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.

November 1, 2026



Coronation of the Virgin with the Trinity and Saints/Olivetan Master/1440/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

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Parish Church Support

Thank you for your continued generosity!

October 24 & 25
$26,675

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.

EUCHARIST
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 sameillness, 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 - Reestablishing 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

All Souls' Requiem Mass
Commemorating our Beloved Dead

Monday, November 2nd at 6pm

Envelopes are available at the doors of the church to list those for whom you want to offer intentions. After completing, place them in the collection basket or bring them to the Parish Office.



These intentions will be placed inside the Book of Remembrance for this Mass of Commemoration. They will also be cumulatively included in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful during the month of November.

ONLINE GIVING
WWW.STLEOCATHOLICCHURCH.ORG

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 7

3:30 pm	Fr. Stan
5:30 pm	Fr. Stan

Sunday, November 8

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

Changes may occur without notice.



Coming Home

Autumn Dinner Concert

This Wednesday, November 4th

Parish Life Center

TICKETS ARE ON SALE THROUGH NOON ON TUESDAY IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

$20 PER PERSON · CASH OR CHECK ONLY PLEASE

DOORS OPENS AT 5:15PM · DINNER AT 5:30PM

ALL SEATING IS OPEN, NO RESERVED TABLES.

ENJOY A LIGHT SEASONAL SUPPER & A GLASS OF WINE .

Share a nostalgic evening with us as our lovely and amazing cantor, Juliana Alfano, accompanied by Jodie De Salvo, provide autumn music that is sure to bring back memories meant to lead our hearts home.

Flying Solo
Table Available

Thanksgiving Food Drive

It's Time Again to Make a Family's Thanksgiving a Little Brighter!

If you would like to provide an area family with food for their holiday dinner you may write a check for $50 payable to St. Leo Poor Box and drop it in the collection basket, or bring it to the Parish Office. Your continued support for this annual project is appreciated. Last year we served over 1,000 families.



Volunteers are needed to help with the distribution of Thanksgiving food during the day on Wednesday, November 18th. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 992-0901.

Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
HOLINESS BEGINS WHERE SELF-SUFFICIENCY ENDS.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." (Matthew 5:7)

We sometimes imagine saints as people who floated through life with extraordinary patience, unwavering faith, and absolutely no desire to argue with difficult relatives. Meanwhile, we struggle to remain charitable when someone cuts us off in traffic. It is tempting to conclude that holiness belongs to an entirely different species of humanity. Yet the saints experienced disappointment, temptation, exhaustion, and failure. Their greatness was not that life came easily to them, but that they kept allowing God's grace to transform them.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus blesses the grieving, the meek, the merciful, and those who hunger for righteousness. He does not describe flawless people but hearts open to transformation. Saint John reminds us that we are already God's children, while Revelation reveals an innumerable multitude gathered before God's throne. Holiness is not a spiritual trophy awarded to those who have finally mastered themselves. It is a gift received, nurtured through repentance, and gradually revealed through love.

Perhaps the greatest obstacle to holiness is our insistence that we must become worthy before allowing God to work within us. The saints discovered the opposite. They brought Him their weaknesses, unfinished struggles, and stubborn hearts, trusting that grace could accomplish what willpower alone never could. Their lives remind us that falling is not the end of the journey unless we refuse to rise. Heaven is filled not with people who were never broken, but with people who allowed God to make them whole.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, free me from the exhausting need to prove my worth. Heal what remains wounded within me, strengthen me when I fall, and teach me to receive the holiness I could never manufacture on my own. Amen. ***Readings:*** Revelation 7:2–4, 9–14; Psalm 24; 1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12a

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)
DEATH CANNOT ERASE WHAT GOD HOLDS IN LOVE.
"The souls of the just are in the hand of God." (Wisdom 3:1)

Grief has a way of finding us when we least expect it. A familiar song begins playing, an old photograph appears, or we instinctively reach for the telephone before remembering that the person we want to call is gone. Sometimes we miss the smallest things: a particular laugh, a familiar complaint, or the unmistakable sound of someone moving through the house. We discover that missing someone is not something we simply finish doing. It is love learning to live with an absence it never wanted.

Today's readings offer something deeper than the reassurance that our loved ones survive in our memories. Wisdom declares that the souls of the just are in God's hands. Saint Paul reminds us that Christ loved us even while we were sinners. And Jesus promises that He will not lose those entrusted to Him, but will raise them on the last day. Our hope rests not upon the perfection of those who have died, but upon the mercy of the One who died and rose for them.

