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 4, 2026



Madonna and Child/Sano di Pietro/1455/Metropolitan Museum of Art

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WWW.STLEOCATHOLICCHURCH.ORG • OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 AM - 4 PM
DAILY MASS: MONDAY-SATURDAY: 8 AM • CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 2PM-3PM
SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES: 3:30 & 5:30 PM • SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 5 PM
MISA EN ESPAÑOL DOMINGO - 3 PM Y LAS CONFESIONES ANTES DE LA MISA
MASS IN POLISH: 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - 1:30 PM

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Parish Church Support

Thank you for your continued generosity!

September 26 & 27

$21,237

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
Tuesday, 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 Remembrance for this Mass of Commemoration. They will also be cumulatively included in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful during the month of November.



ONLINE GIVING
WWW.STLEOCATHOLICCHURCH.ORG

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 10

3:30 pm	Fr. Tim
5:30 pm	Fr. Tim

Sunday, October 11

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

Changes may occur without notice.



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



St. Leo's Respect Life Ministry

October: Respect Life Month

by Father Jarek

October is Respect Life Month, a time to remember one of the most beautiful and demanding truths of our faith: no human life is ordinary. From the first hidden moment of life in the womb to the final breath of someone approaching death, every human person possesses a dignity that does not have to be earned and cannot be taken away. We are not valuable because we are healthy, independent, successful, useful, wanted, or strong. We are valuable because we are human, created in the image and likeness of God. Before the world ever had the opportunity to decide what we were worth, God already knew us and loved us.

That conviction asks more of us than defending life in principle. It asks us to recognize the face of Christ in the people whose lives are easiest to overlook: the unborn child and the frightened mother, the person with disabilities, the immigrant and the poor, the prisoner and the person struggling with addiction, the elderly person afraid of becoming a burden, and the person nearing the end of life. A culture of life cannot merely oppose death; it must help people live. It protects, accompanies, welcomes, forgives, and refuses to abandon. Human dignity has no expiration date, and it does not disappear because someone is dependent, difficult, guilty, inconvenient, or different from us.

Perhaps, then, the best way to observe Respect Life Month is not simply to ask what we believe, but whom God is asking us to notice. Is there a frightened mother who needs reassurance, an exhausted caregiver who needs help, an elderly person who needs a visit, a struggling family who needs support, or someone carrying regret who needs to hear that God's mercy is greater than the past? Laws and public policies matter, but a culture of life is ultimately built one human encounter at a time. Jesus never encountered categories; He encountered persons. May October teach us to do the same: to see, to notice, to protect, to accompany, and to remember that every human being we meet is someone whom God has already looked upon and called His own.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN US?
"The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." (Matthew 21:43)

We spend much of life thinking in terms of ownership: my house, my career, my money, my time, my plans. Then Jesus tells a story that quietly rearranges everything. The tenants work the vineyard long enough that they begin acting as though it belongs to them. But the vineyard was never theirs. They were entrusted with it for a while.

The same is true of nearly everything we call ours. Our abilities, relationships, opportunities, health, influence, possessions, and even the years of our life are gifts placed into our hands. God does not expect perfection from the vineyard, but He does look for fruit: kindness where bitterness could have grown, generosity where selfishness would have been easier, forgiveness when resentment felt justified.

Perhaps that is why Paul tells us to think about whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and gracious. What we repeatedly give our attention to eventually grows inside us. We cannot spend all day feeding anxiety, outrage, comparison, and resentment and then wonder why peace has not magically appeared by dinner. The soul produces something from whatever we keep planting in it.

Prayer: Lord, everything I have is ultimately Yours. Help me care well for what You have entrusted to me, plant what is good, and leave behind fruit that will remain long after I am gone. Amen. ***Readings:*** Isaiah 5:1–7; Psalm 80:9, 12–16, 19–20; Philippians 4:6–9; Matthew 21:33–43

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
NOT EVERY VOICE DESERVES YOUR TRUST
"Am I now seeking to please people?" (Galatians 1:10)

We live surrounded by voices telling us what to believe, what to fear, what to buy, what to become, and occasionally what we absolutely must be furious about before breakfast. Paul understood that pressure long before social media existed. The Galatians were being pulled away from the Gospel because another message sounded persuasive.

