

# 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.*

*May 17, 2026*



MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY

Madonna and Child with Angels /Sandro Botticelli/1465/National Gallery of Art

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WWW.STLEOCATHOLICCHURCH.ORG • OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 AM - 4 PM  
DAILY MASS: MONDAY-SATURDAY: 8 AM • CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 2PM-3PM  
SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES: 3:30 & 5:30 PM • SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 5 PM  
MISA EN ESPAÑOL DOMINGO - 3 PM Y LAS CONFESIONES ANTES DE LA MISA •  
MASS IN POLISH: 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - 1:30 PM

# Parish Staff

Rev. Jarek (Jaroslaw) Sniosek .....	Pastor
Rev. Juan Carlos Sack .....	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Charles Ferraro .....	Deacon
Rev. Mr. Dale Bacik .....	Deacon
Juliana Alfano .....	Musician
Dan Bardauskis .....	Liturgy Assistant
Anne Bellows .....	Communications Coordinator
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Griselda Cisneros .....	Receptionist
Maria Fernandez .....	Religious Education Assistant
Daniel Gonzalez .....	Maintenance
Elsy Hernandez .....	Operations Supervisor
Marcin Malewski .....	Director of Music
Martha Mercado .....	Maintenance
Gisela Meraz .....	Religious Education Coordinator
Henry Soto .....	Business Manager
Milana Strezeva .....	Musician
Marie Talley .....	Musician
Winter Talley .....	Musician

# Parish Church Support

Thank you for your continued generosity!

May 9 & 10  
\$24,900

# 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)

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[WWW.STLEOCATHOLICCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.STLEOCATHOLICCHURCH.ORG)

# 2026 CFA

## Congratulations !

Now that we have reached 100% of the Diocesan goal we have an opportunity to help St. Leo even more. Every dollar in excess of the goal, up to 25% will be returned to the parish assessment free!



Our goal..... \$664,000  
Contributions to date .. \$709,392  
Our pledges ..... \$732,178  
Pledge goal attained.... 110.27%

= 10% of Goal

# Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 23

3:30 pm Fr. Tim  
5:30 pm Fr. Tim

Sunday, May 24

7:30 am Fr. Jack  
9:30 am Fr. Jack  
11:30 am Fr. Stan  
3:00 pm-Spanish Fr. Juan Carlos  
5:00 pm Fr. Stan

*Changes may occur without notice.*

# Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

## SUNDAY, MAY 17 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### WHEN GOD FEELS FAR AWAY

"I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

The Ascension can feel strangely emotional. Jesus leaves, and the disciples are left staring upward, wondering what comes next. It is a little like standing at the airport after someone you love disappears through security. You know they are not gone from your life, but suddenly the space feels larger and quieter.

Yet the Ascension is not abandonment. Jesus does not leave to become distant. He leaves so His presence can reach farther than roads, borders, or locked doors. The angels gently redirect the disciples: do not just stand there staring at the sky. Go live what He taught you. Love people. Forgive people. Carry His presence into the world. Even in the Gospel, the disciples worship, but they also doubt. That detail is deeply comforting. Faith is not always perfect confidence. Sometimes it is simply continuing forward while questions remain. Christ stays close not only to fearless believers, but also to ordinary people still learning to trust Him one day at a time.

**Prayer:** Lord, when life changes and I feel uncertain, remind me that You have not left me. Help me trust Your presence and live faithfully each day. Amen.

Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:17–23; Matthew 28:16–20

## MONDAY, MAY 18 - PEACE IN A TROUBLED WORLD

"In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." (John 16:33)

Jesus is wonderfully realistic. He does not say, "Follow me and everything will become easy." He says there will be trouble. Delays, disappointments, unexpected diagnoses, financial worries, and technology updates that somehow make everything worse instead of better.

