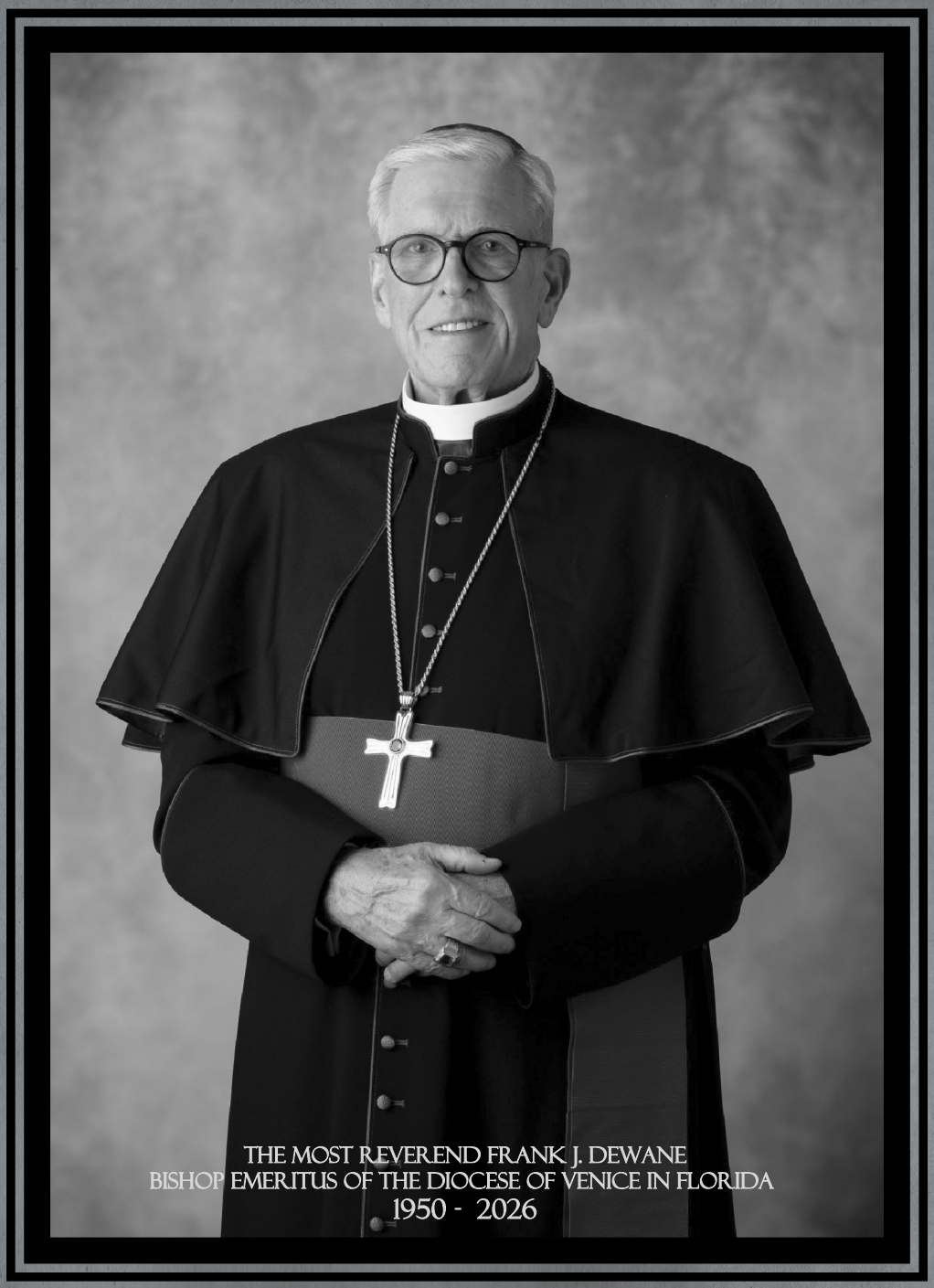
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

We are a welcoming Catholic Community called by God to live out the message of Christ in love and service to all people.

