

# 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 12, 2025*



Workshop of Peter Paul Rubens | Saint Teresa of Avila Interceding for Souls in Purgatory | The Metropolitan Museum of Art  
Feast Day, October 15

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WWW.STLEOCATHOLICCHURCH.ORG • OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 AM - 4 PM  
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

# Parish Staff

Rev. Jarek (Jaroslaw) Sniosek .....	Pastor
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# Parish Church Support

Thank you for your  
continued generosity!

October 4 & 5

\$22,264

Respect Life Collection

\$3,423

# 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)

# FORMED



We are pleased to provide for all our of parishioner the ability to access this wonderful website filled with thousands of wide ranging movies, programs, audios, such as the Lives of Saints of History and Modern Day, The Sacraments, Bible Study, Children's Entertainment, Praying at Home, and Movie Night selections.

To access FORMED choose the link on our website, search "St Leo Bonita" to find us in the drop box, and sign up for your own account.

## Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

### Saturday, October 18

3:30 pm	Fr. Jack
5:30 pm	Fr. Jack

### Sunday, October 19

7:30 am	Fr. Stan
9:30 am	Fr. Stan
11:30 am	Fr. Jack
1:30 pm-Polish	Fr. Greg
3:00 pm-Spanish	Fr. Raul
5:00 pm	Fr. Raul

*Changes may occur without notice.*



# Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

**Sunday, October 12**

**The Tenth Thank You**

**"Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." (Luke 17:19)**

The generals arrive with motorcades and speeches. Naaman arrives with a skin he cannot fix and a pride he cannot hide. God asks him to do something small and humbling: to dip in an ordinary river again and again. When he rises clean, he finally knows what power looks like. It is not swagger. It is mercy.

Ten lepers lift one prayer and receive one miracle. Only one returns to lift a second prayer, the one called *thank you*. Perhaps gratitude is the second half of every healing. The first half makes us whole. The second half makes us new.

Paul sits in chains and smiles because the Word is not chained. Grace keeps slipping under the prison door. If today you feel stuck, try the one move that is always available. Thank God out loud. Gratitude is a key that still turns in every lock.

**Prayer:** *Jesus, Master, teach me the second prayer. Make my thank you as loud as my plea. Amen. 2 Kings 5:14–17; Psalm 98; 2 Timothy 2:8–13; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Luke 17:11–19*

**Monday, October 13**

**Looking for a Louder Sign**

**"This generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah." (Luke 11:29)**

Crowds press in, hungry for fireworks. Jesus offers Jonah instead, a prophet who ran, a city that repented, a queen who traveled far for wisdom. The lesson is almost simple enough to miss. Heaven's brightest signs are not in the sky. They are in the changed heart and the humbled mind.

We are fond of bargains with God: *Send me a signal, then I will obey*. Jesus smiles and flips the order: *Obey, then you will see*. Faith is not blind; faith just walks before it measures.

If you are waiting for a dramatic message written in the clouds, try the quieter message already written in your conscience, in Scripture, and in the faces of the people you avoid. There is something greater than Solomon here, and He is speaking.

**Prayer:** *Lord, tune my ears to wisdom and my will to obedience. Let my yes become the sign You can use. Amen. Romans 1:1–7; Psalm 98; Psalm 95:8; Luke 11:29–32*

**Tuesday, October 14**

**Inside the Cup**

**"Give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you." (Luke 11:41)**

Paul points to a universe that is always preaching. The heavens are a cathedral of constant homilies. Even a quiet night is full of God's voice if we let our hurry sit down for a minute.

A Pharisee is startled that Jesus skips the ritual washing. Jesus is startled that anyone could polish a cup and forget the soul that will drink from it. The Lord does not embarrass us for caring about the outside, He just refuses to let us stop there. Give alms, He says, and everything will be clean. Generosity is the soap that reaches places water cannot.

If you have been scrubbing your image while ignoring your interior life, try a very old remedy. Give something away: time, money, attention. You may find that the stain you could not reach begins to lift.

**Prayer:** *Maker of my inside and outside, wash me with Your mercy and make me useful for love. Amen. Romans 1:16–25; Psalm 19; Hebrews 4:12; Luke 11:37–41*

**Wednesday, October 15**

**Kindness That Converts**

**"By your stubbornness you are storing up wrath for yourself, but God's kindness leads you to repentance." (Romans 2:4)**

Saint Teresa of Jesus knew that a little cell with God is larger than a palace without Him. She wanted a heart so free that nothing could rent space there except love.

Paul warns that harsh judgments ricochet. We become what we condemn when we forget that the kindness of God leads to repentance. Jesus warns religious experts who load people with heavy packs and never offer a hand. Holiness does not admire its own strength. Holiness helps someone carry their groceries.