Many people quietly carry burdens nobody else fully sees. Worries about children, aging parents, loneliness, exhaustion, or responsibilities that never seem to end. Some days people smile politely while inwardly wondering how much longer they can hold everything together. Yet Jesus says, "Take courage." Peace is not pretending life is painless. Peace is remembering that pain does not get the final word.

The Holy Spirit remains God's presence within anxious hearts and tired minds. We do not conquer the world ourselves. We stay close to the One who already has. Courage is often nothing more than taking the next faithful step while trusting that Christ still walks beside us.

**Prayer:** Lord, when life feels heavy and overwhelming, breathe Your peace into my heart. Help me remember that I do not carry my struggles alone. Amen.

Acts 19:1–8; Psalm 68; John 16:29–33

## TUESDAY, MAY 19 - FINISHING WELL

"I consider life of no importance to me, if only I may finish my course." (Acts 20:24)

Paul speaks with the honesty of someone who knows suffering lies ahead. He does not pretend courage means feeling fearless. He simply refuses to let fear become the center of his life. There is quiet strength in people who keep moving forward even when the road becomes difficult.

Most people understand that beginning is easier than finishing. Diets begin with enthusiasm. Exercise plans begin after one inspiring video. Garage cleaning projects often begin only in the imagination. But faithfulness is proven slowly, over time, especially when excitement fades and perseverance becomes necessary.

Jesus prays for His disciples with deep tenderness because He knows the pressures they will face. That means He understands us too. He sees the burdens we carry, the effort it takes to remain kind, patient, and hopeful, and the quiet exhaustion people often hide. Holiness is frequently less dramatic than people imagine. Often it is simply the decision not to give up.

**Prayer:** Lord, when I grow tired or discouraged, help me remain faithful. Give me the grace not only to begin well, but to continue with courage and trust. Amen.

Acts 20:17–27; Psalm 68; John 17:1–11a

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 - THE PEOPLE WE LOVE

"They were all weeping loudly as they threw their arms around Paul." (Acts 20:37)

Today's first reading is deeply tender. Strong grown men cry openly because they may never see Paul again. Scripture does not hide human emotion. It reminds us that faithful people still grieve, still ache, and still hold onto one another when goodbye becomes painfully real.

Love always carries vulnerability. The more deeply we love, the more deeply we can be hurt. That is why some people slowly build emotional walls after enough disappointments or losses. It feels safer. Yet guarded hearts often become lonely hearts too. Protecting ourselves from pain can also distance us from joy and

closeness.

Jesus prays that His followers may remain one. Unity does not mean agreeing about everything. It means refusing to stop loving when relationships become complicated. Sometimes holiness begins quietly through a difficult phone call, an overdue apology, or choosing patience instead of winning the argument we already rehearsed in our minds.

**Prayer:** Lord, soften the parts of my heart that have grown guarded or afraid. Help me love sincerely, forgive generously, and cherish the people You have placed in my life. Amen. Acts 20:28–38; Psalm 68; John 17:11b–19

## THURSDAY, MAY 21 - WHEN LIFE FEELS CHAOTIC

"Take courage." (Acts 23:11)

Today's reading feels loud. Angry voices, divided groups, and accusations flying from every direction. Honestly, it sounds a little like a family gathering after someone mentions politics, religion, inheritance issues, or pineapple on pizza. Human beings have always struggled with conflict and division.

In the middle of all that chaos stands Paul, surrounded by tension and uncertainty. Then Scripture says something deeply comforting: "The Lord stood by him." Not far away. Not watching from a distance. Beside him. Many people secretly fear that when life becomes messy, God pulls away. But the Gospel tells another story. Jesus continues moving toward anxious and imperfect people. He prays for unity, love, and hearts that remain close to Him even when life feels fractured and exhausting. Courage is not the absence of chaos. Courage is remembering who stands beside us within it and refusing to lose ourselves in fear or bitterness.

**Prayer:** Lord, when life feels noisy, divided, or overwhelming, stand beside me. Keep my heart peaceful and rooted in Your love. Amen.

