

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 8, 2026



Benedetto Luti | Christ and the Woman of Samaria | 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

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Parish Church Support

Thank you for your continued generosity!

February 28 & March 1

\$40,731

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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

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 14

3:30 pm Fr. Stan

3:30 pm-Overflow Fr. Jack

5:30 pm Fr. Stan

Sunday, March 15

7:30 am Fr. Jarek

9:30 am Fr. Jarek

9:30 am-Overflow Fr. Jack

11:30 am Fr. Tim

1:30 pm-Polish Fr. Jarek

3:00 pm-Spanish Fr. Gustavo

5:00 pm Fr. Tim

Changes may occur without notice.



Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

WHEN THIRST REVEALS THE HEART

“Is the LORD in our midst or not?” (Exodus 17:7)

The people in the desert are thirsty, and thirst has a way of revealing what is already inside us. They grumble. They accuse. They begin to remember Egypt as if slavery were safer than freedom. It is easy to judge them until we recognize how quickly we do the same. A medical test takes longer than expected. A relationship does not heal on our timetable. Prayer feels dry. And quietly, or sharply, we wonder, “Lord, are You really here?”

At the well in Samaria, Jesus meets a woman who has learned to draw water alone. Noon is safer. Fewer questions. Fewer eyes. Her thirst runs deeper than her jar. And Jesus does not shame her or expose her. He speaks. He listens. He offers living water. Christ meets our complaints not with irritation but with invitation. Beneath our frustration is longing. Beneath our restlessness is desire for Him.

Lent invites us to notice where we are thirsty. The places where we grumble may be the very places God intends to strike the rock. The question is not whether He is present. The question is whether we will remain long enough to see the water flow.

Prayer: Lord, in my dryness and doubt, remind me You are near. Draw living water from the hardest places of my heart. Amen.

Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-42

MONDAY, MARCH 9 - WHEN HEALING IS TOO SIMPLE

“Go and wash seven times in the Jordan.” (2 Kings 5:10)

Naaman is powerful, respected, accustomed to command. What he cannot command is his illness. When the prophet instructs him to wash in the Jordan, he is insulted. He expected spectacle, something worthy of his status. Instead, he receives something painfully ordinary. Pride resists unimpressive grace. We often do the same. We ask God for clarity about the next ten years. He asks for five quiet minutes of prayer today. We want transformation. He asks for one humble apology. We prefer impressive rivers to muddy ones. Yet healing often waits in what feels beneath us. Familiarity can blind us to mercy, especially when we think we already know how God should act.

Lent invites us to step into the Jordan without drama. The water may not look extraordinary. But obedience makes it transformative.

Prayer: Lord, free me from pride that resists simple grace. Help me trust Your quiet instructions and walk humbly toward healing. Amen.

2 Kings 5:1-15; Psalm 42; Luke 4:24-30

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 - FORGIVENESS THAT FREES

“Seventy seven times.” (Matthew 18:22)

Peter thinks he is being generous. Seven times feels noble. Jesus stretches the horizon beyond arithmetic. Forgiveness is not about keeping count. It is about keeping the heart from hardening. The servant who receives astonishing mercy refuses to release a small debt. Gratitude that does not soften us becomes hypocrisy.

Lent exposes the small prisons we build around old wounds. A name we avoid. A story we rehearse. A conversation replayed in the quiet of the night. In marriage it may even be the same small disagreement revisited for the hundredth time, each person convinced they are simply clarifying the record. We tell ourselves that holding on protects us. In truth, it keeps us tied to the moment that hurt us. Forgiveness does not deny harm. It refuses to let the wound define the future. Azariah prays from the midst of fire without excuses. He asks for mercy. That posture changes everything. Sometimes the first person forgiveness frees is us.

Prayer: Merciful Father, remind me how much You have forgiven me. Give me courage to release resentment and forgive from the heart. Amen.

Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25; Matthew 18:21-35

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 - WISDOM THAT IS CLOSE

“What great nation has a god so close?” (Deuteronomy 4:7)

Moses reminds the people that obedience will reveal their wisdom to the world, not because rules impress, but because God is near. The commandments are not restrictions meant to shrink life. They are guardrails that protect it. How many regrets might have been avoided by honoring them. How much peace preserved. Jesus says He has not come to abolish the law but to fulfill it. Love does not

erase truth. It deepens it. Faith rarely collapses in one dramatic moment. It erodes through forgetting. We forget the prayer once answered. We forget the crisis we survived. We forget how God carried us when we could not carry ourselves. We even forget where we put our car keys, and sometimes we forget God with the same casual distraction.

Lent invites us to remember. And in remembering, to begin again. Wisdom grows not through spectacle, but through steady obedience chosen one small step at a time.

Prayer: Lord, keep Your word alive in my heart. Help me cherish Your closeness and walk faithfully in quiet, steady ways. Amen.

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147; Matthew 5:17-19

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 - A HEART THAT LISTENS

“Listen to my voice.” (Jeremiah 7:23)

Through Jeremiah, God speaks with both tenderness and weariness. He has sent prophets again and again, yet the people turn away. Listening is more than hearing words. It is allowing them to redirect us. We can nod at God while continuing on our chosen path.

The calendar fills. The phone buzzes. The inner voice grows faint, not because God is silent, but because we are distracted. When Jesus restores a man’s speech, some respond with suspicion. Grace unsettles expectations. A divided heart produces a divided life.

Lent invites us to notice the subtle refusals. The postponed confession. The quiet rationalization. Hardness forms slowly. A listening heart is not weak. It is courageous enough to change direction.

Prayer: Speak, Lord. Teach me to listen. Remove whatever keeps me from turning fully toward You. Amen.

Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95; Luke 11:14-23

FRIDAY, MARCH 13 - LOVE ABOVE ALL

“You shall love the Lord your God.” (Mark 12:30)

The scribe asks for the greatest commandment. Jesus answers with clarity. Love God completely. Love your neighbor as yourself. Everything else rests there. Faith is not first about performance. It is about relationship. Hosea calls the people to return with sincere hearts rather than empty gestures. We can become skilled at looking devout while guarding small corners of resentment or indifference. Love simplifies what pride complicates. In traffic when the light turns green and the car ahead does not move. In tense conversations. In tired marriages. Love is rarely dramatic. It is patient and steady. It resists the urge to honk, sigh, or deliver the speech we have perfected in our minds. Lent gently asks where love has cooled. Begin there. The Kingdom grows wherever love is chosen again.

Prayer: Lord, reorder my heart around love. Teach me to love You fully and reflect that love in ordinary moments. Amen.

Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81; Mark 12:28-34

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 - MERCY OVER APPEARANCE

“O God, be merciful to me a sinner.” (Luke 18:13)

Two men go to pray. One lists his achievements. The other stands at a distance and asks for mercy. The difference is not religious activity. It is honesty. One compares. The other confesses. One performs. The other surrenders.

Hosea reminds us that God desires love rather than sacrifice. We all prefer to present our best side. To appear composed and generous. To appear strong. But transformation begins when pretending ends.

Lent is a safe place to lower the mask. To admit weakness. To stop comparing. Humility does not diminish us. It aligns us with truth. And grace flows most freely where truth is welcomed. The one who humbles himself will be exalted, not by applause, but by peace.

Prayer: Merciful God, strip away my need to appear righteous. Give me a humble heart that rests confidently in Your compassion. Amen.

Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51; Luke 18:9-14

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

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 Taize
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.

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.**

We Pray for the Recently Deceased of Our Parish

Paul Hutchins
John Cinguina
Peter Bergin
Michael Picozzi
Lyle Perra
Stanley Jaquinto



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.

WHY GOD OFTEN WORKS THROUGH WHAT WE RESIST

A Reflection Inspired by This Week's Scripture Readings

by Father Jarek

Most people recognize the feeling. A conversation that needs to happen but keeps getting postponed. A habit that quietly refuses to change. A relationship that survives on polite avoidance instead of honesty. We circle these things carefully, sometimes for months, sometimes for years, hoping they will somehow resolve themselves without requiring courage. We tell ourselves we will deal with it later. After things calm down. After the right moment appears. But the right moment rarely arrives. The situation simply waits, quietly asking for honesty.