Paul offers a difficult question: Am I trying to please people or God? Most of us would like to answer "God," but approval is addictive. We adjust ourselves to keep people happy. We remain silent when honesty would be uncomfortable. We sometimes measure our worth by reactions, compliments, invitations, or whether someone remembered to respond to our text.

Eventually, however, we have to decide which voice gets the final word. Popularity changes. Opinions change. Crowds change their minds remarkably quickly. God does not. The freedom of faith begins when we stop needing everyone to understand us, approve of us, or applaud us. A peaceful conscience before God is worth more than a room full of approval.

Prayer: Lord, quiet the voices that pull me away from what is true. Give me the courage to seek Your approval above all others and the freedom to live without constantly needing to be understood. Amen. ***Readings:*** Galatians 1:6–12; Psalm 111:1–2, 7–10; Luke 10:25–37

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6
YOU ARE MORE THAN THE WORST THING YOU HAVE EVER DONE
"The one who once was persecuting us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." (Galatians 1:23)

Paul had a past he could not erase. He had persecuted Christians and tried to destroy the very Church he would later spend his life serving. Yet grace did something remarkable: God did not pretend Paul's past had never happened. He transformed it into part of the story of who Paul became.

We sometimes imagine our mistakes permanently disqualify us. We replay conversations we wish had gone differently, choices we would never make again, and seasons when we hardly recognize the person we were. Memory can be merciless. It keeps excellent records and occasionally seems determined to review the entire file at two o'clock in the morning.

But Psalm 139 reminds us that God knows something deeper than our failures: He knows us. He knew us before anyone else knew our name, and He sees not only who we have been but who grace can still make us. Perhaps that is why Jesus' words to Martha matter so much. We do not have to spend our lives

anxiously proving our worth. Sometimes the holiest thing we can do is stop striving, sit at His feet, and let ourselves be loved by the One who already knows the whole story.
Prayer: Lord, You know every chapter of my story and still call me by name. Heal what belongs to the past, quiet what does not deserve to control me, and help me become the person Your grace is still creating. Amen. ***Readings:*** Galatians 1:13–24; Psalm 139:1–3, 13–15; Luke 10:38–42

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
PRAYER DOES NOT HAVE TO BE IMPRESSIVE
"Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1)

There is something wonderfully humble about the disciples asking Jesus how to pray. They had heard countless prayers in synagogues and at the Temple, yet after watching Jesus pray, they realized there was something deeper they still needed to learn. His answer was surprisingly simple. No complicated formula. No impressive vocabulary. Just: Father.

Jesus teaches us to bring God ordinary life: today's bread, today's sins, today's relationships, today's temptations. We often carry tomorrow, next month, and the next five years into prayer and wonder why we leave exhausted. Jesus keeps returning us to daily bread. Grace usually arrives in daily portions because today is the only day we can actually live.

On this Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, Mary teaches the same simplicity. The Rosary does not require us to manufacture profound thoughts every minute. We return to familiar words while allowing Christ's life to settle more deeply into ours. Sometimes the holiest prayer is simply remaining with God long enough for the noise inside us to become quiet.

Prayer: Father, teach me to pray without pretending, performing, or worrying about saying everything perfectly. Give me what I need for today, forgive what needs forgiving, and keep my heart close to You. Amen. ***Readings:*** Galatians 2:1–2, 7–14; Psalm 117:1–2; Luke 11:1–4

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
DO NOT CONFUSE GOD'S SILENCE WITH GOD'S ABSENCE
"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9)

There are prayers we whisper once and prayers we carry for years. We ask for healing, reconciliation, direction, a child to come home, a burden to lift, or simply some indication that God is listening. When nothing seems to happen, even strong faith can begin wondering whether anyone is on the other side of the door.
Jesus does not soften His promise: ask, seek, knock. He wants us to pray with confidence because the One who hears us is not indifferent, but Father. Yet trusting a Father also means trusting His wisdom and His timing. Sometimes circumstances change. Sometimes we change. Sometimes an answer arrives differently than we imagined and becomes recognizable only much later. And sometimes we continue waiting without understanding.