Acts 22:30; 23:6–11; Psalm 16; John 17:20–26

## FRIDAY, MAY 22 - DO YOU LOVE ME?

"Simon, son of John, do you love me?" (John 21:16)

Jesus asks Peter the same question three times. Not because Jesus forgot the answer, but because Peter needs healing. Three painful denials are slowly met with three opportunities to love again. That is often how grace works. God does not trap people inside their worst moments.

Yet many adults quietly do exactly that to themselves. Old failures, broken relationships, missed opportunities, and regrets replay in the mind for years. Some people carry shame so long that it begins feeling permanent. But Jesus does not humiliate Peter. He restores him and reminds him that failure is not the end of his story.

Then Jesus says, "Feed my sheep." Peter is still called, still trusted, and still capable of serving despite his imperfections. That is good news for all of us. If perfection were required before anyone could follow Christ, most people would spend their lives permanently waiting on the sidelines.

**Prayer:** Lord, heal the places in my heart still burdened by regret. Help me trust Your mercy more than my failures and follow You with renewed hope. Amen.

Acts 25:13b–21; Psalm 103; John 21:15–19

## SATURDAY, MAY 23 - STOP COMPARING YOUR JOURNEY

"What concern is it of yours? You follow me." (John 21:22)

Peter looks at another disciple and immediately asks, "What about him?" It is one of the most human moments in the Gospel. People compare constantly: careers, marriages, health, finances, vacations, retirement plans, grandchildren, and sometimes even whose sourdough bread looks most successful online. Comparison quietly steals joy because it pulls our attention away from our own calling. We become so busy measuring our lives against someone else's that we stop noticing the grace already unfolding within our own. Jesus answers Peter firmly but lovingly: "What concern is it of yours? You follow me."

God never asks us to live another person's vocation. Some lives unfold through success, others through sacrifice, caregiving, illness, or hidden acts of faithfulness nobody else fully sees. Peace begins growing when we stop competing with other people's journeys and start trusting that God is still at work within our own lives.

**Prayer:** Lord, free me from unhealthy comparison and unnecessary discouragement. Help me trust the path You have given me and follow You with peace and gratitude. Amen. Acts 28:16–20, 30–31; Psalm 11; John 21:20–25

For the full version of each day's reflection,  
visit [CatholicJourneyToday.com](http://CatholicJourneyToday.com)  
and journey deeper with Scripture, prayer, and daily encouragement.

# *Stop Staring at the Sky*

*The Ascension of the Lord and the Temptation to Stay Stuck*

*By Father Jarek*

After Jesus ascends into heaven, the disciples stand there staring upward. You can almost picture them frozen in place, eyes fixed on the clouds, hearts somewhere between awe, grief, confusion, and disbelief. Then the angels ask a question that feels surprisingly modern: “Why are you standing there looking at the sky?” It is one of the gentlest corrections in Scripture because the truth is, human beings have always had a tendency to remain emotionally parked in places we were never meant to live forever.

Some people remain parked in old grief. Others in old anger, disappointment, fear, or nostalgia for a world that no longer exists. Many quietly replay old conversations, old betrayals, old mistakes, and old versions of themselves. Entire evenings disappear revisiting arguments that happened twelve years ago while standing in the shower pretending to win them this time. Most people know what it feels like to become trapped between memory and regret without fully realizing how much of life is slowly passing by in the meantime.

Modern life has made staring at the sky even easier, except now the sky fits in our pockets. Many people no longer look upward. They look downward at screens, headlines, endless commentary, outrage, anxiety, and noise that never seems to end. Scroll. Refresh. Scroll again. We stare into glowing rectangles hoping clarity, comfort, or peace will finally appear somewhere between weather updates and somebody arguing about politics. Meanwhile life quietly waits for us to rejoin it, while the people we love sit beside us hoping for our attention more than our distraction.

