St. Leo The Great Catholic Church

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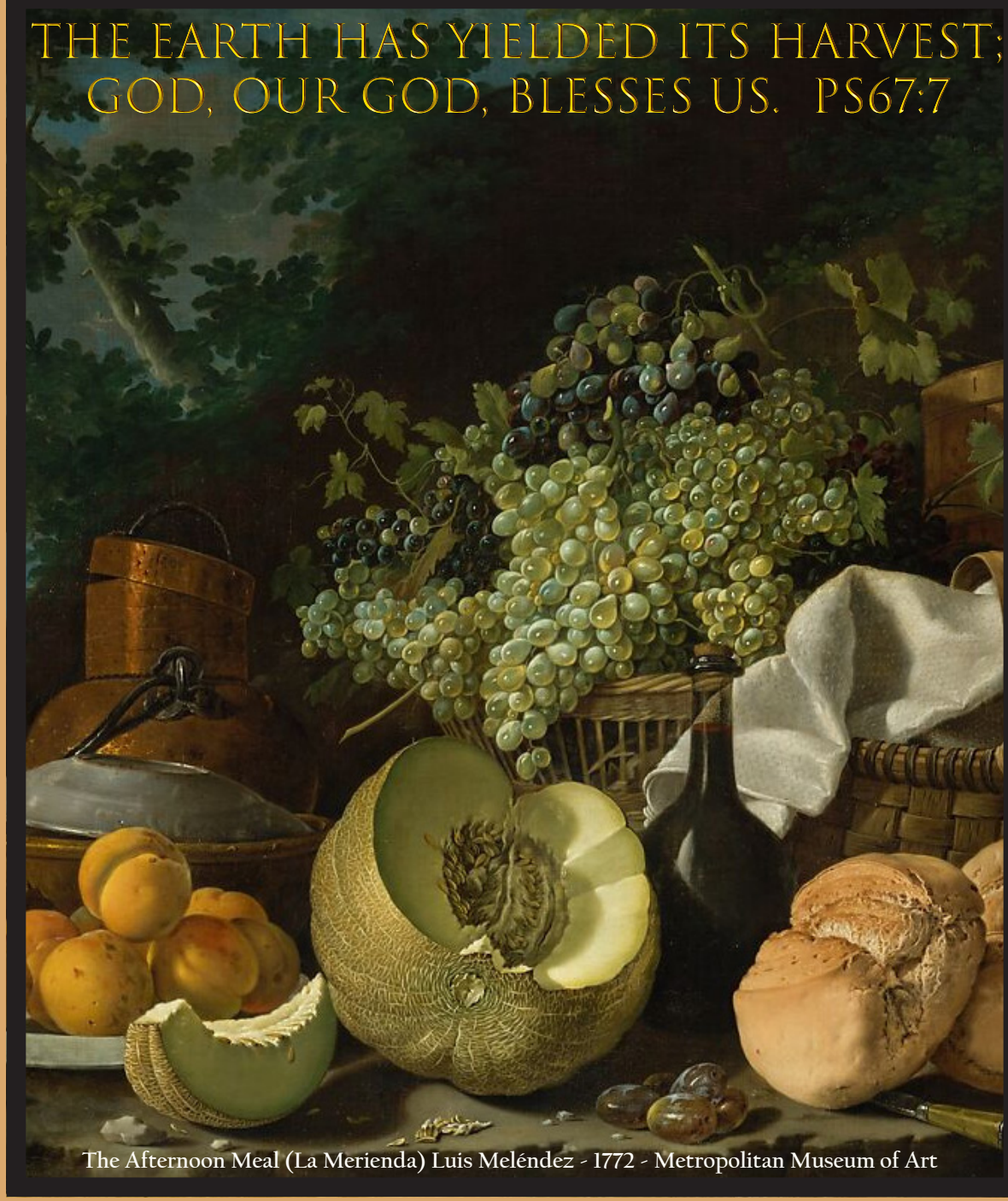
November 22, 2026



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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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Thank you for your continued generosity!

Due to the printer's holiday schedule this bulletin was submitted before the most recent collections were tabulated.