The deepest promise in today's Gospel comes at the end. Jesus tells us that the Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask. Beneath every particular prayer lies God's greater promise: He will not withhold Himself from us. The door we wanted may not open when we expected, but that does not mean God has abandoned us outside it. Sometimes, only much later, we discover that while we were knocking, He was already beside us in the hallway.

Prayer: Father, when answers are slow and Your ways are difficult to understand, keep me from losing heart. Give me the courage to ask, the patience to seek, and the faith to keep knocking, trusting not only that You hear me, but that Your wisdom sees what I cannot yet see. Amen. ***Readings:*** Galatians 3:1–5; Luke 1:69–75; Luke 11:5–13

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9
AN EMPTY HEART DOES NOT STAY EMPTY FOR LONG
"When it returns, it finds it swept clean and put in order." (Luke 11:25)

Most of us have things we would like to remove from our lives: resentment, unhealthy habits, constant worry, bitterness, gossip, anger, or the strange human ability to replay one irritating conversation seventeen times while taking a shower. We imagine that spiritual growth means getting rid of what is bad. Jesus says that is only half the work.

In today's Gospel, the house is cleaned but left empty, and eventually something worse moves in. The lesson is deeply practical. It is not enough to stop hating; we must learn to love. It is not enough to remove resentment; we must cultivate mercy. It is not enough to spend less time worrying; we must learn trust. Freedom needs somewhere positive to go.

Christ does not simply empty the heart. He comes to

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by Father Jarek

inhabit it. The strongest defense against darkness is not obsessing over darkness, but filling our lives with what gives light: prayer, gratitude, meaningful work, good friendships, generosity, laughter, beauty, and love. A heart filled with God has increasingly less room for what once controlled it.

Prayer: Lord, do not merely remove what is unhealthy within me. Fill the space it leaves behind with something better. Where there was resentment, plant mercy; where there was fear, plant trust; and where there was emptiness, make Your home. Amen.
Readings: Galatians 3:7–14; Psalm 111:1–6; Luke 11:15–26

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
THE LIFE THAT LOOKS BLESSED IS NOT ALWAYS THE LIFE THAT IS BLESSED
"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it." (Luke 11:28)

A woman in the crowd looks at Jesus and praises His mother. Jesus does not reject the compliment, but He takes it deeper. Mary's greatness was not simply that she gave birth to Jesus. Her deepest blessedness was that she heard God's word and lived it. Long before she carried Christ in her body, she had made room for Him in her heart.

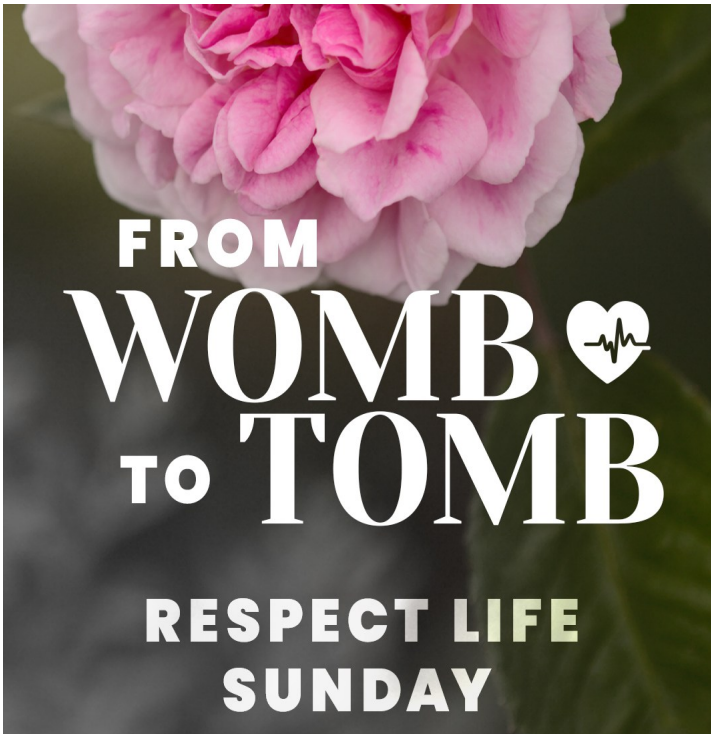
We often imagine a blessed life as one where things work out: good health, loving relationships, financial security, successful children, manageable problems, and perhaps a parking space near the entrance when it is raining. These are wonderful gifts. But Jesus defines blessedness differently. A blessed life is one increasingly shaped by listening to God and having the courage to live what we hear.