October 11, 2026



THE MOST REVEREND FRANK J. DEWANE
BISHOP EMERITUS OF THE DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
1950 - 2026

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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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October 3 & 4

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$3,246

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 from 2:00pm-3:00pm on Saturdays in English and 2pm on Sundays 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

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
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Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 17

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

Sunday, October 18

7:30 am	Fr. Tim
9:30 am	Fr. Tim
11:30 am	Fr. Jarek
1:30 pm-Polish	Fr. Tom
3:00 pm-Spanish	Fr. Juan Carlos
5:00 pm	Fr. Jack

Changes may occur without notice.

IN MEMORIAM

The Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane
Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

With profound sadness, we learned Wednesday morning of the death of The Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Venice.

There are moments when news arrives and, for a while, words seem inadequate. Bishop Dewane shepherded the Catholic Church of Southwest Florida for many years. For an entire generation of Catholics, priests, deacons, religious, and families, he was simply *our bishop*. His ministry became woven into the story of our Diocese and into the stories of the parishes and people he was called to serve.

Here at St. Leo the Great, Bishop Dewane was a familiar presence at many important moments in the life of our parish. Through the years, he came among us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, to preside at our Marriage Anniversary Masses, to celebrate the Eucharist, and to join us for other pastoral visits and significant occasions. Generations of our parishioners encountered him at moments when faith and life came together in a particularly meaningful way: as young people were confirmed in the faith, as married couples gave thanks for decades of life together, and as our parish gathered around the altar. These visits and celebrations remain part of the history and spiritual memory of St. Leo the Great.

The life of a bishop is largely a life of responsibility. Behind the public celebrations are countless decisions, worries, journeys, meetings, prayers, and burdens that most people will never see. A bishop is asked to carry the joys and sorrows of an entire local Church, to accompany his priests and people through seasons of growth and seasons of difficulty, and, through all of it, to keep pointing beyond himself toward Christ.

For Bishop Dewane, that responsibility has now been laid down. The crozier is set aside. The meetings are finished. The decisions have been made. The homilies have been preached. The bishop who stood so many times at the altar and prayed for the living and the dead is now entrusted to the prayers of the Church he served. The shepherd who spent so many years speaking to us about Christ now goes to meet Christ face to face.

There is something deeply moving about that final reversal. The man who proclaimed the Resurrection must now make the final journey of faith that awaits every Christian. Titles and responsibilities fall away, and what remains is the mystery at the heart of everything we believe: a child of God returning to the Father, trusting not in what he accomplished, but in the mercy of Jesus Christ. And so today, before anything else, we pray for him.

We thank God for Bishop Dewane's years of priestly and episcopal ministry, for the sacrifices known and unknown that accompanied them, and for the many ways his life became intertwined with the life of our Diocese. We pray for his family and friends, for Bishop Emilio, for the priests, deacons, religious and faithful of the Diocese of Venice, and for all who mourn his passing.

Funeral arrangements had not yet been announced when this bulletin went to print. We will share them with our parish community as soon as they become available. For now, perhaps the most fitting farewell is the prayer Bishop Dewane himself offered countless times for others: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

For many years, Bishop Dewane was entrusted with helping lead God's people home. Now we entrust him to the One who is our true and everlasting home.

Requiescas in pace, Bishop Frank.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
DO NOT BECOME TOO BUSY FOR THE LIFE GOD IS GIVING YOU
"Everything is ready; come to the feast." (Matthew 22:4)

One of the saddest sentences in the Gospel is also one of the most ordinary: "They ignored the invitation and went away." Nobody says they hate the king or that the feast is terrible. They simply have other things to do. One goes to his farm, another to his business. Apparently, "I'm too busy" was a spiritual problem long before calendars started sending notifications.

