

# 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 16, 2025*



Abraham van Diepenbeeck | Saint Cecilia  
Feast Day November 22th | The Metropolitan Museum of Art

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DAILY MASS: MONDAY-SATURDAY: 8 AM • CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 2-3PM

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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Thank you for your  
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November 8 & 9

\$31,132

# 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 2pm on Saturday in English 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 - 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](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/vocations)

## ONLINE GIVING

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

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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.

## Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

### Saturday, November 22

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

### Sunday, November 23

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 7:30 am         | Fr. Jarek |
| 9:30 am         | Fr. Jarek |
| 11:30 am        | Fr. Jack  |
| 3:00 pm-Spanish | Fr. Raul  |
| 5:00 pm         | Fr. Raul  |

*Changes may occur without notice.*

# Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

**Sunday, November 16**

**Thirty third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Fire That Heals**

***For you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays. (Malachi 3:20)***

Every age is convinced it is living at the edge of disaster. The prophets stand in the middle of our headlines and remind us that the real story is not panic, but purification. Malachi speaks of a day blazing like an oven, which sounds terrifying until we remember that God is a refiner, not an arsonist. His fire is not gossip dressed up as religion or anxiety baptized as prophecy. His fire burns away what devours us, so that what is true can finally breathe.

Saint Paul gently corrects the believers who were spending more time in other people's lives than in their own responsibilities. Apparently this is not a modern invention. He offers a simple remedy for restless hearts and noisy communities: quiet work, honest effort, steady fidelity. Meanwhile, Jesus describes wars, earthquakes, betrayals, confusion. He does not say, Run. He says, Stand. Not with clenched fists, but with lifted heads, because God has not abandoned the story.

We all know what it feels like when our personal temples start to crumble. The diagnosis, the disappointment, the fractured relationship, the plan that falls apart. In those moments the Lord is not gleefully kicking over our stones. He is standing beside us in the dust, inviting us to hold firm until a deeper foundation appears.

***Prayer:*** Lord, purify my heart without hardening it. In the shaking of this world and the smaller tremors of my days, keep me steady, honest, and faithful, until Your healing light breaks through. Amen. Malachi 3:19 to 20 a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:7 to 12; Luke 21:5 to 19

**Monday, November 17**

**Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**

**The Cry That God Cannot Ignore**

***Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me. (Luke 18:38)***

There are tidy prayers that sound very respectable, and then there are the prayers that come from the emergency room of the soul. The blind man in today's Gospel belongs to the second group. He is loud, inconvenient, and impossible to shush. The more they tell him to be quiet, the louder his hope becomes. It is as if his heart knows that when mercy is near, silence is not holiness, it is missed opportunity.

When Jesus asks, What do you want me to do for you, the answer is disarmingly simple: Lord, please let me see. No speech, no negotiation, no footnotes. Just the raw ache of a man who is tired of darkness. Saint Elizabeth of Hungary lived that same clarity. She looked around her palace and saw not only guests and courtiers, but Christ disguised in the poor. Where others saw a problem, she saw a person. Where others saw a burden, she saw her calling.

Maybe our lives would become lighter if we stopped decorating our prayers and started telling the truth. Lord, I cannot see. Lord, I am afraid. Lord, show me where You are in this. These are the cries that never go unheard.

***Prayer:*** Lord Jesus, open my eyes where I am blind, my heart where I am closed, and my hands where I am hesitant. Let me see You in those who suffer and in the places I would rather overlook. Amen. 1 Maccabees 1:10 to 15, 41 to 43, 54 to 57, 62 to 63; Psalm 119; Luke 18:35 to 43

**Tuesday, November 18, 2025**

**Tuesday of the Thirty third Week in Ordinary Time**

**When God Invites Himself Over**

***Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house. (Luke 19:5)***

Zacchaeus climbs a tree because he is curious about Jesus and tired of staring at the backs of taller, more respectable people. It is a comic scene if you imagine it honestly. A powerful tax collector scrambling up a branch like a child. Then comes the surprise. Jesus stops, looks up, and calls him by name. Zacchaeus wanted a glimpse of God from a safe distance. God wants dinner.