That means a person can be grieving and still blessed. Lonely and still blessed. Struggling and still blessed. Uncertain about tomorrow and still deeply held by God. The world measures life by what surrounds us. Jesus measures it by what is growing within us. The deepest blessing is not getting everything we hoped for. It is slowly becoming someone through whom Christ can enter the world.

Prayer: Lord, teach me not merely to admire Your word but to live it. Whatever this season brings, form in me a heart that listens, trusts, and quietly carries Your presence wherever I go. Amen.
Readings: Galatians 3:22–29; Psalm 105:2–7; Luke 11:27–28

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





All Women Parishioners are invited
to be our guests at the St. Leo Ladies' Guild

Welcome Back Luncheon

Wednesday, October 14th • Parish Life Center
11:30 Doors Open, followed by Luncheon, Presentation & Registration
Speakers: St. Leo Ladies' Guild Commission Chairpersons

Please RSVP for the Buffet Luncheon by Friday, October 9th
Text or Call Liz Lindsay at 815-685-4956

Join the Ladies Guild for the 2026-2027 Season by paying your $25 dues at the luncheon or by picking up a brochure in the parish office.

You may help support our mission parishes
by bringing donations of:
Canola Oil - White Rice- Dried Beans - Maseca Flour



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.

WHAT ARE YOU FEEDING YOUR MIND?

By Father Jarek

Most of us have become remarkably careful about what we put into our bodies. We read labels. We check calories, sodium, sugar, carbohydrates. Someone offers us a cookie and we examine it as though eternal consequences may be involved. Then we turn on the television and consume three hours of arguments, crises, predictions, and outrage, and wonder why we do not feel peaceful.

Saint Paul understood something about the human mind long before anyone had heard of cable news, smartphones, or algorithms: what we repeatedly give our attention to eventually begins shaping who we become. That is why he writes, "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious… think about these things."

This is not positive thinking Christianity. Paul knew imprisonment, rejection, violence, and uncertainty. He was not telling people to pretend everything was wonderful. He was teaching something far wiser. We cannot always choose what happens around us, but we can become more discerning about what we allow to take up permanent residence within us.

That wisdom runs through all of today's readings. Isaiah describes a vineyard lovingly planted and carefully tended. Psalm 80 describes a damaged vine crying out for restoration. Jesus tells of tenants entrusted with a vineyard who forget that it was never theirs. Again and again, Scripture asks: What are we doing with what God has given us to cultivate?

Our minds are vineyards too. Every day something is growing there. Resentment grows. Gratitude grows. Fear grows. Compassion grows. Envy grows. Hope grows. We cannot control every seed that blows across the fence, but we have considerably more control over what we keep watering than we sometimes admit.

And we live in a world very interested in holding the watering can. Television wants us to keep watching. Websites want us to keep clicking. Social media wants us to keep scrolling. Fear holds attention. Anger holds attention. It is difficult to watch three hours of people explaining everything that is wrong with the world, turn off the television, and suddenly feel overwhelmed by the peace of Christ.

This does not mean we should stop paying attention. Christians should be informed. We should care about our country, our communities, wars, suffering, injustice, and the challenges facing our families. But there is a difference between being informed about the world and allowing the world's anxiety to move permanently into our living room.