On All Souls' Day, we entrust real people to God, not idealized versions of them. We remember their tenderness and stubbornness, their generosity and imperfections, the things they taught us and the wounds they sometimes left behind. God's mercy is spacious enough to embrace their entire unfinished humanity. We pray for their purification and eternal peace, trusting that nothing true or beautiful in them will be lost. We cannot hold their hands anymore, but we can place them into hands infinitely more loving than our own.

Prayer: Merciful Father, receive those whose absence still aches within my heart. Embrace everything beautiful and unfinished in their lives, forgive their sins, and bring them into the fullness of Your peace. Until we meet again, strengthen my trust in Your everlasting love. Amen. ***Readings:*** Wisdom 3:1–9; Psalm 23; Romans 5:5–11; John 6:37–40

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
SOMETIMES BUSYNESS IS THE CLEVEREST WAY TO HIDE FROM GOD.
"Come, everything is now ready." (Luke 14:17)

Busyness can be a surprisingly comfortable hiding place. As long as something needs organizing, fixing, purchasing, or planning, we can avoid the uncomfortable questions waiting beneath the surface. Are we happy with the people we are becoming? Have we neglected someone who loves us? What would happen if we stopped long enough to listen to God? Sometimes an overcrowded calendar is not evidence of a meaningful life. It is a remarkably effective way of avoiding one.

In today's Gospel, the invited guests decline a magnificent banquet because they have other priorities. Their excuses involve perfectly legitimate responsibilities, yet something precious is lost. They are so occupied with managing their lives that they cannot receive the gift offered to them. Saint Paul reveals the opposite movement in Christ, who emptied Himself rather than clinging to His privileges. While the guests protect their carefully arranged worlds, Jesus shows that genuine love requires the freedom to surrender control.

God's invitations often arrive disguised as inconveniences. A lonely person needs our attention, an uncomfortable truth demands honesty, or silence exposes a wound we have carefully avoided. These moments threaten our illusion of self-sufficiency because they ask us to become vulnerable. Yet the banquet is not a reward for getting our lives perfectly organized. It is an invitation to discover that we are already loved. Perhaps the saddest way to miss God's kingdom is to spend our entire lives being too important to accept His invitation.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, free me from the distractions I use to avoid my own heart. Give me courage to become still, humility to recognize my need for You, and wisdom to welcome the invitations that interrupt my carefully arranged plans. Amen.
Readings: Philippians 2:5–11; Psalm 22; Luke 14:15–24

Daily Reflections

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
MEMORIAL OF SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO, BISHOP
THE HEAVIEST CROSSES ARE OFTEN CARRIED QUIETLY.
"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27)

We often imagine great sacrifices in dramatic terms: heroic courage, extraordinary suffering, or some defining moment when everything is placed on the line. Yet most of us will never face such circumstances. Our daily tests arrive quietly, through responsibilities that exhaust us, relationships that disappoint us, and people who seem remarkably gifted at discovering the limits of our patience. We may never be asked to die for our faith, but we are repeatedly asked to surrender the selfishness that makes loving difficult.

Jesus speaks uncompromisingly about the cost of discipleship. His startling language about family insists that even our deepest attachments must be ordered toward God. Following Him means allowing His love to reshape every other loyalty. Saint Paul reminds us that God works within us, transforming both our desires and our actions. The cross is not simply an extraordinary burden imposed upon a few heroic souls. It is the daily surrender through which ordinary people learn to love with extraordinary faithfulness.

Saint Charles Borromeo understood that genuine reform begins with personal conversion. The same truth unfolds in our homes and relationships. Caring for an aging parent, remaining gentle with a difficult spouse, or forgiving someone who cannot undo the harm they caused may demand more courage than anyone realizes. These hidden sacrifices are not insignificant versions of discipleship. They are often where discipleship becomes real. Grace is not reserved for dramatic moments of martyrdom. Sometimes it is revealed most beautifully in the person who chooses love, even when loving requires beginning again tomorrow.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, teach me to recognize the cross hidden within faithful love. Strengthen me when patience is costly, purify my motives when sacrifice becomes difficult, and help me discover that the smallest acts of genuine love can carry eternal significance. Amen.
Readings: Philippians 2:12–18; Psalm 27; Luke 14:25–33

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
GOD BEGINS SEARCHING LONG BEFORE WE ASK TO BE FOUND.
"Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep." (Luke 15:6)

There is a particular loneliness in realizing that we have gradually become someone we never intended to be. Perhaps resentment has hardened our hearts, a compromise has become a habit, or pride has kept us from admitting how far we have wandered. We tell ourselves that we can find our way back whenever we choose. Yet the longer we remain lost, the harder it becomes to ask for help. Sometimes the greatest distance between ourselves and God is not our sin, but our stubborn determination to hide it.