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

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 condition units in the Parish Life Center and Education Building. 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.

ONLINE GIVING
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Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 28

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

Sunday, November 29

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

Changes may occur without notice.



Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Parish Life Center

Monday, December 14th - 12 noon

If you are an active volunteer in one of St. Leo's Ministries,
please call the parish office at 992-0901
by Wednesday, December 9th to RSVP.
want to take this time to acknowledge all that you do
and show you how much you are appreciated.

Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE MAY BE WAITING FOR YOU IN SOMEONE YOU WOULD RATHER AVOID
"Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

We sometimes imagine that encountering God would be an extraordinary experience, accompanied by heavenly music, unmistakable signs, and perhaps a few angels making the necessary introductions. Yet Jesus describes something considerably less dramatic. He comes disguised as someone hungry, lonely, sick, imprisoned, or simply difficult to love. The King of the Universe apparently has no objection to appearing in circumstances we would ordinarily prefer to avoid.

Today's Gospel reveals that the final judgment will concern something surprisingly ordinary: how we treated people when there was nothing to gain. Jesus does not dismiss prayer, worship, or religious devotion. He reveals what they are meant to produce. The people welcomed into His kingdom are astonished because they never realized they were serving Him. They simply noticed suffering and responded with compassion. Their love had become so natural that they no longer considered it remarkable.

Perhaps the greatest spiritual tragedy is not failing to recognize God in heaven, but repeatedly overlooking Him on earth. The elderly neighbor who talks too long, the family member who tests our patience, the stranger whose troubles interrupt our carefully organized day, all may become unexpected encounters with Christ. We cannot solve everyone's problems, but we can refuse to let familiarity make us indifferent. One day, we may discover that the moments we considered interruptions were among the most important appointments of our lives.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, open my eyes to recognize You in people I might otherwise overlook. Free my heart from indifference, and teach me to love without calculating what it will cost or what I might receive in return. Amen.

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17; Psalm 23:1–6; 1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28; Matthew 25:31–46

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23
GOD DOES NOT MEASURE GENEROSITY BY WHAT LEAVES OUR HANDS, BUT BY WHAT REMAINS IN OUR HEARTS
"This poor widow put in more than all the rest." (Luke 21:3)

Most of us have experienced the uncomfortable feeling that whatever we have to offer is not quite enough. Someone else has more money, more energy, more talent, or more time. We compare our modest contributions with the impressive achievements of others and quietly conclude that our efforts hardly matter. It is remarkable how easily we can become discouraged by measuring our lives with someone else's ruler.

Jesus watches wealthy people making substantial offerings to the temple treasury. Then He notices a poor widow contributing two tiny coins. Financially, her gift is almost insignificant. Spiritually, Jesus recognizes something extraordinary. She gives from her poverty rather than her abundance. Her generosity reveals a heart willing to trust God even when security is scarce. Jesus sees what everyone else overlooks: the love and sacrifice hidden within an apparently insignificant act.

There are seasons when our greatest offering is simply getting through another difficult day without surrendering our kindness. A tired parent listens patiently. An elderly person prays for someone who has forgotten them. A struggling friend offers encouragement while carrying burdens nobody knows about. Heaven does not maintain a leaderboard of impressive accomplishments. God understands what every act of love has cost us. Sometimes the smallest gift represents the greatest courage, and sometimes two little coins contain more faith than an entire treasury.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, free me from comparing my life with others. Help me recognize the value of what I can offer today, however small it may seem. Teach me to give generously from the heart and trust that nothing offered with love is ever insignificant to You. Amen.

Readings: Revelation 14:1–3, 4b–5; Psalm 24:1–6; Luke 21:1–4

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
WHEN EVERYTHING AROUND YOU FEELS UNCERTAIN, REMEMBER WHAT CANNOT BE TAKEN AWAY
"See that you not be deceived." (Luke 21:8)

Human beings have always been fascinated by predictions about the end of the world. Every generation seems convinced that its particular collection of disasters, conflicts, and political confusion must be unprecedented. Today, we have the additional convenience of receiving frightening predictions directly on our phones, often before we've even had our morning coffee, which, frankly, is no way to prepare for the apocalypse. Anxiety has become remarkably efficient at keeping us informed about things we cannot control.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about the destruction of the temple, wars, earthquakes, and upheavals. His listeners understandably want to know when everything will happen. But Jesus refuses to satisfy their curiosity. Instead, He warns them against deception and fear. The temple, magnificent as it was, would not last forever. Neither will the institutions, possessions, and arrangements upon which we build our sense of security. The martyrs we remember today understood this truth. They could lose their freedom and even their lives, but persecution could not take away their fidelity to Christ.