The deeper danger is that we slowly become what occupies us. Listen to anger long enough and we become angrier. Hear constantly that everything is falling apart and eventually we begin living as though nothing good remains. Spend enough time being told whom to fear or distrust, and we may forget that the person on the other side of an issue is still someone Christ asks us to love.

Paul offers another way. Notice what is true. Seek what is honorable. Pay attention to what is beautiful. Remember what is good. This does not mean looking away from suffering. Christians should have the courage to look directly at what is broken. But seeing darkness is different from giving darkness every room in the house.

Sometimes we ask God for peace while spending the day feeding our anxiety. We pray, "Lord, give me peace," and then turn the television back on for another hour about why we should be worried. Perhaps part of God's answer is wonderfully ordinary: *Turn it off for a while. Step outside. Call someone you love. Read something beautiful. Pray the Rosary. Sit quietly. Look at the sky.*

There is profound freedom in realizing that not everything deserving five minutes of our attention deserves five hours of it. We can remain informed without becoming consumed, concerned without becoming afraid, and realistic without surrendering our capacity for wonder.

Then Paul makes a beautiful promise: "The God of peace will be with you." Notice that he does not merely promise *peace*. He promises the God of peace. Christianity offers more than a technique for becoming calmer. It offers a Presence. Peace grows not because life finally becomes manageable, but because God becomes the deepest reality within it.

So perhaps the question is not simply, *What am I watching or thinking about?* It is more searching: What am I becoming because of what I repeatedly give my attention to? Every story we linger over, every resentment we rehearse, every beautiful thing we notice, every person we forgive, every act of gratitude, every prayer we return to is watering something within us. We cannot prevent every weed from appearing. But we can decide what we water.

PRAYER

Lord, You know what I allow to grow within me.
Teach me to remain informed without becoming consumed,
to face what is broken without losing sight of what is beautiful,
and to recognize when fear, anger, or worry has occupied too much of my heart.

Come into the vineyard of my soul. Pull up what steals my peace and
cultivate what is true, gracious, beautiful, and good.
I cannot control every seed that falls into my life, but with Your grace,
I can choose what I water. God of peace, let Your peace grow in me. Amen.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
MONDAY	**OCTOBER 5**	
8:00 am	+Roger Benoit	His Loving Sister
TUESDAY	**OCTOBER 6**	
8:00 am	Tommasino Schiro & Family, Healing	Lucien & Valerie Clerico
WEDNESDAY	**OCTOBER 7**	
8:00 am	+Jose Manuel Rico	His Family
THURSDAY	**OCTOBER 8**	
8:00 am	+Ross Heim	His Loving Wife, Lydia
FRIDAY	**OCTOBER 9**	
8:00 am	+Nicholas Mongiardo	Vickie Mongiardo
SATURDAY	**OCTOBER 10**	
8:00 am	+Marian Woods	Roy & Bill Ross
3:30 pm	+Juneau Family	Peter Juneau
5:30 pm	+Nicholas Mongiardo	The Ecroyd Family
SUNDAY	**OCTOBER 11**	
7:30 am	+Art & +Artie Herron	Their Loving Wife and Mother
9:30 am	+Edward Sikonski	Ed & Carol Ann Smoragiewicz
11:30 am	The Parishioners of St. Leo	
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	+Gardner Martin	His Loving Wife, 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 this week are dedicated to the Parishioners of St. Leo

Candles this week are dedicated to the †Deceased Parishioners of St. Leo

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
Joseph McDermond
Daniel McDonald
Cpt. Kyle Martin
Michael Oliveira
Sgt. Thomas Pauls
Nick Parrorzio
Cpt. Evan Razzano
Cpt. Brayden Reichenbach
Lt. Riley N. Schliem
Lt. Col. Jonathan W. Schwarz
Lt. Col. Peter Shayhorn
All serving in the military, especially those in combat.

We pray today for...