Jesus tells of a shepherd who searches for one lost sheep and a woman who carefully searches for one missing coin. Neither treats what is lost as disposable. Meanwhile, the religious leaders complain because Jesus welcomes sinners. They measure people by their failures; Jesus reveals a God who refuses to abandon them. Saint Paul discovers something similar when he realizes that his impressive religious achievements mean little compared with knowing Christ. His accomplishments were not worthless, but they could never replace the relationship that gave his life its deepest meaning.

Imagine the relief of the sheep when the shepherd finally lifts it onto his shoulders. It has not repaired its mistakes, explained its wandering, or made itself presentable. It has simply been found. Repentance does require turning toward God, but that turning is possible because His mercy has already moved toward us. We may spend years believing that we must become lovable before returning to Him. Jesus reveals the opposite: we can return because we have never stopped being loved.

Prayer: Loving Father, when shame makes me hide and pride keeps me wandering, give me courage to receive Your mercy. Find me where I have lost my way, heal what sin has wounded, and teach me to rejoice in the forgiveness You so freely offer. Amen.
Readings: Philippians 3:3–8a; Psalm 105; Luke 15:1–10

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6
WE PROTECT WHAT WE CANNOT KEEP AND NEGLECT WHAT LASTS.
"Our citizenship is in heaven." (Philippians 3:20)

Human beings possess remarkable ingenuity when their security is at stake. We develop retirement strategies, purchase insurance, create backup plans, and carefully calculate risks that may never materialize. We can spend hours protecting ourselves against an uncertain tomorrow while barely noticing the loneliness of someone sitting across the table. It is a curious contradiction: we invest enormous intelligence in preserving our circumstances, yet sometimes very little imagination in deepening our relationships.

Jesus tells the puzzling story of a dishonest steward who suddenly realizes that his position is ending. Facing an uncertain future, he acts with astonishing determination. Jesus does not praise his dishonesty; He challenges His disciples to demonstrate comparable foresight in matters of eternal importance. Saint Paul reminds us that our true citizenship is in heaven. If we genuinely believe that love outlasts death, shouldn't that conviction shape our priorities at least as powerfully as our concern for financial security?

Imagine bringing the same creativity to generosity that we bring to protecting our possessions. What if we planned acts of kindness as carefully as investments, pursued reconciliation with the urgency of an approaching deadline, and treated another person's dignity as something worth defending at any cost? Prudence is a virtue, but its highest purpose is not merely to preserve what we own. It is to help us become who God created us to be. The future we work so hard to secure will eventually pass away. The love we invest in others never will.

Daily Reflections

Prayer: Heavenly Father, awaken my imagination to the things that truly matter. Help me use my abilities, resources, and opportunities with eternal wisdom, investing more generously in people than in possessions and more faithfully in love than in security. Amen.
Readings: Philippians 3:17—4:1; Psalm 122; Luke 16:1–8

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
PEACE BEGINS WHEN WE STOP TRYING TO CONTROL EVERYTHING.
"I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me." (Philippians 4:13)

We spend an astonishing amount of energy trying to make life predictable. We organize, anticipate, prepare, and occasionally rehearse imaginary conversations that will probably never happen. Beneath all this activity lies a quiet conviction: if we can control enough details, perhaps nothing will disturb our peace. Unfortunately, life has a remarkable talent for ignoring our carefully prepared instructions. And when things go wrong, we often treat the outcome as evidence that we have somehow failed.

Saint Paul offers a radically different understanding of contentment. He has experienced abundance and poverty, security and uncertainty, yet he has learned to remain grounded in Christ. His famous declaration that he can do all things through Christ is not a promise of unlimited success. It is the discovery that his strength does not depend upon favorable circumstances. Jesus warns that we cannot serve both God and wealth because whatever becomes our ultimate security eventually becomes our master. The same is true of our need for control.

Christian contentment is not passive resignation. We still work responsibly, make thoughtful decisions, and care deeply about outcomes. But we refuse to let circumstances determine our worth or steal the freedom Christ has given us. We can do everything within our power without pretending that everything is within our power. Perhaps the most liberating moment in spiritual life comes when we finally understand that faithfulness is our responsibility, but controlling the outcome is not. We are free to do our best, entrust the rest to God, and live.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, free me from the exhausting illusion that everything depends upon me. Give me courage to act faithfully, humility to accept what I cannot control, and the deep peace of trusting You with outcomes I cannot foresee. Amen.
Readings: Philippians 4:10–19; Psalm 112; Luke 16:9–15

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



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.