The Ascension is not really a story about Jesus leaving. It is a story about the disciples learning they cannot spend the rest of their lives frozen at the edge of yesterday. Notice what the angels do not say. They do not shame the disciples for grieving. They do not criticize them for loving Jesus deeply or demand instant emotional recovery. Instead, they gently redirect them. In essence they say: Do not remain here forever. There is still work to do, still people to love, still a Gospel to live, and still grace unfolding in front of you even if life feels uncertain.

That message matters because many people today feel suspended somewhere between exhaustion and anxiety. The world changes quickly. Technology often moves faster than wisdom. Politics feels permanently overheated. Families carry quiet wounds that nobody fully talks about. Some people wake up tired before the day even begins because their minds have already started rehearsing worries before their feet even touch the floor. The Ascension reminds us that Christian faith is never simply about staring into the distance wishing life were different. It is about returning to the world with deeper courage and quieter trust.

The disciples eventually stop looking upward. They return to Jerusalem, they pray together, they encourage one another, and they begin the ordinary and unglamorous work of building a community rooted in hope.

# Prayer

That is where holiness usually happens too. Not only in dramatic moments, but in ordinary faithfulness: showing up, making dinner, calling someone lonely, forgiving again, praying distracted prayers, helping grandchildren with homework, caring for aging spouses, remaining patient when life becomes inconvenient, and continuing to love people who are sometimes difficult to love. Very few saints spent their lives floating three feet above the ground surrounded by inspirational background music. Most holiness looks far more ordinary than that.

Perhaps that is the hidden beauty of the Ascension. Jesus does not leave the world because He has given up on it. He ascends because He entrusts His mission to ordinary people who still struggle, still doubt, still worry, and still occasionally stare at the sky wondering what happens next. Even in Matthew's Gospel, one small line feels astonishingly honest: "They worshipped, but they doubted." There it is, the human condition in one sentence. Faith and uncertainty often sit beside each other in the same heart, and yet Jesus still sends the disciples into the world. Not once they become fearless. Not once they fully understand everything. Not once life becomes stable and predictable. He sends them now.

That may be the message many people need most today. Do not spend your whole life staring at what has already disappeared. Do not remain trapped in fear, nostalgia, outrage, or regret. Do not wait for perfect certainty before living faithfully. Christ is still present. Grace is still working. Love is still possible. The world still needs people willing to carry hope back into ordinary life, especially in small and quiet ways that rarely make headlines but often change hearts. Perhaps the angels are asking us the same question now: Why are you still standing there staring at the sky?

Lord, sometimes I do not realize how stuck I have become. Part of me keeps looking backward at losses I still carry, mistakes I still replay, fears I still feed, and versions of life I quietly wish I could recover. Some days I stare so long at what is gone that I fail to notice the people still beside me. I become distracted, anxious, emotionally tired, and overwhelmed by noise that never seems to end, while You continue calling me gently back to life unfolding in front of me.

Teach me to trust that Your presence has not disappeared simply because it feels quieter than before. Give me the courage to stop living suspended between worry and regret.

Help me notice the sacredness hidden inside ordinary moments: a conversation, a prayer, a meal shared, a hand held, a kindness offered when nobody applauds. Remind me that holiness is often found not in dramatic experiences but in small acts of faithfulness repeated with love.

When my faith feels weak, remind me that even the disciples worshipped and doubted at the same time. When I feel uncertain about the future, help me remember that You still send imperfect people into the world carrying hope. And when I am tempted to stand still in fear, gently turn my heart forward again, for there is goodness to do, mercy to offer, love to give, and life still waiting to be lived. Amen.



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# 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.



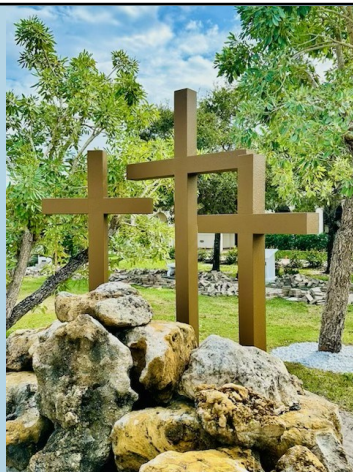
## Join Our Faith Formation Team!