Try this today: trade one criticism for one concrete kindness. Listen without the quick verdict. Lift a burden you did not cause. The Lord who knows His sheep will recognize you by that sound.

**Prayer:** *Jesus, make my judgments slow and my mercy quick. Teach me the freedom of a humble, spacious heart. Amen. Romans 2:1–11; Psalm 62; John 10:27; Luke 11:42–46*

**Thursday, October 16**

**No Boasting, Only Wonder**

**"All have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)**

Paul brings us to the bright center. All have sinned. All are justified freely. We do not climb into grace by effort. Grace stoops and carries us. Faith is not a trophy on our shelf. It is the open hand that finally stops pretending and lets God be God.

Jesus laments a generation that honors prophets with stone but ignores them in practice. We build monuments to voices we will not hear. We polish keys and then hide the door. Meanwhile, the psalmist cries from the depths and finds a God whose mercy is deeper still.

If you are tired of performing, breathe. The Father is not asking for a résumé. He is asking for trust. When you stop boasting and start marveling, you will find that doors begin to open.

**Prayer:** *Father, I bring empty hands. Fill them with Your forgiveness, and teach me to live like a person set free. Amen. Romans 3:21–30; Psalm 130; John 14:6; Luke 11:47–54*

**Friday, October 17**

**More Than Many Sparrows**

**"Even the hairs of your head have all been counted." (Luke 12:7)**

Ignatius of Antioch wrote letters on the way to his death, each page warm with courage and joy. He had learned the lesson Jesus teaches today. Do not fear the ones who can touch the body. Live with awe before the One who holds your soul. Then notice the small birds. Notice that not one slips past the Father's eye. If He counts the hairs on your head, you can stop counting your anxieties.

Paul reaches back to Abraham. Righteousness was credited not as a wage but as a gift. Try to earn love and you will be exhausted. Receive love and you will be changed. The forgiven become brave.

If fear has been steering your week, trade it for wonder. Speak the Name of Jesus out loud. Say it on your commute. Say it while washing dishes. It is hard to panic while you are praying.

**Prayer:** *God of sparrows and martyrs, write courage in my bones and joy in my obedience. Amen. Romans 4:1–8; Psalm 32; Psalm 33:22; Luke 12:1–7*

**Saturday, October 18**

**Travel Light, Give Peace**

**"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." (Luke 10:2)**

Paul misses his cloak and asks for his books. Even saints have errands. He also names his friends and the hurts that still sting. Yet one sentence glows: *The Lord stood by me and gave me strength*. That line could be the biography of every disciple.

Jesus sends seventy-two with pockets that jingle less and hearts that carry more. No spare sandals, but plenty of peace. Do not hover for better hospitality. Stay where you are sent and cure what you can. The Kingdom is near enough to touch.

If you feel under supplied for your mission, good. That is how the story works. Travel lighter than your fears suggest. Offer peace to the first doorway you meet. Eat what is set before you without grumbling about the menu. You may find that the Kingdom has already arrived for the person across the table.

**Prayer:** *Lord of the harvest, send me where You wish, keep me light on my feet, and let my presence speak peace. Amen. 2 Timothy 4:10–17; Psalm 145; John 15:16; Luke 10:1–9*

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



# When Only One Turns Back: Learning to Notice the Good

“One of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice.” (Luke 17:15)  
by Father Jarek

There is a small ritual you may notice at the Publix parking lot. After checking out, people wheel their carts toward their cars, load the bags, and then at that crucial moment half will carefully return the cart to the rack. The other half? They give it a gentle shove and trust the wind. I have often thought that our world could be divided into two kinds of people: the ones who return the cart, and the ones who do not. It is a small gesture, but it reveals something larger, how we respond to gifts we did not earn and moments that ask for a little effort in return.

Jesus might have said something similar about gratitude. Ten lepers cry out for mercy, all ten are healed, but only one turns back to say thank you. The other nine keep walking, perhaps eager to show off their new skin, to reunite with family, to start living again. Who can blame them? Yet the Gospel lingers on the one who paused, turned around, and noticed. It is that simple verb, *noticed*, that pierces the heart.

## The Gift of Noticing

Gratitude begins not in manners but in awareness. It is not about saying the right words after receiving something; it is about seeing something you could have missed. Scripture gives us another example of someone who almost missed his miracle because he was looking for something grander.