Most of us will never face the extraordinary courage demanded of the martyrs. Our challenge is quieter: remaining faithful when circumstances change, plans collapse, or the future becomes uncertain. We cannot guarantee that tomorrow will resemble yesterday. We can, however, decide what kind of person we will become in the meantime. Peace does not come from knowing exactly what will happen next. It grows from knowing whom we can trust when we do not know. The future may be uncertain, but God's faithfulness is not.

Prayer: Lord, when the world feels unstable and my thoughts become troubled, steady my heart in Your presence. Give me the wisdom to distinguish genuine concerns from unnecessary fears, and the courage to remain faithful when life does not unfold as I had hoped. Amen.

Readings: Revelation 14:14–19; Psalm 96:10–13; Luke 21:5–11

Daily Reflections

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
SOME OF LIFE'S GREATEST VICTORIES LOOK NOTHING LIKE WINNING
"By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Luke 21:19)

We generally prefer victories that are obvious. Problems get solved, difficult people finally admit we were right, illnesses disappear, and complicated situations reach satisfying conclusions. Ideally, all this happens quickly and without requiring too much patience. Unfortunately, life rarely consults our preferred timetable, and some of its most important struggles never produce the kind of victory we imagined.

Jesus tells His disciples that following Him will sometimes bring rejection, misunderstanding, betrayal, and suffering. He does not promise that faithfulness will make life easy. Instead, He promises His presence and wisdom in the midst of difficulty. In Revelation, those who have resisted evil stand before God singing a song of victory. Their triumph is not that they escaped every hardship, but that hardship never succeeded in separating them from God. Their perseverance became a testimony stronger than their suffering.

Perhaps you are carrying a struggle that nobody else fully understands. You have prayed, waited, forgiven, started over, and occasionally wondered whether any of it makes a difference. Yet every time you refuse bitterness, choose honesty when dishonesty would be easier, or continue loving despite disappointment, something profound is happening. Perseverance is not pretending that suffering does not hurt. It is refusing to let suffering determine who we become. Sometimes victory means that the difficulty remains, but it has not managed to destroy the goodness within us.

Prayer: Father, You know the struggles I rarely speak about and the weariness I sometimes hide. When answers are delayed and my strength feels insufficient, help me remain faithful without becoming bitter. May the difficulties I cannot escape never rob me of the love I can still give. Amen.

Readings: Revelation 15:1–4; Psalm 98:1–9; Luke 21:12–19

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
Thanksgiving Day
GRATITUDE DOES NOT CHANGE WHAT WE HAVE, BUT IT CHANGES HOW WE EXPERIENCE EVERYTHING
"One of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice." (Luke 17:15)

Thanksgiving is a beautiful occasion for gathering with people we love, enjoying familiar traditions, and remembering our blessings. It is also a day when perfectly reasonable adults can become surprisingly emotional about how the turkey was prepared, whether the stuffing tastes like Grandma's, or why someone brought up politics before dessert. Families are wonderful reminders that gratitude and patience frequently need to travel together.

In today's Gospel, ten people suffering from leprosy cry out to Jesus for mercy. All ten receive healing, but only one returns to express gratitude. The other nine are not necessarily wicked or deliberately ungrateful. Perhaps they are overwhelmed with excitement, eager to see their families, or anxious to resume the lives they had lost. Yet something important distinguishes the one who returns. He recognizes that the greatest gift is not simply what has happened to him, but the One who has made it possible. Gratitude transforms a blessing into a relationship.

