

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.*

September 7, 2025



Fra Carnevale (Bartolomeo di Giovanni Corradini) | The Birth of the Virgin | The Metropolitan Museum of Art | Feast Day, Sept. 8

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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

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Parish Church Support

Thank you for your
continued generosity!

August 30 & 31
\$15,506

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

ONLINE GIVING

WWW.STLEOCATHOLICCHURCH.ORG

2025 CFA Congratulations !

Now that we have reached 100% of the
Diocesan goal we have an opportunity to
help St. Leo even more. Every dollar in
excess of the goal, up to 25% will be
returned to the parish assessment free!



Our Goal.....\$664,000

Contributions to date...\$851,948

Our Pledges.....\$860,641

Pledge Goal Attained...129.61

= 10% of Goal

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 13

3:30 pm Fr. Stan

5:30 pm Fr. Stan

Sunday, September 14

7:30 am Fr. Jarek

9:30 am Fr. Jarek

11:30 am Fr. Jack

3:00 pm-Spanish Fr. Raul

5:00 pm Fr. Raul

Changes may occur without notice.

Daily Reflections

by Father Jarek

Sunday, September 7

Counting the Cost “For who can know God’s counsel” (Wisdom 9:13)

We like bargains. Two for one at the grocery store, free coffee with the punch card, even the senior discount that shows up before we think we qualify.

Today Jesus does not offer a bargain. He is beautifully honest. Following Him will cost us. Not our joy, but our false comforts. Not our families, but our need to control them. Not our possessions as such, but our habit of letting possessions own us. He tells us to calculate the cost, not to scare us away, but to free us from surprise when love asks for everything.

Wisdom admits that our plans are timid and our minds weighed down. Paul urges Philemon to welcome Onesimus not as a servant but as a brother. That is what grace does. It reorders what we value. It turns people into family. The Psalm reminds us that our days are like grass, so we ask for wisdom of heart. In that light, the cost of discipleship feels less like loss and more like investment in the one treasure that lasts.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, teach me to count the cost with clear eyes and a willing heart. Let love be my only arithmetic, and Your cross my sure account. Amen. Wisdom 9:13–18b; Psalm 90; Philemon 9–10, 12–17; Luke 14:25–33*

Monday, September 8

Small Town, Great Joy “With delight I rejoice in the Lord” (Psalm 13)

Bethlehem looked too small to matter. So did Mary’s life to many who knew her. Yet God loves to begin in places everyone else overlooks. The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a gentle feast. No thunder. Just the quiet arrival of a girl whose yes would open the door for God to walk our roads. Matthew’s long family list reminds us that salvation history includes saints and strugglers, kings and people who never made a headline. In that long story, Mary appears like dawn.

If you feel small today, take heart. God does some of His best work in small kitchens and quiet corners. He writes grace on ordinary calendars. He turns a life like yours into a doorway for Christ. Rejoice, not because you are large, but because the Lord is good.

Prayer: *Father, thank You for Mary’s birth and for the joy she brings to the world. Teach me to rejoice in small beginnings and to welcome Jesus with a willing heart. Amen. Micah 5:1–4a or Romans 8:28–30; Psalm 13; Matthew 1:1–16, 18–23 or 1:18–23*

Tuesday, September 9

Chosen on the Mountain, Sent to the Crowd “I chose you from the world, that you may go and bear fruit” (John 15:16)

Jesus spends the night in prayer and then calls the Twelve by name. No talent show. No popularity vote. Just the Father’s will, the Son’s prayer, and the Spirit’s wisdom. The list includes fishermen, a tax collector, and a zealot who once thought sharp ideas required sharp blades. Then Jesus comes down to a level place where people are waiting to be healed. That is the pattern. Pray on the mountain, then serve on the plain.

Paul tells us to walk in Christ, rooted and built up in Him, not taken captive by smooth ideas that have no cross. Saint Peter Claver learned that lesson in the hardest of places. He saw enslaved people arrive in chains and met them with water, medicine, and a love that called them by name. The fruit endures when the roots are in Christ.

Prayer: *Lord, root me in Your heart through prayer, and send me to the places where love is needed most. Let the fruit be Yours and let it last. Amen. Colossians 2:6–15; Psalm 145:1–2, 8–11; Luke 6:12–19*

Wednesday, September 10

A New Self for a New Day “Christ is all and in all” (Colossians 3:11)

We all have that drawer where old things go to nap. Broken pens, mystery keys, coupons that expired two years ago. Paul invites us to do something braver with our lives. Do not store the old self. Put it to death. Let Christ dress you in a new mind and a clean heart. Anger, slander, and lies do not belong to the new wardrobe. Compassion and praise do.

Jesus blesses the poor, the hungry, the weeping, the rejected. He warns the satisfied and the popular. It is not a scolding. It is a rescue. If we are full of ourselves, there will not be room for grace. If we know our need, heaven rushes in. The Psalm says the Lord is compassionate toward all His works. That includes you on your worst day.

Prayer: *Risen Lord, strip away what does not belong to You and clothe me in Your life. Make room in me for Your joy. Amen.*

Colossians 3:1–11; Psalm 145:2–13; Luke 6:20–26

Thursday, September 11

The Hardest Math “Be merciful, just as also your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36)

Jesus teaches the golden rule and then keeps going. Love enemies. Bless those who curse you. Lend without expecting a return. Forgive and you will be forgiven. This feels like the hardest math class we ever took. Yet the Father is kind even to the ungrateful. That is our model and our mercy.