Are you passionate about our Faith?  
Are you willing to share a few hours of your time to help educate our St. Leo's students?  
We are looking for committed parishioners to join our Religious Education team as catechists or catechist assistants on Wednesday evenings or Sunday afternoons for the upcoming school year.

We provide curriculum, training, and support to ensure you succeed in this rewarding ministry.  
To learn more or to sign up, please contact Paula Hand at [csc@stleocatholicchurch.org](mailto:csc@stleocatholicchurch.org)

Make a difference in the faith journey of our youth by becoming part of this important ministry!

## MEMORIAL BRICKS FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS GARDEN

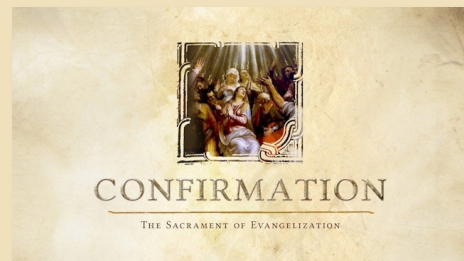


The St. Leo Stations of the Cross Garden is a sacred space to pray and reflect. Placing a brick in memory of a loved one, to mark a special event, or celebrate an anniversary is a timeless way to remember what matters most in our lives. Memorial bricks may be ordered in two sizes, 4"x 8" (\$125) or 2"x12" (\$300). Brochures with more information and order forms are available in the parish office.

Brick orders will be submitted and installed 3 times per year. The next deadline for brick orders is May 31st, and installation of those bricks is expected in July.

**Memorial bricks may be ordered in two sizes – 4"x 8" (\$125) or 12"x12" (\$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.**

# FORMED



We are pleased to provide for all our of parishioner the ability to access this wonderful website filled \with thousands of wide ranging movies, programs, audios, such as the Lives of Saints of History and Modern Day, The Sacraments, Bible Study, Children's Entertainment, Praying at Home, and Movie Night selections. To access FORMED choose the link on our website, search "St Leo Bonita" to find us in the drop box, and sign up for your own account.

 *First Communion*



*Saturday, May 9th*

*Confirmation* *May 11, 2026*



Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

# St. Leo Food Bank

**"The need has never been greater."**

The St. Leo Food Bank is always in need of supplies to share with local food pantries.

**All unopened, non-perishable foods that are not expired are welcomed.**

**You may continue to drop off your donations when you come to Mass,  
or at our office Monday - Friday from 8am-3pm.**

## THESE ITEMS ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED

### MOST NEEDED

- COOKING OIL
- DRIED BEANS
- MASECA (CORN TORTILLA FLOUR)
- WHITE RICE

- TOOTHPASTE
- TOOTHBRUSHES
- BAR SOAP
- SHAMPOO/BODY WASH
- TOILET PAPER
- ANTIBACTERIAL WIPES

- CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES
- CANNED TUNA & CHICKEN
- FLOUR & SUGAR
- CANNED SOUP

- POWDERED MILK
- PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY
- CEREAL
- JUICE

**If you prefer, you may donate money directly to St Leo Food Bank. These funds will be dispersed to those in need both directly, and through our partner parishes and organizations.**

Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers to help with food pantry distribution every other Wednesday from 9am to noon at their building on the St. Leo campus.

If you would like to help please contact Michael Vega at 239-270-3291 or [mvega@ccdov.org](mailto:mvega@ccdov.org)

The St. Leo Food Bank supports Catholic Charities on our campus, Café of Life in Bonita Springs, as well as the food pantries at the parishes of Jesus the Worker (Ft. Myers), St. Margaret (Clewiston) and Our Lady Queen of Heaven (LaBelle).