Naaman the Syrian expected a prophet's spell, a bit of holy drama. Instead, Elisha told him to take a bath, seven times, in muddy water. Offended, Naaman started to leave, until someone talked him down: *If the prophet had asked for something difficult, would you not have done it?*

Naaman obeys reluctantly and comes out clean. Then comes the true miracle: he sees. He sees that the God of Israel is the only God worth serving. That kind of seeing is rarer than healing. Like the Samaritan leper, Naaman had to learn that gratitude begins in humility, that God's grace often hides in the ordinary. Most of us, if we are honest, live like the nine lepers, rushing toward the next thing without ever really noticing the last miracle. We pray for healing, find it, and move on. We pray for help, receive it, and forget. We complain of rain, then fail to give thanks when the sun returns. Gratitude requires interruption. It asks us to stop midstride and turn back.

## The Noise of Negativity

Our world trains us in the opposite direction. We live in what some sociologists call the culture of complaint. The news thrives on outrage. Social media rewards discontent. Even dinner conversations can turn into competitive complaining: who had the worse traffic, the harder week, the more annoying neighbor. To say thank you sincerely today is not only good manners, it is a mark of discipleship. Gratitude feels almost countercultural, a small rebellion against cynicism. It means choosing to notice what is still good, still beautiful, still redeemable, even in the midst of what is broken.

Psychologists have long confirmed what Scripture already knew: gratitude rewires the heart. It does not erase pain, but it restores perspective. It teaches us to see that our lives are not problems to be solved but gifts to be received. The challenge is that gratitude requires attention, and attention is the rarest form of generosity. We cannot be thankful for what we refuse to see.

## The Eucharistic Vision

If gratitude begins in noticing, the Eucharist teaches us what to notice, everything. In Greek, the word *Eucharist* literally means thanksgiving. At every Mass, we practice what the Samaritan leper did: we turn back. We take bread, bless it, break it, and give thanks. Ordinary food becomes a vessel of divine grace simply because it is noticed, lifted up, and blessed.

The miracle is not just what happens on the altar; it is what begins to happen in us. Week after week, the Eucharist retrains our eyes. We learn to notice God in small, daily mercies, in the morning light through the blinds, in laughter over coffee, in a conversation that mends what pride once tore. To live eucharistically is to live alert, to carry that posture of gratitude into traffic jams, doctor's offices, and even difficult family dinners. It is to whisper, again and again, *“The Lord has done wondrous deeds.”*



## Gratitude with a Smile

Of course, gratitude does not come naturally. It often begins in humor, that gentle awareness of how easily we miss the obvious. We ask God for patience, and He sends us a slow cashier. We pray for peace, and our phone rings with a relative who tests it. Heaven, it seems, has a quiet sense of irony. Sometimes our thank you has to grow through moments like these, through realizing how often we have been rescued, taught, or humbled without even knowing it. Humor softens the soul, creating room for grace to enter. It reminds us that we are not gods but grateful guests.

The Samaritan who returned was doubly an outsider, a foreigner and a former leper, yet he is the one who makes Jesus smile. Maybe gratitude always looks a little foolish to the efficient. It stops when everyone else keeps walking. It bends down to praise when others are rushing to plan. But heaven measures things differently.

## Gratitude as Vision

At the end of the story, Jesus says to the grateful man, *"Your faith has saved you."* Not your manners, not your enthusiasm, but your faith. Gratitude and faith, it seems, are two sides of the same coin. Both involve trust in what we cannot see, the faith that God is present, and the gratitude that He already has been. Faith without gratitude becomes grim. Gratitude without faith becomes shallow. Together they make a soul radiant. So perhaps the question for us this Sunday is simple: How often do I turn back?

When was the last time you stopped in the middle of a busy day and said, "Lord, thank you, not because everything is perfect, but because You are here"? When was the last time you looked at your life not through the lens of what is missing but through the lens of what has been given?

If we could recover that art of noticing, of returning, of glorifying God in a loud voice, we might rediscover the joy that modern life has quietly misplaced. *"The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power."* (Psalm 98:2) And perhaps, if you listen closely, even amid the hum of traffic and shopping carts, you might hear it, the quiet sound of one grateful guest turning back to say, *"Thank you."*

# Patrons of the Calvary Garden



An additional opportunity for you to be recognized as a patron, or to honor your family or a loved one in the renovation of our Outdoor Stations of the Cross garden is now available.

The center of the Stations now includes a garden area which, as depicted, will soon be enhanced with three crosses, a water feature and illumination.

On a granite pedestal will be a bronze plaque holding up to 50 names chosen by Patrons of the Calvary Garden. You may choose to include the name of the donor, someone you would like to honor, or a deceased loved one which may be identified with a cross preceding their name. The cost per name is \$1,000 and orders are now being accepted. Because the names are cast and cannot be added at a later date, orders will end when the maximum of 50 names are submitted.

