help me rest in the promise that  
Your ways are faithful and  
Your love is always greater  
than my fears. Amen.

# 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 25 at  
9am in the Auditorium  
Fr. Tim will speak on  
"The Sacrament of Reconciliation,  
Mercy and God's Forgiveness"*

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.

# LIFE



"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

JOHN 11:25

# LENTEN & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

## WEEKDAYS MARCH 23 - 28

Masses at 8am and noon, Monday-Friday  
8am on Saturday  
Stations of the Cross at 8:30am, 3pm  
and 6pm (Spanish) on Friday

## MONDAY, MARCH 30 & WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Masses at 8am and noon

## TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Mass at 8am – No Mass at noon  
Chrism Mass at 10:30am

## HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

8am Morning Prayer  
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)

## GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

8am Stations of the Cross  
3pm Passion of the Lord (English)  
7pm Passion of the Lord (Spanish)

## HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4

8am Divine Mercy Novena  
2pm Blessing of Easter Food  
No Confessions are heard on Holy Saturday

## RECONCILIATION

Friday, March 27 4-8 pm

Saturday, March 28 9am-12 noon & 1:30-3pm

### COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

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**

## 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**



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 This Weekend

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, and United Cerebral Palsy of SWFL.

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 20 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.

## Easter Triduum Retreat April 2-5

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice

Supper on Holy Thursday begins this 4-day retreat which ends with breakfast on Easter Sunday.

Enjoy six conferences, the opportunity for Confession and liturgies of the Lord's Supper, Way of the Cross, Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, Easter Vigil, and Sunrise Easter Mass. Register at [www.olph-retreat.org](http://www.olph-retreat.org), and click on the Schedule of Events.

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# NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 23</b>	
8:00 am	+Marguerite Paul	Mary Strysik
12:00 noon	+Donald Paul	Mary Strysik
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 24</b>	
8:00 am	+Francis Lombardi	Karin Daniels
12:00 noon	+Stanley Jay Keysa	His Loving Wife & Children
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 25</b>	
8:00 am	+Angie Lombardo	George Sciascia
12:00 noon	+Paul & +Ann Hutchins	Their Loving Children
	Dedicated to Respect Life	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 26</b>	
8:00 am	+Mike Kloid	George Sciascia
12:00 noon	+David Solomon	Chris & Anne Policinski
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 27</b>	
8:00 am	+John DeNardo	His Loving Wife
12:00 noon	+Harold Rausch Sr.	His Loving Family
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 28</b>	
8:00 am	+Edward Shettlar	His Loving Family
3:30 pm	+Shelza Picciano	Her Loving Family, Margaret & Nasta
3:30 pm - Overflow	+Vincent Serra	His Loving Wife
5:30 pm	The Parishioners of St. Leo	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 29</b>	
7:30 am	+Richard Rinkus	The Smith Family
9:30 am	+Francis & Virginia Markuns	The Markuns Family
9:30 am - Overflow	+James Leta	The Smith Family
11:30 am	+Emmett Morgan	The Smith Family
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	+Stephen Dunne	His Loving Sister, Bonnie

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

## Prayer Group

All are welcome on Wednesday mornings in the Nest 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.



## ST LEO'S RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Meetings are held in the Nest Café on the last Friday of each month at 9am. For questions contact Loretta at 917.886.7273 or Peggy at 239-293-3201.



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

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Michael DeSantis  
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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...

Clayton Aunkle  
Tom Bardol  
Jeffrey Bogart  
Bob Brock  
Hildi Brown  
Tom Brown  
Denise Buk  
Isabelle Marie Caiola  
Patrick Cain  
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Mickey Chervitz  
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John Galli  
Gisette Lupita Garcia  
Kevin Glowacki  
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Cory Gray  
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Nolan Kane  
Mary Kobel  
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Tim Young  
William Welch  
John White  
Ray Zonghetti  
Annie Zanussi  
Fabiala, Krislin, Michael, Tray.  
Present & past parish priests.

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

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*We Pray for the Recently Deceased of*

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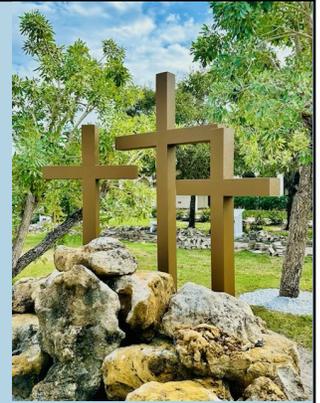
*St. Leo's Respect Life Ministry*



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 Loretta at 917.886.7273 or Peggy at 239.293.3201.

## MEMORIAL BRICKS FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS GARDEN



As part of the renovation of the St. Leo Stations of the Cross Garden, the St. Leo Ladies' Guild will be handling the ongoing ordering, installing and maintaining of brick memorials to be placed within the garden. Placing a brick in this sacred space, whether in memory of a loved one, to mark a special event, or celebrate an anniversary is a timeless way to remember what matters most in our lives.

**Memorial bricks may be ordered in two sizes – 4" x 8" (\$125) or 12" x 12" (\$300). Brochures with order forms are available in the parish office. The next cutoff date for brick orders will be May 31<sup>st</sup> and installation of bricks placed with this order is expected in July.**

### 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.



**Farewell to our seasonal parishioners as you leave for the summer. May you travel safely.**

**You can keep in touch with what is happening at the parish by going to our website at [www.stleocatholicchurch.org](http://www.stleocatholicchurch.org) to view our bulletins.**

# NOTAS EN ESPAÑOL

## HORARIO DE SEMANA SANTA

### SEMANA DE 23 AL 28 DE MARZO

Misas a las 8am y al mediodía, de lunes a viernes  
8 am el sábado  
Vía Crucis a las 3pm en inglés y 6 pm en español

### LUNES, MARZO 30 & MIERCOLES, ABRIL 1

Misas a las 8am y al mediodía

### MARTES, MARZO 31

Misa a las 8am – No Habrá misa al mediodía  
Misa Crismal a las 10:30am

### JUEVES SANTO, ABRIL 4

8am Oraciones de la mañana  
7pm Misa de la Última Cena del Señor (Bilingüe)

### VIERNES SANTO, ABRIL 3

8am Estaciones de la Cruz  
3pm Pasión del Señor (Inglés)  
7pm Pasión del Señor (Español)

### SABADO SANTO, ABRIL 4

8am Novena a la Divina Misericordia  
2pm Bendición de los alimentos de Pascua  
No se escucharan confesiones el Sábado Santo

### *Horario de Pascua*

SÁBADO VIGILIA PASCUAL, 4 DE ABRIL  
Iglesia 8:30 pm (Bilingüe)

MISAS DEL DOMINGO 5 DE ABRIL  
En la Iglesia: 6:00\*, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am  
3:00 pm en español

St. Leo Auditorio &  
Centro Parroquial: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

\*La Misa de 6:00 am  
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## CONFESIONES

Viernes, 27 de marzo 4-8 pm

Sábado, 28 de marzo 9am-12 mediodía y 2-3pm

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