**If you need assistance from Catholic Charities for food, financial assistance, or tele-mental health counseling, please call 239-390-2928 between the hours of 9am-5pm Monday-Friday.**

### TO DONATE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND CLOTHING BRING THEM TO:

Our Lady of Light Thrift Shop  
24600 S. Tamiami Tr. Ste. 600A (992-1576)

St. Vincent de Paul Resale Shop  
3725 Bonita Beach Road (992-1899)

## The Perpetual Baby Shower



Please remember all the infants who are in need of diapers and new clothes. Their toddler brothers and sisters grow so fast and need clothes also.

The Ladies of St. Leo Guild thank all of you for your past support. Contributions may be left in the donation boxes at the doors of the church or taken to the parish office.

## BABIES ALWAYS NEED

- WIPES
- FORMULA
- BABY WASH
- BABY SHAMPOO
- DIAPERS (ESPECIALLY SIZE 6)



**WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY!**

## Welcome Back Father Juan Carlos Sack

We warmly welcome back our Parochial Vicar, Father Juan Carlos Sack. Father Juan Carlos joined our parish last December, but shortly afterward needed to undergo surgery followed by a period of recovery. We are grateful that his health has improved and that he is now able to return to ministry here at St. Leo.

At the same time, we thank Father Gustavo Correa for his service and presence in our parish during these past months. Father Gustavo will now be returning to his home country of Colombia. Please keep both priests in your prayers as they continue their priestly ministry and service to the Church.



*On Father's Day*

**Father's Day Spiritual Bouquets to remember your loved ones are available in the front entrance of the church and at the parish office.**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION IN JUNE

Registration for Fall Religious Education classes for children in grades 1-12 is taking place in June. Remember – children are NOT automatically re-enrolled. The child's parent or guardian must enroll their child EACH YEAR to attend.

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

Completed forms plus fees and copies of sacrament certificates (for new students) should be returned on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am-3pm in the office in the Education Building or Wednesdays 4:30pm-7:30pm in room 13/14 of the Education Building. To drop off forms at other times contact Gisela Meraz at the Religious Education office 992-0901.



Schedule of classes for the Fall 2026-2027 school year: Wednesday 6:10-7:30 pm for grades 1-8  
Sundays for High School and Sacrament Preparation

# NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:00 am	<b>MAY 18</b> +Anthony & +Sebastian Caliendo	The Tornincaso Family
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:00 am	<b>MAY 19</b> +David Nocera	Anthony Alba
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:00 am	<b>MAY 20</b> +Tom & +Millie DeMasco	Lorranine DeMasco
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:00 am	<b>MAY 21</b> +John Finley	Loving Wife, Edith
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:00 am	<b>MAY 22</b> +Joe & +Rose Scenna	Their Loving Daughter & Son-in-law, Rita & Robert Sokol
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:00 am	<b>MAY 23</b> +Elizabeth Waldron	Her Loving Husband, Tom
3:30 pm	+Tom & +Millie DeMasco	Lorranine DeMasco
5:30 pm	+Helen, +John, & +Lisa Lagowski	Their Loving Daughter, Theresa
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am	<b>MAY 24</b> +Fran Shepard	Her Loving Family
9:30 am	+Tom & +Millie DeMasco	Lorraine DeMasco
11:30 am	The Parishioners of St. Leo	
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	+Rachel Pitts	Bonnie Dunne-Martin



Flowers this week are dedicated to Parishioners of St. Leo

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

## Please Pray for Our Troops

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

Lt. Col. Nicholas LoRusso  
Joseph McDermond  
Daniel McDonald  
Cpt. Kyle Martin  
Michael Oliveira  
Sgt. Thomas Pault  
Nick Parrorzio  
Cpt. Evan Razzano  
Cpt. Brayden Reichenbach  
Lt. Riley N. Schliem  
Lt. Col. Jonathan W. Schwarz  
Lt. Col. Peter Shayhorn  
*All serving in the military,  
especially those in combat.*