We can spend years postponing the very life we are praying for. We will enjoy things when work settles down, be peaceful when the problem disappears, call someone when we have more time, and pray when life becomes less hectic. Meanwhile, Isaiah pictures God preparing a feast and wiping tears from every face. Psalm 23 says the table is already spread. Scripture keeps telling us that the deepest gifts are already being offered.

Perhaps one of life's greatest tragedies is having blessings all around us and being too distracted to receive them. The conversation we rush, the person we take for granted, the Eucharist we receive automatically, and the ordinary morning we barely notice may all be pieces of the banquet. We keep waiting for life to begin, while God keeps whispering, "It already has. Come to the feast."

Prayer: Lord, save me from becoming so busy with life that I miss the life You are giving me. Slow my heart enough to recognize Your gifts, cherish the people before me, and receive this day as grace. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 25:6–10a; Psalm 23:1–6; Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20; Matthew 22:1–14

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
SOMETIMES WE ASK FOR A SIGN BECAUSE WE ALREADY KNOW THE ANSWER
"This generation… seeks a sign." (Luke 11:29)

There are moments when we genuinely need guidance. Then there are moments when we ask God for guidance because we do not particularly like the guidance we have already received. We ask for another sign, another confirmation, perhaps something unmistakable written across the sky. Preferably with our name on it, just to eliminate any possibility of confusion.
Jesus recognizes this tendency. The people keep asking for signs, yet something greater than Jonah and Solomon is standing directly before them. Their problem is not that God has been silent. Their problem is that responding would require change. Nineveh heard Jonah and repented. The Queen of the South traveled an enormous distance seeking wisdom. Both acted on the light they had already received.

Sometimes we already know the next faithful step. Forgive. Apologize. Let go. Begin again. Make the call. Tell the truth. Pray. Paul says, "For freedom Christ set us free." Yet freedom requires movement. God rarely gives us a detailed map of the next ten years. More often He gives enough light for the next ten feet. Faith is not always seeing the entire road. Sometimes it is simply walking the part God has already illuminated.

Prayer: Lord, give me wisdom when I truly do not know the way and courage when I already know what I must do. Free me from endless hesitation, and teach me to trust the light You have given me today. Amen.

Readings: Galatians 4:22–24, 26–27, 31–5:1; Psalm 113:1–7; Luke 11:29–32

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13
THE MOST EXHAUSTING PERSON TO PRETEND TO BE IS SOMEONE YOU ARE NOT
"Did not the maker of the outside also make the inside?" (Luke 11:40)

Most of us become surprisingly skilled at appearing fine. We smile while worried, say "No problem" when there is definitely a problem, and answer "I'm good" while carrying enough internally to require checked baggage. We learn how to manage the outside because sometimes it feels safer than admitting what is really happening inside.

Jesus sees this division in the Pharisees. They are deeply concerned about ritual cleanliness while neglecting the condition of the heart. His point is not that outward behavior does not matter. It is that holiness cannot be cosmetic. Paul says what ultimately matters is "faith working through love." Eventually, the life we show and the life we hide must meet honestly in the presence of God.

And that is good news. God already knows what we are trying to conceal. He sees the resentment beneath the smile, the fear behind the competence, the loneliness behind the busyness, and the wound beneath the anger. Yet He does not walk away. Grace begins where pretending ends. We become whole when we finally allow God to love, heal, and transform

the person who actually lives inside.

Prayer: Lord, I bring You the person others see and the person only You see. Heal what I hide, purify what has become wounded or selfish, and make my inner life and outer life one life rooted in Your love. Amen.

Readings: Galatians 5:1–6; Psalm 119:41, 43–48; Luke 11:37–41

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14
PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT GROWS AROUND YOU
"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness…" (Galatians 5:22)

You can learn something important about a tree without knowing its name. Stay around long enough and see what grows on it. Paul suggests that human lives work much the same way. Eventually, something grows around us, and often the clearest evidence of what is happening within us is what our presence begins producing in other people.