Eleazar in the first reading refuses even the appearance of betrayal, choosing integrity over survival. Zacchaeus chooses conversion over comfort, throwing open his accounts and his doors. Both men show us that holiness is not about looking impressive. It is about stepping out of pretense and letting grace rewrite the story.

Some of us hide in our successes, others in our failures. Both are convenient trees that keep real intimacy with God at a distance. Jesus is not content to pass by. He stands beneath our hiding places and says, Come down. I want to be with you in the real house, not the edited version.

***Prayer:*** Lord, call me out of my comfortable branches. Come into the cluttered rooms of my life, sit at my table, and give me the courage to repair what selfishness has broken. Amen. Maccabees 6:18 to 31; Psalm 3; Luke 19:1 to 10

**Wednesday, November 19**

**Wednesday of the Thirty third Week in Ordinary Time**

**The Investment of a Lifetime**

***Well done, good servant. You have been faithful in this very small matter. (Luke 19:17)***

Many believers treat grace like an emergency fund that must never be touched. Jesus tells a story that sounds suspiciously like a financial lesson but is really a spiritual one. The servants who risk the master's coin are praised, not because of profit charts, but because they were willing to trust. The fearful servant hides the gift and then blames the master for his own paralysis. It is uncomfortably familiar.

The heroic mother in Maccabees understands what real investment looks like. She spends every ounce of courage, every instinct of her heart, on fidelity to God and the example she leaves her children. She has nothing to show the world except a conscience that is free. That, in the ledger of heaven, is priceless.

Our small daily choices are spiritual currency. A word of encouragement, an honest apology, an afternoon given to someone lonely, a hidden act of generosity. None of it is wasted. The only real loss is the love we were too afraid to offer.

***Prayer:*** Lord, save me from the temptation to bury the gifts You have placed within me. Teach me to risk kindness, to spend my time and heart generously, and to trust that nothing given in love is ever lost. Amen. 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20 to 31; Psalm 17; Luke 19:11 to 28

**Thursday, November 20**

**Thursday of the Thirty third Week in Ordinary Time**

**When God Cries Over a City**

***As Jesus drew near Jerusalem, he saw the city and wept over it. (Luke 19:41)***

We are used to images of strength for God. Thunder, glory, majesty. We are less prepared for the sight of the Lord standing on a hillside with tears on His face. Jesus looks at Jerusalem, the city of promise and missed chances, and He weeps. Not because He is defeated, but because love can see what stubborn hearts refuse to see.

Mattathias responds to betrayal with fierce zeal in the first reading. Jesus responds to spiritual blindness with grief that is just as passionate. In both we glimpse a God who takes our choices seriously. He will not force us to choose peace, but He will never stop longing for it on our behalf.

Sometimes our own lives resemble that city under warning. We sense that certain patterns, grudges, and compromises cannot hold forever. The Lord does not stand at a distance, muttering, I told you so. He draws close and mourns for what we are losing, even as He offers another way.

***Prayer:*** Lord, let Your tears for this world wash through my indifference. Soften what has grown hard in me. Teach me to recognize the time of Your visitation and to welcome the peace You still desire to give. Amen. 1 Maccabees 2:15 to 29; Psalm 50; Luke 19:41 to 44

**Friday, November 21**

**Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**When the Walls Shine Again**

***Now that our enemies have been crushed, let us go up to purify the sanctuary and rededicate it. (1 Maccabees 4:36)***

Anyone who has ever lived through a home repair project knows that renewal is not neat.

There is dust, noise, and at least one moment when you wonder why you started. Israel goes up to the ruined sanctuary with that same mix of exhaustion and hope. They clear the rubble, rebuild the altar, light the lamps, and somewhere in the work, joy returns.