## We pray today for...

Jack Aiman  
Linda Aquino  
Clayton Aunkle  
Linda Bardol  
Tom Bardol  
Jeffrey Bogart  
Bob Brock  
Hildi Brown  
Tom Brown  
Denise Buk  
Isabelle Marie Caiola  
Patrick Cain  
Peter Castro  
Carol Compagna  
Mickey Chervitz  
Michelle Chiarulli  
Scott Cochell  
Lourdes Coll  
Greg Daeger  
Eli Davis  
Janet Davis  
Jeff Davis  
Tara DeRoma  
Robby Dirks  
Jaden Anthony Droz  
Brad Fairfield  
Rudolph & Mary Fazio  
Michael Federico  
Brynn Forlizzi  
Cory Fredericksen  
John Galli  
Gisette Lupita Garcia  
Vincent Gil  
Kevin Glowacki  
Ben Gondersone  
Cory Gray  
Karen Grimshaw  
Luke Hass  
Chie Herron  
Robbin Holcomb  
Nolan Kane

Mary Kobel  
Karen Lamont  
Joanne Laurenzana  
Emily Lienesch  
Debra Marcondes  
Mary Mavilla  
Tim McAuliff  
Paul Modzelewski  
Barbara Moloney  
Deborah Muñiz  
Audrey Grace Neeley  
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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 Café 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.



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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**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**

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## *Project Rachel Support After Abortion*

Are you or someone you know struggling because of a past abortion? You are not alone! Know that healing retreats and support are available for anyone who has experienced an abortion, including mothers, fathers and other family members who have been hurt.

To learn more, call or text 941-412-5860 or email [project.rachel@diocese](mailto:project.rachel@diocese), in either English or Spanish. All contacts are confidential.



## Our Capital Improvement Fund

Our Capital Improvement Fund allows us to collect assessment free money to be used for necessary repairs and projects for the parish campus. Funds have been used to pay for the replacement of the skylights in the church and a portion of the air conditioning units in the Parish Life Center and Education Buildings.

More recently we have repaired roof leaks in the church, added a security system, replaced the church bell system, freshly painted many of our buildings and added extra landscaping. These funds are not designated for the construction of any new buildings. We sincerely thank you for your continued generosity.

Please know that contributing to this assessment free fund is the most efficient way to help St. Leo maintain and improve our beautiful properties.

## *We Pray for the Recently Deceased of Our Parish*

Molly Gallant



## *St. Leo's Respect Life Ministry*

Please join Co-Chairs Loretta Ede & Peggy Davis at the monthly meeting, Friday, May 29th, in the Nest Café at 9am. Meetings are held on the last Friday of every month at the same place and time. All are welcome to attend, participate in discussions, and join in prayerful support of the St. Leo Respect Life Ministry.

Our topic for this meeting is Mercy and Healing. June is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Inspired by this devotion, the Church seeks to extend Christ's mercy to all who are hurting, including those suffering from post-abortion trauma, domestic abuse, and personal crises.



# NOTAS EN ESPAÑOL

## ALABANZA Y GLORIA A TI SEÑOR



Jesús ora por el nuevo pueblo de Dios y encomienda al Padre a sus hijos, que se quedarán en el mundo. Nos dice que la vida eterna consiste en conocer al Padre, único Dios verdadero, y en reconocer que Jesús viene de Él. Estas verdades nos ayudan a seguir adelante en medio de las tribulaciones. El sufrimiento existe en el mundo y nunca desaparece, pero está unido a la esperanza de llegar a resucitar como Jesús; alienta el

corazón y fortalece la oración: *“El mensaje que recibí se lo he entregado, y ellos lo han recibido y reconocen de verdad que yo he salido de ti, y creen que tú me has enviado”* (Juan 17:8). Sin duda alguna, el mensaje de Jesús es que experimentemos la vida eterna desde aquí, en la tierra. San Carlo Acutis decía: *“La Eucaristía es mi autopista hacia el cielo”*. *“Cuanto más recibimos la Eucaristía, más nos haremos semejantes a Jesús, de modo que en la tierra tendremos un anticipo del cielo”*. ¿Qué piensas tú de esta oración de Jesús a su Padre?