***Order forms are available in the parish office or in the bulletin.***

***For additional information, please contact Beth Daniels at [slladiesguild21@gmail.com](mailto:slladiesguild21@gmail.com).***

***Please include your name and phone number with your inquiry.***





# Coming Home

## Autumn Dinner Concert Parish Life Center Wednesday, November 12th

TICKETS ARE ON SALE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

\$20 PER PERSON

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.

Enjoy a light seasonal supper and a glass of wine.





# *All Souls' Requiem Mass Commemorating our Beloved Dead Monday, November 3rd 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 the Names of the Dead for this Mass of Commemoration. They will also be cumulatively included in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful during the month of November.



## *Pet Blessings*



**Following morning Mass last Saturday,  
the Feast of St. Francis,  
Father Raul 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.**





# 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!**



## St. Leo's Respect Life Ministry

Join thousands of Catholics  
praying a **Respect Life Month Novena**  
Wednesday, October 22 – Thursday, October 30.  
Sign up to receive daily prayers, reflections,  
and more, via email or text:  
[www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena](http://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena)



October 5<sup>th</sup> Chain of Life  
participants gathered for a  
Prayer Vigil along U.S. 41



## Next Week at St. Leo

# OCT 23



## MATT LOBODA

CONSULTANT. SPEAKER. THEOLOGIAN.

Join us at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Bonita Springs for our  
October 23rd event, titled:

## The Miracle of Joy - A Journey of Trust & Faith in God."

We invite you to register for this event and see our season's lineup on our website  
[www.faihandale.com/register/](http://www.faihandale.com/register/). Review the details of this event below:

- Start time 6:30pm, doors open at 6pm.
- St. Leo the Great in Bonita Springs  
28290 Beaumont Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
- \$10 Suggested Donation
- Register [www.faihandale.com](http://www.faihandale.com)

Matt is a father of 5 children who experienced a miracle when his 19-month-old daughter was found lifeless in a pool. Her heart had stopped beating for nearly 30 minutes, she was placed in a medical induced coma and she survived.



# Welcome to St. Leo Church

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Cristofer, Angelica, Kimberly, Melany & Karen Reyes-Leon

Isaias, Maria, Jerry, Emeli & Isabella Cruz-Ramirez

Susana Ramirez

Ana Karen & Alan Javier Zavala

Hugo & Maria Torres

Brandon O'Neill & Ashley Wojtowicz

Frederick & Linda Kendzierski

Rosali & Marina Hernandez

Luis Zuluaga & Khristel Gonzales

Marianne Dabinett

Guadalupe, Mariana & Zayra Rodriguez

Everett & Janet Foster

Jorge, Fernanda & Emma Correa Avila

Mary Roper & David Glass

Guillermo, Saira & Daniela Rosales Hernandez

Frederick Taal & JoAnn Marra



## 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.

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.





## NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 13</b>	
8:00 am	+Albert Kidwell	His Loving Mother Sally
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 14</b>	
8:00 am	+Carl Wodarski	Cathy Sullivan
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 15</b>	
8:00 am	+Ramiro Rico	His Loving Sister Maria
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 16</b>	
8:00 am	+Alice & +Robert Salter	Their Loving Daughter, Pat Connors
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 17</b>	
8:00 am	+Harold Branstner	Kathleen Bellwoar
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 18</b>	
8:00 am	+Rosco Heim	Patty Swanson
3:30 pm	Our St. Leo Priests	A Friend of the Parish
5:30 pm	+Betty & +Bill Wolven	Their Loving Grandchildren
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 19</b>	
7:30 am	+Frank & Dorothy Alrecht	Their Loving Family
9:30 am	The Parishioners of St. Leo	
11:30 am	+Mary Ann Dunbar	Her Loving Sister, Johanna
1:30 pm - Polish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	+Albert Kidwell	His Loving Mother, Sally

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.



## EUCCHARISTIC 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.

## ST. LEO MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIEST CENACLE

Second Friday of each month in the Cry Room - Following 8am Mass  
For more information contact Betty at 860-595-6370 or holdenbnd@gmail.com

### Prayer Group

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

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

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

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

### The Sewing, Knitting & Crocheting Group

shares their talents to benefit local charities. They welcome volunteers of all skill levels on Tuesdays beginning at noon in the Juan Diego Outreach Center. Contact Bernice Romano at 239-601-5877 with questions. Starting in October through May.