Mary, presented in the temple as a little girl, becomes herself the living sanctuary where God will dwell. There is nothing dramatic in the story, just a quiet offering that shapes salvation.

God seems remarkably fond of working through small, steady yes rather than spectacular displays.

Our souls sometimes feel like neglected buildings, with doors that do not close well and corners we do not want visitors to see. The good news is that God is not put off by the mess. He is the one who walks in, rolls up His sleeves, and starts opening windows.

***Prayer:*** Lord, purify the inner temple of my heart. Repair what has been damaged by sin or discouragement. Through the prayers of Mary, teach me to offer myself simply and completely to Your will. Amen. 1 Maccabees 4:36 to 37, 52 to 59; 1 Chronicles 29:10 to 13; Luke 19:45 to 48

**Saturday, November 22**

**Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**

**The Song Death Cannot Silence**

***He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to Him all are alive. (Luke 20:38)***

Saint Cecilia is remembered as a young woman who refused to let fear have the last word. Tradition says that even in suffering she kept a song for God in her heart. Whether or not she sang out loud, the point is clear. There is a music that pain cannot cancel and death cannot steal.

In the first reading, Antiochus reaches the end of his life with a heavy conscience and a bitter heart. He finally realizes that power without mercy leads to a lonely bed in a foreign land.

Cecilia reaches her end with a clear heart and a bright faith, and the Church lovingly whispers her name centuries later every time her feast returns. One grasped at control and lost everything. The other entrusted everything and lost nothing important.

Jesus answers the Sadducees by lifting our eyes beyond their trick question. God does not preside over a cemetery of memories. He is Lord of a living communion where every act of love still matters and every beloved one is held in His present tense.

***Prayer:*** Lord, teach me to live today in the light of the resurrection. When I am tempted to despair, give me the courage to praise You anyway. May my life become a quiet hymn of trust that even death cannot silence. Amen. 1 Maccabees 6:1 to 13; Psalm 9; Luke 20:27 to 40

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



# Standing in the Shaking: Perseverance in a Culture of Panic

*Based on Luke 21:5–19 and 2 Thessalonians 3:7–12*

*By Father Jarek*

If the world ended every time someone predicted it, we would all be living in a post apocalypse by now. Each morning seems to bring a new tremor in the collective mood: the markets wobble, the weather rages, nations bristle, headlines shout, and the soul quietly wonders what will collapse next. We live, as one writer put it, in an age of chronic alarm. Our attention is constantly hijacked by breaking news, and our peace of mind breaks with it.

And into this frenzy steps Jesus, utterly unhurried. “When you hear of wars and insurrections,” He says, “do not be terrified. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.” He speaks as if fear were optional, as if panic were not inevitable but a choice. His calm is so foreign to our times that it sounds almost subversive. The world trembles, and He simply tells us to stand.

## The Fever of Fear

Fear, it turns out, is the fastest spreading contagion on earth. You can catch it from a rumor, a tweet, a newscast, or even from someone’s tone of voice. Entire industries profit from keeping us uneasy, selling certainty to a world addicted to crisis. “The end is near,” they insist, and the strange thing is, they are always half right. Something is always ending. What they miss is the point.

The Bible’s fire is never about destruction for its own sake. God is not an arsonist; He is a refiner. His flames do not consume, they clarify. The same can be said of the world’s shaking. The chaos we fear may not be a sign of God’s absence, but of His arrival. When everything stable begins to move, grace often enters quietly through the cracks.

Jesus knew this. That is why He warns us not to be deceived by the false prophets of panic. They have been with us forever: the merchants of outrage, the religious doomsayers, the experts who confuse shouting for truth. Their voices are loud, but their wisdom is shallow. Christ invites us to listen for another voice, the still, patient one that speaks peace in the middle of the noise.