*“Jesús reza, pide para que la tristeza y el aislamiento no nos ganen el corazón. Nosotros queremos hacer lo mismo: queremos unirnos a la oración de Jesús, a sus palabras, para decir juntos: ‘Padre santo, cuídalos con el poder de tu nombre... para que estén completamente unidos, como tú y yo’, y que ‘su gozo sea completo’. Jesús reza y nos invita a rezar, porque sabe que hay cosas que solo podemos recibir como don; hay cosas que solo podemos vivir como regalo”*. (Papa Francisco, 20 de septiembre de 2015) Señor, ayúdame a experimentar tu presencia en mi corazón.

## Bienvenido Padre Juan Carlos Sack

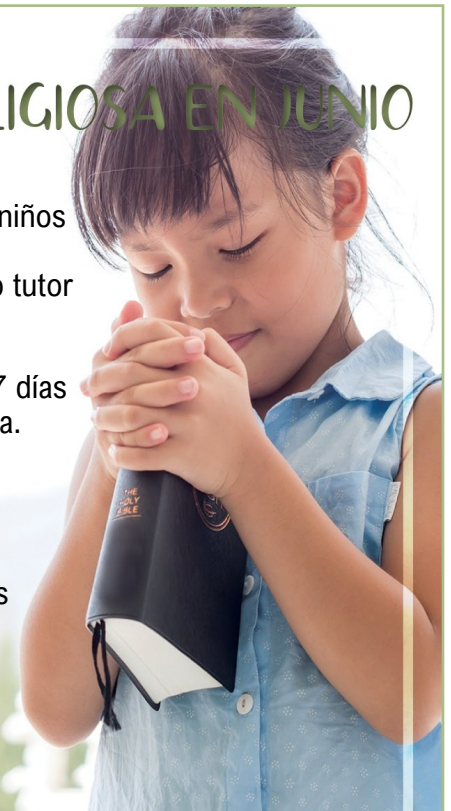
Damos una calurosa bienvenida de regreso a nuestro Vicario Parroquial, el Padre Juan Carlos Sack. El Padre Juan Carlos se incorporó a nuestra parroquia el pasado mes de diciembre, pero poco después tuvo que someterse a una cirugía, seguida de un periodo de recuperación. Agradecemos que su salud haya mejorado y que ahora pueda retomar su ministerio aquí en San Leo. Al mismo tiempo, damos las gracias al Padre Gustavo Correa por su servicio y presencia en nuestra parroquia durante estos últimos meses. El Padre Gustavo regresará ahora a su país natal, Colombia. Por favor, tengan presentes a ambos sacerdotes en sus oraciones mientras continúan su ministerio sacerdotal y su servicio a la Iglesia.

## INSCRIPCIÓN PARA LA EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA EN JUNIO

La inscripción para las clases de Educación Religiosa de otoño, dirigidas a niños y jóvenes de 1.º a 12.º grado, se llevará a cabo durante el mes de junio. Recuerde: los niños NO se reinscriben automáticamente. El padre, madre o tutor del menor debe inscribir a su hijo CADA AÑO para que pueda asistir.

Los formularios de inscripción pueden recogerse las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, en las cajas ubicadas fuera del portón de Educación Religiosa. Asegúrese de tomar un formulario familiar, además de un formulario de estudiante por cada niño que vaya a inscribir.

Los formularios completados, junto con las cuotas y las copias de los certificados sacramentales (para estudiantes nuevos), deben entregarse los lunes, martes, jueves y viernes, de 9 am a 3 pm, en la oficina situada en el Edificio de Educación; o bien, los miércoles, de 4:30 pm a 7:30 pm, en el salón 13/14 del Edificio de Educación. Para entregar los formularios en otros horarios, comuníquese con Gisela Meraz en la oficina de Educación Religiosa al 992-0901.



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