Not everyone approaches Thanksgiving with an overflowing heart. Some tables have empty chairs. Some families are divided. Others face illness, financial worries, or private grief. Gratitude does not require pretending that everything is wonderful. It invites us to recognize that even an imperfect life can contain genuine gifts. A familiar voice, an unexpected kindness, another morning, or the strength to endure what we cannot change may become reasons for thanksgiving. Perhaps the deepest gratitude begins when we stop waiting for a perfect life and discover how much love has already been given within the life we actually have.

Prayer: Loving Father, thank You for blessings I recognize and countless others I overlook. Be especially close to those whose hearts are heavy today. Teach me to appreciate the people I still have, cherish the moments that will not return, and remain grateful even when life is far from perfect. Amen.

Readings: Sirach 50:22–24; Psalm 145:2–11; 1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Luke 17:11–19

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
WHAT SEEMS LIKE THE END MAY BE SOMETHING GOD IS STILL BEGINNING
"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." (Luke 21:33)

There are moments when life seems to be quietly dismantling everything we thought would remain. Children grow up and move away. Friendships change. Health becomes less predictable. Familiar places disappear, and people who once filled our days become cherished memories. Even the mirror occasionally delivers information we did not request. Change is unavoidable, but accepting it can be one of the most demanding lessons of the human heart.

Today's reading from Revelation presents a breathtaking vision of a new heaven and a new earth. The world as we know it passes away, yet God's final purpose is not destruction but renewal. Jesus offers a simple image of trees beginning to blossom. What appears lifeless during winter may already be preparing for spring. The kingdom of God often approaches in ways we cannot immediately recognize. Beneath endings, disappointments, and painful transitions, possibilities may be developing that remain invisible to us.

Faith does not require us to celebrate every change or pretend that loss is easy. Some endings deserve tears, and some absences will always hurt. But we must be careful not to confuse the end of something familiar with the end of everything meaningful. God's promises reach beyond the limits of our understanding and even beyond death itself. We may not recover every happiness we have lost, but we have not exhausted the possibilities of God's goodness. The Christian hope is not that nothing precious will ever end. It is that nothing entrusted to God's love is beyond His power to redeem.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me release what I cannot keep without losing gratitude for what it has meant. When familiar chapters close, give me courage to trust the future I cannot yet see. Remind me that Your love remains when everything else changes, and that my story is never beyond Your power to renew. Amen.

Readings: Revelation 20:1–4, 11—21:2; Psalm 84:3–8; Luke 21:29–33

Daily Reflections

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
BE CAREFUL NOT TO BECOME SO BUSY LIVING THAT YOU FORGET TO BE ALIVE
"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from the anxieties of daily life." (Luke 21:34)

One of the strangest things about modern life is how easily we can become exhausted without feeling that we have accomplished anything particularly meaningful. We answer messages, manage appointments, worry about responsibilities, and move from one obligation to another. Sometimes we become so busy preparing for tomorrow that we barely notice today. We can even spend an entire evening scrolling through other people's lives while wondering why our own feels strangely unfulfilling.

Jesus warns His disciples against hearts weighed down by excessive pleasures and the anxieties of daily life. His concern is not simply that people might behave badly, but that they might gradually stop paying attention to what matters. Spiritual drowsiness rarely arrives dramatically. It develops through accumulated distractions, neglected relationships, postponed conversations, and the quiet assumption that there will always be more time. Revelation offers a magnificent contrast: a river of life, trees bearing healing fruit, and humanity finally seeing the face of God. This is the destiny toward which our lives are moving.

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the Church invites us to examine not merely what we have accomplished, but what has happened to our hearts along the way. Have we become more compassionate or more impatient? More grateful or more demanding? More attentive to people or more absorbed in our own concerns? We cannot recover yesterday, and tomorrow has not yet been entrusted to us. But today remains wonderfully available. Perhaps holiness begins with something as simple as putting down the phone, listening without rushing, forgiving an old resentment, or recognizing that the ordinary moment before us is already part of eternity.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, awaken my heart to the life You have given me. Free me from distractions that consume my attention and worries that steal my peace. Teach me to live each day with greater awareness, deeper gratitude, and more generous love, so that whenever You come, You will find me truly alive. Amen.