## The Strength of the Steady

Saint Paul offers a curious antidote to the hysteria of his own day. To the Thessalonians who were arguing about the world’s end, he writes, “Work quietly. Eat your own food.” It sounds comically ordinary, but it is revolutionary advice. In a world obsessed with spectacle, Paul points to the holiness of small, faithful acts.

The greatest heroes of endurance are not the ones who make headlines. They are the caregivers who keep showing up. The widower who still prays at night for the wife he buried years ago. The mother who never stops forgiving the child who has lost her way. The nurse who whispers a blessing under her breath before every shift. They may not move mountains, but they keep the ground from collapsing beneath others.

Perseverance does not glitter, but it shines. It is the light that endures after applause fades. It is the virtue of those who keep loving when love no longer feels convenient.

## When the Temples Fall

The disciples could hardly believe their ears when Jesus told them the great temple would fall. Its stones were enormous, its beauty unmatched. To imagine it reduced to rubble was unthinkable. Yet within a generation, it happened. The magnificent walls of Jerusalem were torn apart, just as He said.

It is the same with us. Every life eventually meets its own trembling moment, the day when the temple we built begins to crumble. Sometimes it is a diagnosis. Sometimes a betrayal, a lost job, a silent home. The things that once felt permanent begin to come undone, and we wonder where God has gone.

But the truth is that God has not gone anywhere. He is standing beside us in the dust. His presence is not always visible, but it is unmistakable to the heart that keeps listening. When the walls fall, what remains is Him.



## Perseverance as Prophecy

In a world addicted to speed and drama, perseverance is a kind of rebellion. It defies the culture that equates success with visibility and virtue with victory. To persevere, to keep faith, to keep hope, to keep love alive when the world says it is pointless, is a prophetic act.

Perseverance is not stubbornness; it is love stretched across time. It is the art of remaining when everything else runs away. It is Mary at the foot of the cross, the last one standing when faith seems defeated. It is the monk praying through the night, the husband forgiving again, the friend who does not leave. Every act of endurance writes its own quiet gospel.

And yes, there is humor hidden in the patience of God. We want clarity by Friday; He builds character by decades. We demand proof that everything will be fine; He gives us strength to keep walking without it. But those who stay in the story long enough discover something remarkable: beneath the noise of fear, there is a stillness no tremor can reach. That stillness is Christ.

## The Calm Beyond the Quake

So perhaps the holiest thing we can do in these shaking times is to resist the fever of fear. To pray instead of post. To listen instead of shout. To choose steadiness over spectacle.

The ground may tremble, but grace does not. Empires fall, ideologies crumble, even churches struggle and rise again, but God remains. His promise is strangely tender: "Not a hair on your head will be destroyed." It is not a statistical assurance, it is a statement of intimacy. We are seen, counted, and held, even when the world shakes apart.

The saints knew this language well. Stability is the dialect of heaven. In the end, the ones who stand, patient, gentle, faithful, are not merely survivors. They are the steady lights by which others find their footing.

Faith does not promise a world without earthquakes. It promises that when the shaking begins, the hands of grace will hold us fast and teach us, even then, how to stand.

Was this reflection food for your soul? Find more uplifting reflections, heartfelt prayers, and faith-filled essays at [CatholicJourneyToday.com](http://CatholicJourneyToday.com).

# Christmas Toy Drive

Angels are going on the trees at the entrances of Church **this weekend, November 22/23**. Once again we are requesting that you purchase a toy for your child, rather than clothing which can be difficult to determine the correct size.

Taking an angel and supplying a gift will help families who are looking for assistance in making their children's Christmas brighter.

**PLEASE DO NOT WRAP YOUR PRESENT.  
BRING IT UNWRAPPED, WITH THE ANGEL LABEL ATTACHED,  
TO THE CHURCH OR PARISH OFFICE BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT**





# *Venetian Dreams*

## *St. Leo's Ladies' Guild*

### *Fashion Show – February 10, 2026*

*Doors Open at 11am – Lunch Served at Noon*

*Parish Life Center*

### Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorships include the cost of seat tickets plus an additional tax-deductible donation.