That makes Paul's list an uncomfortable but beautiful examination of conscience. Is my presence producing peace or tension, kindness or criticism, patience or irritation? We can know prayers, attend Mass faithfully, defend every correct teaching, and still make everyone in the room slightly nervous. Jesus confronts people who carefully count garden herbs while overlooking justice and love. Imagine meticulously measuring mint while missing mercy.

Psalm 1 compares the faithful person to a tree planted beside flowing water. Healthy fruit does not come from straining harder. It comes from remaining rooted in the right place. Stay close to Christ long enough, and His patience begins appearing in ours, His gentleness enters our words, and His love becomes visible in our lives. Eventually, what God grows within us becomes something another person can taste.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, show me what my life is producing. Uproot whatever feeds resentment, pride, or selfishness, and grow within me love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. Amen.

Readings: Galatians 5:18–25; Psalm 1:1–4, 6; Luke 11:42–46

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15
MEMORIAL OF SAINT TERESA OF JESUS
THE DOOR YOU ARE AFRAID TO OPEN MAY BE WHERE GOD IS WAITING
"You have taken away the key of knowledge." (Luke 11:52)

There are rooms in every human heart we keep presentable for visitors, and there are rooms where we quickly close the door. We know what is in there: old wounds, disappointments, fears, grudges, questions we are embarrassed to ask, and parts of ourselves we have spent years trying not to examine too closely. Most of us become very good interior housekeepers, at least in the rooms people can see.

Saint Teresa understood that real prayer eventually leads us through those closed doors. Prayer is not escaping into pleasant religious thoughts. It is allowing God to meet us truthfully. Jesus confronts people who know many things about God but resist the God standing before them. We too can become knowledgeable about faith while carefully avoiding the places where faith might actually change us.

Paul gives us courage to open those doors. Before our successes and failures, God chose us in Christ. We were wanted before we had anything to prove. God does not reveal our wounds to shame us but to heal us. Teresa discovered that the deepest rooms of the soul are precisely where God waits. The door we are most afraid to open may be the very door behind which grace has been patiently waiting.

Prayer: Lord, give me the courage to meet You without hiding. Enter the places within me that I avoid, heal what remains wounded, and free what has been locked away. Like Saint Teresa, teach me to discover You in the deepest rooms of my soul. Amen.

Readings: Ephesians 1:1–10; Psalm 98:1–6; Luke 11:47–54

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16
DO NOT GIVE OTHER PEOPLE'S OPINIONS MORE POWER THAN GOD'S LOVE
"Do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows." (Luke 12:7)

It is remarkable how efficiently one negative comment can erase twenty compliments. Someone says nineteen kind things and we smile politely. Then one person makes a slightly critical remark, and three hours later we are brushing our teeth still conducting the trial in our head. The prosecution, defense, and jury are all us, and somehow we are still losing.

Jesus knows how easily fear of others can control us. He warns against hypocrisy, the exhausting habit of shaping ourselves around appearances, and then reminds us that even sparrows do not escape God's notice. Even the hairs of our head are counted. This is not divine bookkeeping. Jesus is telling us that we are more completely known and more deeply cherished than we realize.

Daily Reflections
by Father Jarek

Paul says we have been "sealed with the promised Holy Spirit." Our identity is not decided by applause, criticism, popularity, success, or somebody's opinion of us. We belong to God. When that truth reaches the heart, we become free to be misunderstood without becoming bitter and to do what is right without universal approval. Peace begins when we stop giving other people a vote on our worth.

Prayer: Lord, free me from living at the mercy of other people's opinions. When I feel criticized, overlooked, or misunderstood, remind me that I am fully known and deeply loved by You. Let that truth make me peaceful, honest, and free. Amen.