Readings: Revelation 22:1–7; Psalm 95:1–7; Luke 21:34–36

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

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- COOKING OIL
- DRIED BEANS
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- 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.



Abracadabra

St. Leo Ladies' Guild



Fashion Show – February 3, 2027
Doors Open at 11am – Lunch Served at Noon
Parish Life Center

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.

☐**DIAMONDS $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.
☐**HEARTS $500**	Half Table (4 VIP tickets, priority seating) Name will be recognized at the luncheon, in program and parish bulletin.
☐**CLUBS $250**	Two VIP tickets. Priority seating. Recognition in program and Parish bulletin.
☐**SPADES $125**	One VIP ticket. Priority seating. Recognition in program.
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ONE DAY, WE MAY BE SURPRISED BY WHAT MATTERED MOST

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe & Thanksgiving

by Father Jarek

Thanksgiving brings families together around the table, which is a beautiful tradition until someone mentions politics, criticizes the stuffing, or begins explaining how the turkey should have been prepared. Every family has its traditions. Some involve recipes passed down through generations. Others involve disagreements that have apparently enjoyed the same longevity. Yet beneath the laughter, occasional frustrations, and familiar conversations lies something extraordinary: we are surrounded by people whose presence we may one day miss more than we can imagine.

This year, the Solemnity of Christ the King and Thanksgiving offer two Gospel readings that reveal something remarkable about the human heart. On Sunday, Jesus describes the final judgment, when people discover that they encountered Him in the hungry, the lonely, the sick, and the forgotten. What makes the story so striking is that everyone seems surprised. Those who showed compassion never realized they were serving Christ. Those who neglected others never realized they were turning Him away. Both groups had encountered the same King. The difference was whether they recognized His presence in someone who needed their love.

On Thanksgiving, we hear about ten people suffering from leprosy who cry out to Jesus for mercy. All ten are healed, but only one returns to give thanks. Perhaps the other nine were not deliberately ungrateful. Imagine their excitement! After years of isolation, they could finally embrace their families, return home, and resume ordinary life. They were so eager to enjoy their blessing that they forgot to acknowledge the One who had given it. And perhaps that is precisely what makes their story so uncomfortably familiar.

We can become so accustomed to the people we love that we stop recognizing what extraordinary gifts they are. The familiar voice, the ordinary conversation, the person who remembers how we take our coffee; these rarely seem remarkable while they are happening. Yet ask someone who has lost a spouse, a parent, or a lifelong friend what they would give for one more ordinary afternoon together. Suddenly, the simplest moments become priceless. Perhaps one of life's greatest tragedies is not that beautiful moments eventually end, but that we sometimes fail to recognize their beauty while they are still ours.

The prophet Ezekiel describes God as a shepherd who searches for the lost, gathers the scattered, and tends the wounded. Notice what makes this Shepherd extraordinary: He does not wait for the lost sheep to find their way home. He goes looking for them. He notices precisely those who might otherwise be forgotten. And in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus invites us to become instruments of that same attentive love. Every time we welcome someone who feels excluded, comfort someone who is grieving, or offer patience to someone who is difficult to love, we participate in the tenderness of God Himself.

Perhaps Christ will be present at your Thanksgiving table in the elderly relative who tells the same story for the fifteenth time, the family member whose opinions test your patience, or the quiet guest who feels a little forgotten. Sometimes the holiest thing we can do is simply listen, make room for someone, or resist the temptation to have the last word. Not every act of love needs to be impressive. Some of the most important ones happen between the turkey and the pumpkin pie.

Of course, Thanksgiving is not joyful for everyone. Some tables have empty chairs. Some families are separated by distance, illness, or painful disagreements. Gratitude does not require pretending that everything is wonderful. We can miss someone terribly and still be thankful for having loved them. And Saint Paul offers a promise that reaches beyond every earthly separation: Christ will ultimately destroy death itself. The love we have shared is not meaningless simply because life is temporary. In God's kingdom, death will not have the final word.

Perhaps the most beautiful connection between these two Gospels is this: the righteous are surprised by how much good they have done, while the grateful Samaritan recognizes how much good he has received. Together, they teach us how to live: give love without keeping score, and receive love without taking it for granted.