There is a curious pattern in human life. Growth rarely begins where we are comfortable. It usually begins exactly where we say, sometimes with determination, "I really do not want to deal with this." The places we resist most strongly are often the places where something important is trying to grow. Scripture reveals this pattern again and again. In the desert the Israelites are thirsty and frightened. Instead of trusting, they complain against Moses and question whether God is truly among them. Yet it is precisely there, in the place of complaint and desperation, that water flows from the rock. Their resistance does not prevent grace. It becomes the setting where grace appears.

A similar story unfolds with Naaman, the powerful military commander who suffers from leprosy. He travels a long distance seeking healing, expecting something dramatic from the prophet. Instead he is told to wash in the muddy Jordan River. The instruction seems too simple, too ordinary, almost insulting. At first he refuses. Only when he humbles himself and steps into the river does the healing he long desired finally arrive.

Jesus reveals the same truth in His parables and encounters. A servant who receives astonishing mercy cannot bring himself to forgive someone else. A Pharisee stands proudly before God listing his virtues, while a tax collector quietly asks for mercy. In each case the obstacle is not God's willingness to act but the human heart resisting the humility that grace requires. Different stories, yet the same quiet rhythm runs through them all. Resistance first. Grace second.

If we are honest, that rhythm runs quietly through our own lives as well. Human beings possess a remarkable ability to postpone necessary change. We reorganize schedules, develop complicated explanations, and convince ourselves that the right moment simply has not yet arrived. If procrastination were an Olympic sport, humanity would have a respectable medal count. Yet beneath our delays there is often something deeper than inconvenience. Sometimes we resist because we fear what honesty will reveal. A difficult conversation may uncover wounds we would rather keep hidden. An apology may require admitting we were wrong. Forgiveness may feel like surrendering the only leverage we think we have. Resistance often wears the respectable mask of caution, but beneath it is usually fear.

And this is precisely where God begins to work. Scripture suggests something both challenging and hopeful. The places we resist most strongly are often the very places where grace intends to enter. The desert becomes the place where water appears. The muddy river becomes the place of healing. Forgiveness becomes the place where chains fall away. Humility becomes the doorway through which mercy quietly enters the soul.

We sometimes imagine spiritual growth as dramatic: a sudden breakthrough, a moment of dazzling clarity, a spiritual experience that changes everything at once. But most transformation happens in far quieter ways. Five minutes of prayer instead of endless distraction. One honest apology instead of another year of silence. One act of patience when irritation would have been easier. One step toward forgiveness instead of one more rehearsal of the injury. None of these moments appear impressive. They rarely feel heroic. Yet they open a space where grace can begin its quiet work.

God rarely works around our resistance. More often He works through it. The difficult conversation becomes the beginning of reconciliation. The admission of weakness becomes the beginning of healing. The surrender of control becomes the beginning of peace. What we resist is not always punishment. Often it is invitation.

And when we finally step into the river we tried so hard to avoid, we often discover something surprising. The water is not as frightening as we imagined. In fact, it may be the very place where God has been waiting for us all along.

Prayer

Lord, you know the places in my life that I avoid, postpone, or quietly resist. Give me the courage to face them with honesty and trust. Help me believe that your grace is waiting even in the places that feel uncomfortable. Lead me toward the healing, forgiveness, and humility that bring true freedom. And when I hesitate, remind me that your mercy is always greater than my fear. Amen.

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 11 at 9am in the Auditorium
Fr. Jack will speak on
"Sin, Repentance and Evil"*

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.



Diocese of Venice Catholic Faith Appeal 2026

Throughout the Diocese of Venice, the Church is present in many forms including Parishes, Missions, and Apostolates. Each of these works together to provide opportunities for the Faithful to join in worship and show their devotion to the Catholic Faith.

The Diocese is committed to serving the needs of all the Faithful, regardless of locality, language or ability to travel to a place of Worship. This devotion to serve all is evidenced by the Diocese having 124 Priests, 61 Parishes, 6 Missions and the Celebration of Mass being held in eight different languages including: English, French, Haitian Creole, Latin, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese.