Readings: Ephesians 1:11–14; Psalm 33:1–2, 4–5, 12–13; Luke 12:1–7

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
MEMORIAL OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH
GOD WILL GIVE YOU TOMORROW'S GRACE TOMORROW
"The Holy Spirit will teach you at that moment what you should say." (Luke 12:12)

Many of us are remarkably talented at suffering things that have not happened yet. We rehearse tomorrow's difficult conversation, imagine next month's problem, predict someone's reaction, prepare our response, and occasionally lose sleep over a disaster that exists entirely in our imagination. By morning, we are exhausted from surviving events that never actually occurred.

Jesus gives His disciples another way to live. Difficult moments will come, but when they come, the Holy Spirit will teach us what we need. Notice the timing: "at that moment." God does not promise today all the strength we might need for every possible tomorrow. He promises His presence when tomorrow becomes today. Grace arrives with the moment that actually requires it.

Saint Ignatius trusted this even as he faced martyrdom. Our trials may be different, but we too face losses, decisions, diagnoses, conversations, and uncertainties we cannot control. We do not need courage today for every possibility tomorrow. We need grace for this moment. When the next moment arrives, grace will meet us there too. God does not ask us to carry tomorrow with today's strength.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, free me from carrying tomorrows that have not yet arrived. Give me wisdom for this moment, courage for this moment, and peace for this moment. When tomorrow comes, help me trust that Your grace will already be waiting there. Amen.

Readings: Ephesians 1:15–23; Psalm 8:2–7; Luke 12:8–12

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Pet Blessings



Following morning Mass last Monday, Father Jarek gathered with parishioners for the Blessing of the Animals in front of church. Lots of furry and feathered friends and their humans stopped by for this annual celebration.



Coming Home

Autumn Dinner Concert

Wednesday, November 4th · Parish Life Center

TICKETS GO ON SALE MONDAY OCTOBER 5TH 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.

Traditionally this event sells out early.

Flying Solo Table Available

Welcome to St. Leo Church

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Patrick, Amanda & Mason Lockwood
Pabel, Alice, Andrea & Liam Gil
Hugo Irani
Fidel, Eloisa, Jose, Cynthia & Fidel Robles Diaz
Donald A Dean
Thomas, Jill, Jordan & Annika Nerney
Gerald & Marianne Porricelli
Julia, Oscar & Rafael Chavez
Manuel, Alicia, Manuel & Andes Fernandez
Michael & Lesley Brookman
Christopher, Adriana Silva & Aya Silva
Anthony & Kathleen Phelan
Orlando Smith
Sophia Tedesco
Israel, Eloisa, Zoe & Henry Guevara Reyes
Raymond & Eileen O'Connor
Chris & Jane Simmons
Adriane, Dean & Jake Pilcher
Antone & Susan Ganobcik
Revis, Caroline & Katherine Stephenson
Ron, Jessi, Mason, Lydia & Fatih Grajczyk



If you are "flying solo" at his 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.

Flying Solo Table for Singles



THE GOD WHO WIPES AWAY OUR TEARS

By Father Jarek

Children are wonderfully honest about tears. When a three year old is unhappy, secrecy is rarely part of the strategy. Everyone in the house, and possibly several neighboring homes, will know. Adults become more sophisticated. We learn to say, "I'm fine." We go to work, answer emails, make dinner, smile at people after Mass, and keep moving. Somewhere along the way, most of us become quite skilled at carrying things nobody else can see. Every life eventually gives us something to carry. For some, it is devastating grief, including the unimaginable sorrow of a parent who has buried a child. For others, it is a marriage that did not become what they hoped, a friendship that quietly disappeared, a child or grandchild whose choices cause sleepless nights, or a prayer that seems unanswered. Sometimes it is growing older and discovering that the person in the mirror increasingly resembles one of our parents.