Linda Aquino
Clayton Aunkle
Linda Bardol
Marie Berry
Jeffrey Bogart
Bob Brock
Hildi Brown
Larry Brown
Denise Buk
Isabelle Marie Caiola
Patrick Cain
Peter Castro
Michelle Chiarulli
Scott Cochell
Lourdes Coll
Jeff Davis
Tara DeRoma
Robby Dirks
Jaden Anthony Droz
Jim Esposito
Brad Fairfield
Rudolph & Mary Fazio
Michael Federico
Brynn Forlizzi
Cory Fredericksen
Gissette Lupita Garcia
Ellie Gaspar
Paul Gaspar
Vincent Gil
Kevin Glowacki
Ben Gondersone
Rich Gonzalez
Karen Grimshaw
Luke Hass
Chie Herron
Robbin Holcomb
Mathew Hughes
Kendall Hunter
Nolan Kane
Matt Knight
Mary Kobel
Robert Kochalka
Stephanie Krydick
Jeff Lally
Karen Lamont
Joanne Laurenzana
Emily Lienesch
Mark Lips
Mary Mavilla
Tim McAuliff
Beverly McDowell
Audrey Grace Neeley
Glenn Nelson
Rita Off
Paul Orzech
Rev. Marcel Pasciak
Mary Pearce
Beverly Pecor
Michelle Pennell
Connie Phillips
Aiden Putnam
Mary Ritt
Tessa Santagate
Cindy Santiago
Gary Schomaker
Fr. Tim Sheedy
Louis Simonini
Michael Anthony Sforza
Charlie Sweeney Jr.
Bonnie Tenhaken
Vivian Thomas
Eleanor Trevison
Debra Vannotti
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Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida de San Leo

Octubre: Mes del Respeto a la Vida

escrito por el Father Jarek

Octubre es el Mes del Respeto a la Vida, un tiempo para recordar una de las verdades más hermosas y exigentes de nuestra fe: ninguna vida humana es ordinaria. Desde el primer instante oculto de la vida en el seno materno hasta el último aliento de quien se acerca a la muerte, toda persona humana posee una dignidad que no necesita ganarse y que no puede ser arrebatada. No somos valiosos por ser sanos, independientes, exitosos, útiles, deseados o fuertes. Somos valiosos porque somos humanos, creados a imagen y semejanza de Dios. Antes de que el mundo tuviera la oportunidad de decidir cuál era nuestro valor, Dios ya nos conocía y nos amaba.

Esa convicción nos exige más que defender la vida en abstracto. Nos pide reconocer el rostro de Cristo en aquellas personas cuyas vidas son más fáciles de pasar por alto: el niño no nacido y la madre atemorizada, la persona con discapacidad, el inmigrante y el pobre, el recluso y quien lucha contra una adicción, el anciano que teme convertirse en una carga y la persona que se acerca al final de su vida. La cultura de la vida no puede limitarse a oponerse a la muerte; debe ayudar a las personas a vivir. Protege, acompaña, acoge, perdona y se niega a abandonar. La dignidad humana no tiene fecha de caducidad y no desaparece porque alguien sea dependiente, difícil, culpable, una molestia o diferente a nosotros.

Quizás, entonces, la mejor manera de celebrar el Mes del Respeto a la Vida no sea simplemente preguntarnos qué creemos, sino a quién nos pide Dios que prestemos atención. ¿Hay alguna madre atemorizada que necesite tranquilidad, un cuidador agotado que necesite ayuda, un anciano que necesite una visita, una familia en dificultades que necesite apoyo o alguien que cargue con remordimientos y necesite escuchar que la misericordia de Dios es mayor que el pasado? Las leyes y las políticas públicas son importantes, pero una cultura de vida se construye, en última instancia, a través de encuentros humanos, uno a uno. Jesús nunca se encontró con categorías; se encontró con personas.
Que octubre nos enseñe a hacer lo mismo: a ver, a prestar atención, a proteger, a acompañar y a recordar que cada ser humano con el que nos cruzamos es alguien a quien Dios ya ha mirado y ha llamado suyo.

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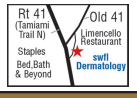
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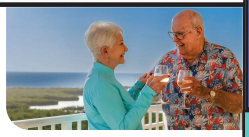
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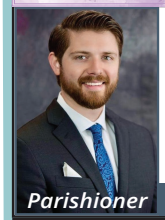
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