Christmas Gala

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7TH & WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
PARISH LIFE CENTER • $50 PER PERSON
TICKETS GO ON SALE THIS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH
AT 8 AM IN THE PARISH OFFICE

GALA DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM FOR APPETIZERS • DINNER AT 6:30PM
FOR TABLES OF 8-10 PLEASE REMIT ENTIRE PAYMENT WITH RESERVATION.
THERE IS A MAXIMUM LIMIT OF ONE TABLE, OR TEN TICKETS, PER PURCHASER.
CASH OR CHECKS ONLY.

Enjoy the incredible talents of our Pastor, FATHER JAREK, our Music Director, MARCIN MALEWSKI, our Cantors JULIANA ALFANO, MARIE and WINTER TALLEY, and joining us this year two special new friends, STEVE LATANISION, and the amazing JODIE DESALVO on the piano. These talented musicians will once again bring us sparkle and smiles as we welcome the Magic of the Christmas season to our stage.
LET THE PARTY BEGIN!



MENU:
Visit our exciting Antipasto Garden display for a beautiful array of Appetizers and a mouthwatering Caesar Salad complete with shaved Romano, Asiago and Parmesan cheeses. Then sit down to enjoy succulent braised Pork Tenderloin topped with rich Au Jus and Bourbon Cherries paired with Gruyere Potatoes au Gratin and Lemon Seared Asparagus. And finally, a delectable Chocolate Delight with a surprise indulgence will be served by Rudolph and his mates to finish this delightful feast. As always, beer and wine service continues through dinner.

CATERING BY FRISCO'S

ALL SAINTS' DAY & ALL SOULS' DAY
THE PEOPLE HEAVEN REMEMBERS

by Father Jarek

What the saints, the dead, and the people we love teach us about a life well lived

Have you noticed what people remember at funerals? Rarely does anyone mention how efficiently the deceased answered emails, how impressive their résumé was, or how carefully they organized the garage. Instead, they remember Sunday dinners, terrible jokes, unexpected kindness, and peculiar habits that once drove everyone crazy. The father who told the same story a hundred times. The mother who insisted nobody was eating enough. The husband who could never find his glasses, usually because they were on his head. Strangely, the little things that once irritated us often become the things we would give anything to experience again.

Perhaps that is because death has a remarkable way of revealing what life was really about. The possessions we spent years accumulating eventually belong to someone else. Our responsibilities are reassigned. Our carefully maintained schedules become irrelevant. Yet a kindness offered decades earlier may still be remembered. A word of encouragement may continue shaping someone's life. Love leaves traces that time cannot easily erase. And sometimes, what we miss most is not anything extraordinary someone did, but the simple comfort of knowing they were there.

On November 1, the Church celebrates All Saints' Day. We honor the great saints whose names fill our calendars, but also the countless holy people whose names never appeared in a history book. The grandmother who prayed for everyone, including relatives who tested her patience. The caregiver who returned each morning when nobody was watching. The neighbor who quietly helped someone who could never repay the favor. Their lives may have seemed ordinary. Their love was anything but.

We sometimes imagine saints as people who floated serenely through life, untouched by frustration, disappointment, or the occasional desire to tell someone exactly what they thought. Fortunately, Christianity tells a more encouraging story. Peter denied Jesus. Paul persecuted Christians. Augustine spent years resisting the conversion his mother desperately wanted for him. Holiness is not the story of people who never failed. It is the story of what God's grace can accomplish in people who allow themselves to be changed.

The following day, All Souls' Day, brings us closer to home. We remember our parents, spouses, children, siblings, friends, and all those whose absence has changed the shape of our lives. We pray for them, entrusting them to God's mercy and the healing purification of His love. We do not pretend they were perfect. We knew their weaknesses, just as they knew ours. But love does not require pretending that someone was flawless. It allows us to remember them truthfully, gratefully, and tenderly. All Saints' Day celebrates what God's grace has brought to fulfillment. All Souls' Day entrusts to that same grace those whose journey toward perfect love is not yet complete.

There is something profoundly beautiful about a faith that refuses to abandon people at the grave. The Church teaches that the bonds uniting us in Christ are stronger than death. Our prayers express that communion. We cannot hear familiar voices, share another conversation, or reach across the

dinner table to hold the hands we miss. Yet we can still place those we love into the hands of the God who knows them more completely and loves them more perfectly than we ever could. Grief is not a failure of faith. It is love learning to live with an absence it never wanted. And Christian hope does not ask us to stop missing someone. It assures us that death does not have the final word.