Benefits of ALL Sponsor levels include: Advanced ticket purchase, priority seating for stage viewing, priority entry, recognition in the event program and the parish bulletin.

Sponsorships are limited, and seating is assigned based on sponsorship level and date of receipt of sponsorship form.

Tickets are non-refundable, but transferrable.

- ☐ **GRAND CANAL \$1000** Full Table (8 VIP Tickets, priority seating) Name will be recognized at the luncheon, on a sign, table, program and in the parish bulletin.
- ☐ **PIAZZA SAN MARCO \$500** Half Table (4 VIP tickets, priority seating) Name will be recognized at the luncheon, in program and parish bulletin.
- ☐ **RIALTO BRIDGE \$250** Two VIP tickets. Priority seating. Recognition in program and Parish bulletin.
- ☐ **GONDOLA \$125** One VIP ticket. Priority seating. Recognition in program.
- ☐ I am unable to attend. Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.
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Tickets may not be mailed. Pick-up only January 13, 2026  
at the Auditorium/Nest Café or by arrangement.

Please make checks payable to:

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For more information, please contact Bonnie Shelor at

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# 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!**



## Patrons of the Calvary Garden



Thank you for your support.

The 50 spaces for the Patrons of the Calvary Garden have been filled.



*This season Faith and Wine is offering three events beginning December 4, with an inspiring and informative talk featuring Annie Karto, Catholic singer and songwriter. Other events are scheduled for January 22, and February 19. Your \$28 registration includes a three-course dinner with wine followed by a presentation and the opportunity for community and connectivity with other faith-based women. For more information or to register go to [www.faithandwineleecounty.com](http://www.faithandwineleecounty.com)*

## 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.

## ST. LEO 11TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES / OCTOBER 31 CELEBRATING GOD'S PRECIOUS GIFT OF LIFE



# THANK YOU ST. LEO PARISHIONERS!



# 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.  
We will serve nearly 1,000 families this year.

## Christmas Gala

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AND  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

ST. LEO PARISH LIFE CENTER

# SOLD OUT!

Thank you for  
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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 are "flying solo" at this point in your life....whether by choice, widowhood, or divorce, and you would like to socialize with others in the same situation, you are welcomed to sit at our specially designated tables during select entertainment events at the parish.





## NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

| MASS              | INTENTION                               | REQUESTED BY                  |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>MONDAY</b>     | <b>NOVEMBER 17</b>                      |                               |
| 8:00 am           | +Theresa Solazzo                        | Her Loving Family             |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>    | <b>NOVEMBER 18</b>                      |                               |
| 8:00 am           | +William Watkinson                      | His Wife, MaryAnn             |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>  | <b>NOVEMBER 19</b>                      |                               |
| 8:00 am           | +Bruce Miller                           | MaryAnn & Tom Galluccio       |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>   | <b>NOVEMBER 20</b>                      |                               |
| 8:00 am           | +Mary & Lloyd Shower                    | Their Loving Daughter         |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>     | <b>NOVEMBER 21</b>                      |                               |
| 8:00 am           | +Silvia Shettlar                        | Her Family                    |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>   | <b>NOVEMBER 22</b>                      |                               |
| 8:00 am           | +Zachery Solazzo                        | His Loving Parents            |
| 3:30 pm           | +Bruce Miller                           | +Thomas & +Dolores Geiselhart |
| 5:30 pm           | +Kirby Sullivan                         | Joan Herberholz               |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>     | <b>NOVEMBER 23</b>                      |                               |
| 7:30 am           | The Parishioners of St. Leo             |                               |
| 9:30 am           | +Kirby Sullivan                         | Joan Herberholz               |
| 11:30 am          | +Peter Dunne                            | His Loving Daughter, Bonnie   |
| 3:00 pm - Spanish | Special Cumulative Intentions           |                               |
| 5:00 pm           | +Michael, +Carmine & +Rose DiSebastiano | Terri & Steve Hrapsky         |