There are regrets too: the opportunity we missed, the apology we should have made sooner, the words we wish we could take back, the door that has closed and will not reopen. Most of us eventually accumulate a few sentences beginning with, "If only…" Life can be extraordinarily beautiful while still containing things we wish had been different. Perhaps that is why Isaiah gives us one of the tenderest images in Scripture: "The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face." Notice what He does not do: God does not explain every tear or offer a distant theological answer. He simply comes close enough to touch the face of the person who is weeping. There is an entire theology of God in that gesture. Sometimes love does not explain. Love stays.

Psalm 23 makes an even more surprising promise. The Shepherd leads us through the dark valley, but He does not wait until the valley is over to care for us. "You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes." The table appears while the trouble is still there. The enemies have not disappeared. The questions have not all been answered. Yet somehow, in the middle of what threatens us, God feeds us. Isaiah's table is different. There God prepares a feast for all peoples and destroys death forever. One table is spread while the battle continues; the other waits where the battle is finally over. God gives us both. He does not merely promise a distant heaven and tell us to survive until we get there. He gives us grace in the valley: enough strength for today, enough light for the next step, enough bread for the journey.

Paul knew something about that kind of grace. He had lived with abundance and need, comfort and hardship. His secret was not learning how to arrange life so that nothing painful happened. It was discovering that God could sustain him in either circumstance. "I can do all things in him who strengthens me" is not a promise that every problem will disappear. It is the testimony of someone who discovered a table even in the valley. Scripture keeps doing this audacious thing: right in the middle of our grief, it sets a table. David finds one in the valley, Isaiah sees one at the end of time, and Jesus invites us to a wedding banquet. From beginning to end, God seems determined to feed His children. The tables are telling us something: Do not mistake the valley for the destination.

Scripture acknowledges our tears without allowing them to become the whole story. Some mistakes cannot be undone. Some people will always be missed. Our bodies will grow older. Certain prayers may be answered differently than we hoped. But none of these things gets to write the final sentence of our lives. Even regret can be redeemed. Grace does not always change what happened, but grace can change what the past is allowed to do to us. And perhaps Isaiah's image tells us something about discipleship too. If our God bends down to wipe tears, perhaps Christians should become recognizable by what our hands do: not by having an explanation for every tragedy or a religious phrase ready for every wound, but by being willing to come close enough to another person's pain to stay.

That is harder than it sounds. We often try to fix people because their pain makes us uncomfortable. We reach for explanations when silence would be kinder. We say, "Everything happens for a reason," when perhaps what someone needs is simply someone willing to sit beside them without explaining why their heart is broken. Love does not always need the right words. Sometimes love needs a chair and enough time to remain in it. So let us become the hands that wipe tears. Sometimes that means offering help; often it simply means staying put. Remember the sorrow everyone else has forgotten. Listen without rushing toward an answer. Forgive while there is time; ask forgiveness before time runs out. And when someone's wound cannot be fixed, do not disappear simply because you cannot fix it. Sometimes the holiest thing we can do is stay.

One day, the Shepherd who sustains us at the table in the valley will lead us to the table beyond it. What needed healing will be healed. What needed mercy will be covered by mercy. Isaiah's feast will be ready, and Christ's wedding banquet will have begun. Some tears may remain with us for much of this life. But they do not get the final word. God sets a table for us now, in the middle of the valley, and another at the end of the journey. And one day, with His own hands, He will wipe away the very last tear.

PRAYER

Lord, Shepherd of our lives, You know the tears we show and the ones we hide.
You know what we miss, regret, fear, and still struggle to understand.
Stay close to parents who have buried children, to those carrying grief, illness,
aging, disappointment, family worries, or wounds no one else can see.

Feed us at Your table when the valley is still dark.
Give us grace for what cannot be changed and courage for what still can be.
Make our hands gentle enough to wipe tears, our hearts patient enough to remain
beside suffering, and our faith strong enough to trust You without having every answer.