Perhaps these two sacred days also reveal something uncomfortable about the way we live. We are often remarkably attentive to life's great occasions and strangely inattentive to the ordinary moments that make those occasions worth celebrating. We remember birthdays and anniversaries, yet overlook the quiet generosity that fills the days between them. We assume there will always be another Sunday dinner, another familiar voice on the telephone, another opportunity to say thank you or make things right. Only later do we discover that what seemed so ordinary was never ordinary at all. Some of life's greatest gifts arrive so quietly that we recognize their true value only when they are gone.

The saints have much to teach us about a life well lived. They remind us that true greatness is not necessarily found in extraordinary achievements, but in ordinary acts of love offered with extraordinary faithfulness. Those we remember on All Souls' Day teach us that our opportunities to love are not unlimited. One day, someone will tell stories about us. Perhaps they will laugh about our peculiar habits, remember an unexpected kindness, or recall something we said without realizing how deeply it mattered. We cannot decide how long our story will be. But we are helping write its most important pages today. The world often measures a life by how much attention it attracted. Heaven measures it by how much love it gave.

One of the most beautiful ways to honor those who have died is to love those who are still here. Call someone. Forgive someone. Visit someone. Say what needs to be said while there is still time to hear the answer. One day, someone will speak of us in the past tense. Today, we still have the extraordinary privilege of loving in the present. Perhaps that is the simplest lesson of these two sacred days: cherish those who are here, pray for those who have gone before us, and never underestimate how much eternity can begin in an ordinary act of love.

A PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS' AND ALL SOULS' DAYS

Heavenly Father, thank You for the saints who reveal what
Your grace can accomplish and for the people whose love has made our lives beautiful.
Receive our departed loved ones into Your mercy. Heal what remained unfinished,
forgive what was imperfect, and bring them into the joy of Your presence.

Comfort us in the quiet moments when their absence hurts most.
Teach us to cherish those still beside us, to forgive while there is time,
and to recognize holiness in the ordinary opportunities to love.
And when our own journey ends, may we leave behind hearts made gentler
by our presence and lives made richer by our love.
Until we meet again, Lord, help us love well. Amen.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
MONDAY	**NOVERMBER 2**	
8:00 am	+Neil Christopher Dundee	Patricia McConnell
TUESDAY	**NOVERMBER 3**	
8:00 am	+Richard Banker	Corinne & Charles
WEDNESDAY	**NOVERMBER 4**	
8:00 am	+Margaret Schaaf	Her Loving Daughter, Paula Hand
THURSDAY	**NOVERMBER 5**	
8:00 am	+Marie Brindisi	The Kanes
FRIDAY	**NOVERMBER 6**	
8:00 am	+James Myette Sr.	Janet & Lyle
SATURDAY	**NOVERMBER 7**	
8:00 am	+Paul Adl	His Loving Wife, Alicja
3:30 pm	The Parishioners of St. Leo	
5:30 pm	+Helen, +John & +Lisa Lagowski	Their Loving Daughter, Theresa
SUNDAY	**NOVERMBER 8**	
7:30 am	+Mary Lynn Van Steenberg	Joe Stegle
9:30 am	+ James Donovan Moore III	Holly and John Del Bello
11:30 am	+Shirley Koss	Her Loving Daughter, Barbara Koss
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	+Francisco Javier Lemus	His Loving Family

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.



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.

Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 2-3pm in church.

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 & 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 -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 all to join us in these wonderful prayers.



ST LEO'S RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Meetings are held in the Nest Cafe on the last Friday of the month at 9am.
Due to the holiday schedule, our next meeting will be in January.
For questions call Peggy at 293-3201.



Flowers this week are dedicated to Parishioners of St. Leo

Candles this week are dedicated to †Joe & †Rose Scenna
Requested by Their Loving Daughter & Son-in-Law

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
Lt. Com. Matthew Kleine
Lt. Wm. Reed Leesman
Lt. Col. Nicholas LoRusso
Joseph McDermond
Daniel McDonald
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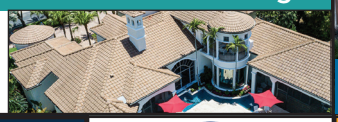
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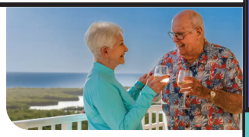
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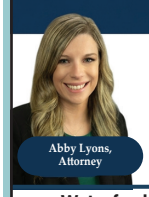


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