### 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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To add names or update information call the Parish Office at  
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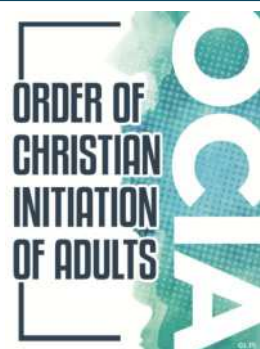
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## *Oración para la Temporada de Huracanes*

O Dios, Señor de este mundo pasajero, escucha la humilde voz de tus hijos. El Mar de Galilea obedeció tu orden y volvió a su anterior quietud. Tu todavía eres el Señor de tierra y mar.

Vivimos en la sombra del peligro sobre el cual no tenemos control; el Golfo, como un violento gigante, puede despertar de su aparente letargo, sobrepasar sus límites, invadir nuestra tierra y sembrar caos y desastre.

Durante esta temporada de huracanes acudimos a Ti, ó Padre Misericordioso. Libranos de tragedias como las pasadas que están tan vivas en nuestra memoria y cuyas heridas rehúsan ser curadas con el paso del tiempo.

O Virgen, Estrella del Mar, nuestra amada Madre, te pedimos que intercedas ante tu Hijo por nosotros, para que nos libre de las calamidades comunes a esta área, y animados con un verdadero espíritu de gratitudes caminemos en los pasos de tu Divino Hijo para llegar a la Jerusalén Celestial, donde una eternidad sin tormentas nos espera. Amen

## Conozca sus Derechos de Inmigración

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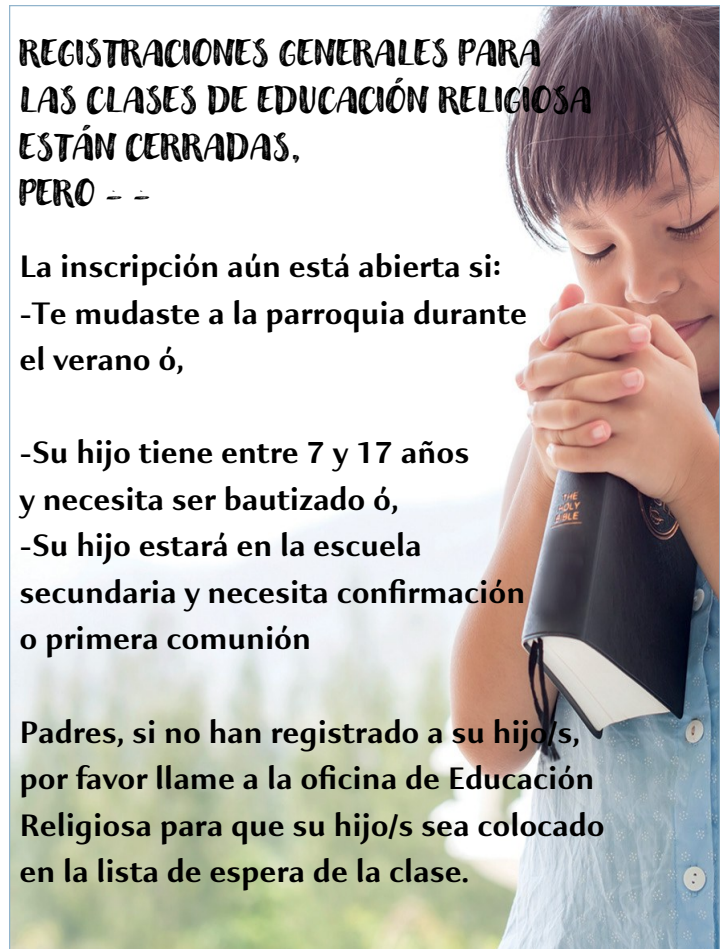
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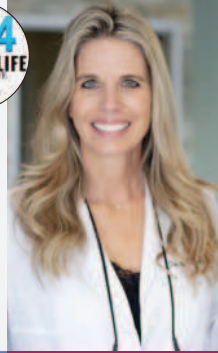
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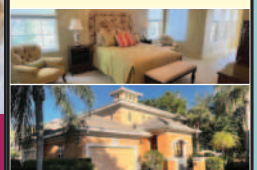
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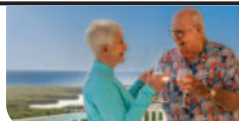
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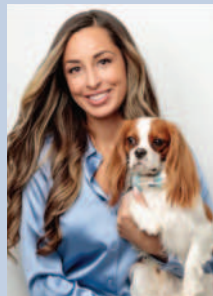


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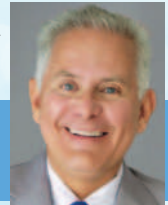
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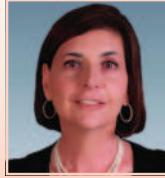
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