Lead us from the table You set for us along the journey to the feast
You have prepared at its end, until faith becomes sight,
death is swallowed up forever, and You wipe every tear from our eyes.
Amen.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
MONDAY	**OCTOBER 12**	
8:00 am	+Ramiro Rico	His Family
TUESDAY	**OCTOBER 13**	
8:00 am	+Barbara McComb	Liz & David Shanks
WEDNESDAY	**OCTOBER 14**	
8:00 am	+Gary Boston	Tim & Laura King
THURSDAY	**OCTOBER 15**	
8:00 am	+Cecilia Gartler	Penny Holt
FRIDAY	**OCTOBER 16**	
8:00 am	+Alice & +Robert Salter	Their Loving Daughter, Pat Connors
SATURDAY	**OCTOBER 17**	
8:00 am	+Alexandra Spizziri	The Ott Family
3:30 pm	+Dan Inglut	The St. Leo Ushers
5:30 pm	+Deacon William Tansey	His Loving Family
SUNDAY	**OCTOBER 18**	
7:30 am	+Nestor Reyna	His Loving Mother
9:30 am	The Parishioners of St. Leo	
11:30 am	+Edward Sikorski	Joan & Vincent Costa
1:30 pm - Polish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	+Peter Dunne	His Loving Sister, Bonnie

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 Café on the last Friday of each month at 9am. For questions contact Loretta (917.886.7273) or Peggy (239.293.3201.)



Flowers and Candles this week are dedicated to
Sherwood "Skip" Richardson
requested by his Loving Wife, Peggy

We 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
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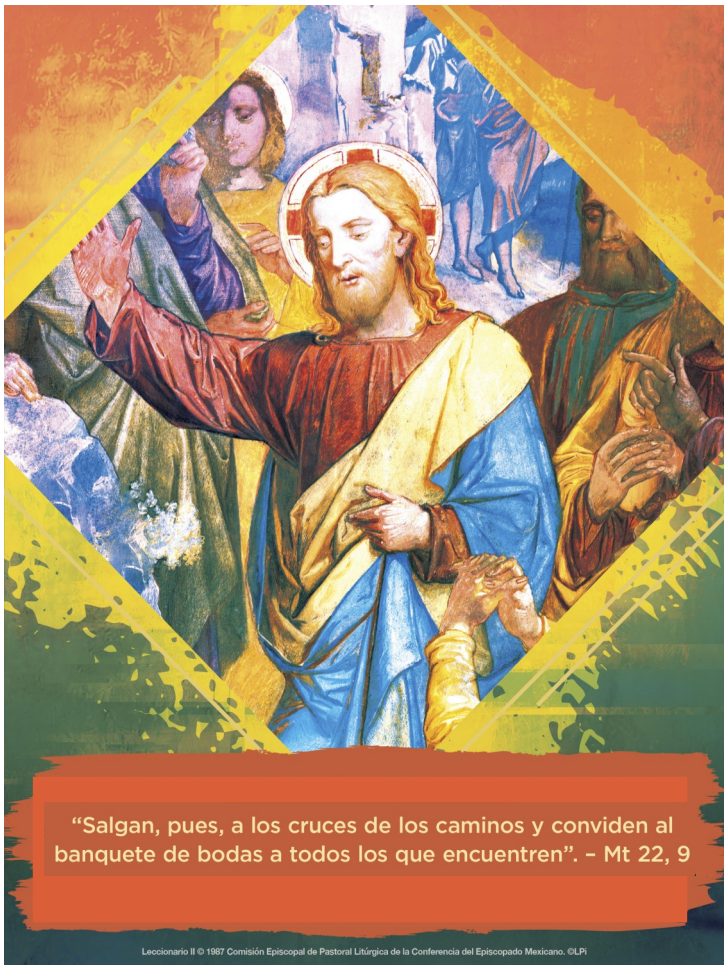
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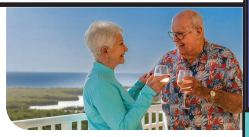
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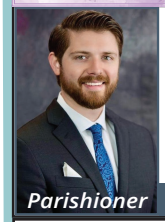
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