♥
St. Leo Ladies' Guild Parish Raffle
Helping Hands in our
Parish Community and Beyond

Tickets will be sold ♥ ♥ ♥
this weekend, March 7 & 8 and
next 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 10th at Discovery Village, 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!





It was a windy day at the St. Leo Respect Life Sidewalk prayer event on Sunday February 22nd, but the messages on their signs reached many as they honked in support of Life!



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.



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.

Sounds of Freedom Dinner Concert

Tuesday, March 24th
Parish Life Center

As of bulletin submission fewer than 100 tickets remain.

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.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
MONDAY	MARCH 9	
8:00 am	+Arthur Flach	His Loving Family
12:00 noon	Peter Grana on his Birthday	His Loving Family
TUESDAY	MARCH 10	
8:00 am	+Cornelius Coco	John Arno
12:00 noon	+Bernard & +Elsie Wilbert Kelly	Pati & Peter Grana
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 11	
8:00 am	+Tom Brooks Jr.	Pat Connors
12:00 noon	+Thomas McGarth	Diane & Steve Berger
THURSDAY	MARCH 12	
8:00 am	+Derrick Lechelt	His Loving Mother
12:00 noon	+Thomas McGarth	Diane & Steve Berger
FRIDAY	MARCH 13	
8:00 am	+Frank Persico	George & Helen Crawford
12:00 noon	+John Connors	His Loving Wife, Pat
SATURDAY	MARCH 14	
8:00 am	+Phyllis Truppelli	Michael & Linda Bavaro
3:30 pm	Charity Workers	Damaris Pineda
3:30 pm - Overflow	The Parishioners of St. Leo	
5:30 pm	+Deceased Members of Pineda Family	Damaris Pineda
SUNDAY	MARCH 15	
7:30 am	+Magdalena Becker	Barbara Avery
9:30 am	+Michael & +Elaine Glodek	Tom Glodek
9:30 am - Overflow	+Gerardo Pineda	Damaris Pineda
11:30 am	The Owens Family	Damaris Pineda
1:30 pm - Polish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	+Michael Smith	Stephanie Karol

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

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 †Arthur Flach
 Requested by His Loving Family

Please Pray for Our Troops

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| Lt. Marco Colavecchia | Joseph McDermond |
| Brian Dearcia Leon | Daniel McDonald |
| Michael DeSantis | Cpt. Kyle Martin |
| Cpt. Mary Kate Flynn | Michael Oliveira |
| Lt. Thomas A. Flynn | Sgt. Thomas Pauls |
| Cpt. Sean Flynn | Nick Parrorzio |
| Thomas Geanuracos | Cpt. Evan Razzano |
| Carlos Gonzales | Cpt. Brayden Reichenbach |
| Lt. Andrew D. Holt | Lt. Riley N. Schliem |
| Brian Howlett | Lt. Col. Jonathan W. Schwarz |
| Sgt. Ryan McCabe | Lt. Col. Peter Shayhorn |
| Lt. Com. Matthew Kleine | <i>All serving in the military,</i> |
| Reed Lessman | <i>especially those in combat.</i> |
| Lt. Col. Nicholas LoRusso | |

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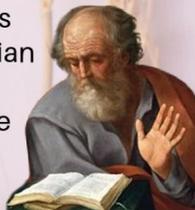
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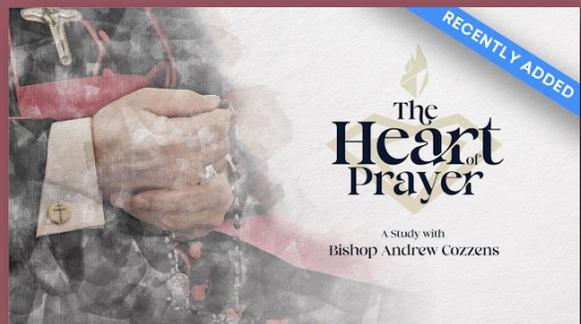
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