One day, when we stand before Christ the King, we may discover that heaven remembers kindnesses we have long forgotten and blessings we barely noticed while they were ours. Until then, perhaps the wisest way to live is to love without keeping score and give thanks without waiting for something extraordinary to happen. And when you gather around the Thanksgiving table this year, look carefully at the faces surrounding you. You may be looking at some of the greatest blessings God will ever give you and perhaps even at the face of Christ Himself.

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Loving Father, thank You for the people who enrich our lives simply by being part of them.
Forgive us for the blessings we overlook and the love we sometimes take for granted.
Comfort those who are grieving, bring healing where relationships are wounded,
and help us recognize Your presence in one another.
Teach us to cherish the moments we share, express our gratitude while
we still have the opportunity, and love as generously as You have loved us. Amen.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

May your Thanksgiving be filled with the warmth of familiar voices,
the joy of shared memories, the blessing of meaningful conversations,
and the quiet peace of knowing how deeply you are loved.
May you find reasons to smile even amid life's imperfections, cherish those gathered
around your table, and remember with gratitude those who now live in God's eternal embrace.
And may you never have to lose a blessing to recognize how precious it has been.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
MONDAY	**NOVEMBER 23**	
8:00 am	+Julia Bernatte O'Brien	Ann Hall
TUESDAY	**NOVEMBER 24**	
8:00 am	+Virginia Rodriguez	Her Loving Husband & Sons
WEDNESDAY	**NOVEMBER 25**	
8:00 am	+Robert Gundaker	Pat & Dick Broderick
	Dedicated to Respect Life	
THURSDAY	**NOVEMBER 26**	
8:00 am	+Marianne (Mimi) O'Leary	George O'Leary
FRIDAY	**NOVEMBER 27**	
8:00 am	+Ken Westort	George O'Leary
SATURDAY	**NOVEMBER 28**	
8:00 am	+Agnes Gaiten	Julie Stone
3:30 pm	+Ray Boucher	Doug & Linda Shue
5:30 pm	+Michael, +Carmine & +Rose DiSebastiano	Terri & Steve Hrapsky
SUNDAY	**NOVEMBER 29**	
7:30 am	The Parishioners of St. Leo	
9:30 am	+Zachary Solazzo	His Loving Parents & Brothers
11:30 am	+Mary Francis Stone	Sandy & Fred
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	+Sister Mary Rinaldi	Her Friends at St. Leo

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 †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
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AGES 5-10 SUNDAY 9:30AM MASS
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Begins next Sunday, November 29th.

Don't miss out! No sign up necessary! Father will dismiss the children after the opening prayer to enjoy Jesus' Story Time in the chapel, and they will return to their families after the Intercessions.

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.



Christmas Toy Drive

Angels are up on the trees at the entrances of the church this weekend, November 21/22. 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,
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT



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La comunidad hispana tiene el honor de invitarle a la celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

11 DE DICIEMBRE – VIGILIA DE 8pm a 6am.

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8:00 pm – Santo Rosario
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12 DE DICIEMBRE – DÍA DE NUESTRA MORENITA
3:00 am– Santo Rosario
4:00 am– Mañanitas a la Virgen
5:00 am– Santa Misa
Al finalizar la Santa Misa, compartiremos un desayuno.
6:00 pm– Santo Rosario en el PLC
7:00 pm– Santa Misa
8:00 pm– Programa sociocultural

Tendremos la representación de las apariciones de la Virgen de Guadalupe, además de danzas y bailables presentados por feligreses de nuestra comunidad.

Al finalizar, compartiremos una cena para todos los asistentes.

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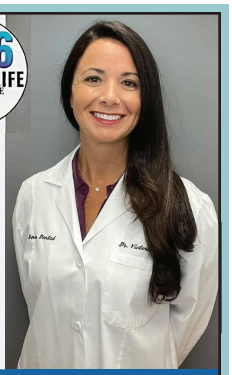

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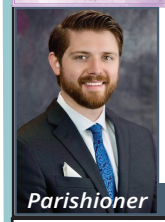

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