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| Reed Lessman              | <i>All serving in the military,</i> |
| Lt. Col. Nicholas LoRusso | <i>especially those in combat.</i>  |

### *We pray today for...*

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| Mickey Chervitz         | Jay Morgan                      |
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| Scott Cochell           | Glenn Nelson                    |
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| Greg Daeger             | Paul Nippert                    |
| Eli Davis               | Rita Off                        |
| Janet Davis             | Connie Phillips                 |
| Tara DeRoma             | Aiden Putnam                    |
| Carrie Derse            | Michelle Rendon                 |
| Paul Duggan             | Norman Robinson                 |
| Brad Fairfield          | Jack Rubush                     |
| Paula Fairfield         | Tessa Santagate                 |
| Linda Fischel           | Cindy Santiago                  |
| Sean Flynn              | Martha Simons                   |
| Brynn Forlizzi          | Rosemarie Smedile               |
| John Galli              | Sheryl Southerd                 |
| Gisette Lupita Garcia   | Cathleen Staid                  |
| Ben Gondersone          | Jim Stokes                      |
| Esmeralda Gomez Moreira | Charlie Sweeney Jr.             |
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| Pauline Graziano        | Fabio Thurman                   |
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| Robbin Holcomb          | John White                      |
| Jack Jeffrey            | George Witkowski                |
| Jerry Kaehle            | Ray Zonghetti                   |
| Nolan Kane              | Annie Zanussi                   |
| Mary Kobel              | Anthony, Christine, Fabiala,    |
| Peggy Land              | Krislin, Michael, Tray. Present |
| Diane Lamdi             | & past parish priests.          |

Names remain on our prayer list for 30 days & troop list for 6 months.  
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### Prayer Group

All are welcome on Wednesday mornings in the Nest Cafe at 8:45am to pray for our personal intentions and those of our community, country and peace in our world.

### Rosary Makers - Wednesday at 10:30 am - Nest Café

All are welcome to join the JMJ Rosary Makers as they make beaded string rosaries. The instructions, supplies and tools required will be provided. Since prayer and evangelization are needed more than ever, so are rosaries.

Walking with Moms in Need is a program at St. Leo which connects pregnant women and new mothers in need with assistance and support. Please go to our website for more information [www.stleocatholicchurch.org](http://www.stleocatholicchurch.org)

### The Sewing, Knitting & Crocheting Group

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### 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 following 8am Mass beginning again in January.  
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| St. Leo the Great Ladies Guild      | Beth Daniels.....248-376-2997           |
| Usher Ministry                      | Parish Office ..... 992-0901            |
| Youth Ministry                      | Gisela Meraz..... 992-0901              |

The St. Leo Ladies' Guild invites all members of the parish to a presentation from the Florida Public Archaeology Network on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AT 1PM** **IN THE NEW AUDITORIUM.**

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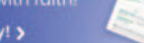
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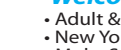


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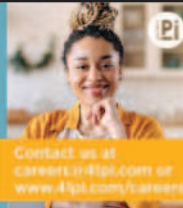
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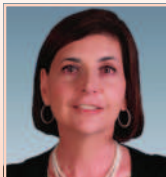
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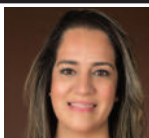
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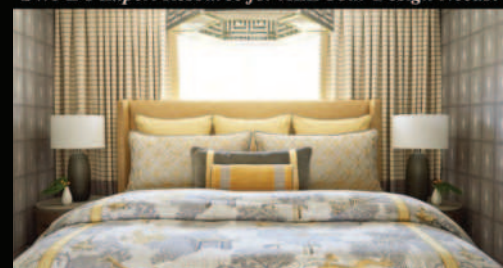
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