Paul says to put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, and then to crown them with love. When these garments are worn in a family or a parish, the peace of Christ governs the heart. Songs rise. Gratitude grows. Even the hard conversations feel different when love is in charge. The Psalm invites the whole creation to praise. Forgiveness is one of the loudest songs we can sing.

Prayer: *Father, teach me the arithmetic of mercy. Let Your love measure my words and multiply generosity in me. Amen.*

Colossians 3:12–17; Psalm 150; Luke 6:27–38

Friday, September 12

Clear Eyes, Gentle Hands “You are my inheritance, O Lord” (Psalm 16)

Paul remembers his past without excuses and without shame. He was wrong and God was merciful. That memory keeps him humble and grateful. Jesus gives us a story about beams and splinters. It is hard to help a brother when a plank is wagging from our eye. The Lord is not mocking us. He is inviting us to recover our sight so we can serve with gentle hands.

Before we correct, we pray. Before we point, we listen. Before we advise, we confess our own need. When the Lord is our inheritance, we do not have to win every argument. We only have to love. Clear eyes come from standing in His light.

Prayer: *Jesus, remove what blinds me and give me a patient heart. Make my words honest and my touch kind. Amen.*

1 Timothy 1:1–2, 12–14; Psalm 16; Luke 6:39–42

Saturday, September 13

Fruit That Rings True “From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks” (Luke 6:45)

Saint John Chrysostom’s name means golden mouth, but the gold was not in his talent. It was in his heart. He spoke truth because he prayed it, suffered for it, and loved people with it. Jesus tells us that good trees bear good fruit and that houses stand when they are built on rock. Both images point to the same question. What is happening in the secret places of our lives.

Paul calls himself the foremost of sinners so that the patience of Christ can be seen. That is not drama. It is freedom. When we know we are loved in our weakness, we stop pretending. Then our words ring true and our work bears fruit. Build deep, and storms become teachers rather than terrors.

Prayer: *Lord, make my heart a good tree and my life a house on rock. Let what I say and do taste and sound like You. Amen.*

1 Timothy 1:15–17; Psalm 113; Luke 6:43–49

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

Before You Build the Tower: Counting the Cost in a World of Half Finished Projects

Wisdom 9:13–18b; Psalm 90; Philemon 9–10, 12–17; Luke 14:25–33

By Father Jarek

Most of us know the feeling of unfinished projects. Somewhere in the garage sits the exercise bike that was going to make us fit. A drawer hides the half knitted sweater. The kitchen still bears witness to the “weekend project” that somehow turned into a three year saga. We start strong, but somewhere along the way, energy, time, and motivation run out.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus paints a picture we understand all too well: a builder who lays a foundation but cannot finish the tower. The onlookers laugh, “This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.” Ouch. But Jesus is not poking fun at failed home renovations. He is telling us something serious: discipleship is not a hobby, but a commitment that requires us to count the cost.

Wisdom for Wobbly Plans

The Book of Wisdom is painfully honest: “The deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans.” In other words, our blueprints are shaky. Even our best efforts are weighed down by worry, distraction, and fear. And yet, God sends His Spirit to straighten our paths. The Christian life is not about finishing the project by sheer willpower, but about letting God supply what we lack.

The cross looks like a burden, but it is really the place where weakness is lifted by mercy. Discipleship will stretch us, but it is sustained not by our grit, but by His grace.

Numbering Our Days

The Psalmist prays, “Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.” At first, that sounds grim, like counting down the days until retirement or watching the calendar fill with medical appointments. But the prayer is not about dread. It is about perspective. Life is short, but God’s love is steady. Our towers of accomplishment will not stand forever, but God’s mercy endures in every age.

To number our days is not to squeeze more productivity into them, but to see each one as a gift. It frees us from frantic striving and roots us in gratitude.

Love Costs Something

Paul’s letter to Philemon gives a living example. Onesimus, once a runaway slave, has become like a son to Paul. Now Paul asks Philemon to receive him back not as a servant, but as a brother. This is not a minor favor. It is a radical reordering of status, pride, and relationships. The cost for Philemon is real. But the reward is communion in Christ.

It is easier to renovate a kitchen than a heart. Easier to quit painting halfway through than to forgive someone who wounded us. But this is the kind of cost discipleship demands. And it is worth every penny.

Our Half Finished Towers

What does this mean for us today? In a culture of half finished projects and short lived commitments, discipleship cannot be treated like a New Year’s resolution, vigorous in January, forgotten by February. Following Christ is not a side project. It is the project.

Jesus asks us to count the cost so we will not be surprised when love stretches us. He does not want us to quit halfway. The cross reminds us that He never leaves His work undone. He finishes what He begins. He does not abandon us as half built monuments to good intentions, but carries us to completion.

Gentle humor reminds us of our condition. How often do we promise patience until the light turns red? How often do we pledge generosity until the bill comes due? Yet the cross does not condemn us for failing, it redeems us and draws us back into the project of love.

Conclusion

Counting the cost is not about tallying losses, but about seeing what we gain. When possessions own us, surrender feels like loss. When Christ owns our hearts, surrender becomes freedom. The next time you pass by that half finished project in your home, let it remind you of grace. Towers crumble. Resolutions fade. But the cross endures. God so loved the world that He finished what He began, and He will finish the work He started in you.



FRASSATI & ACUTIS

Two New Saints for the Modern World

Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925)

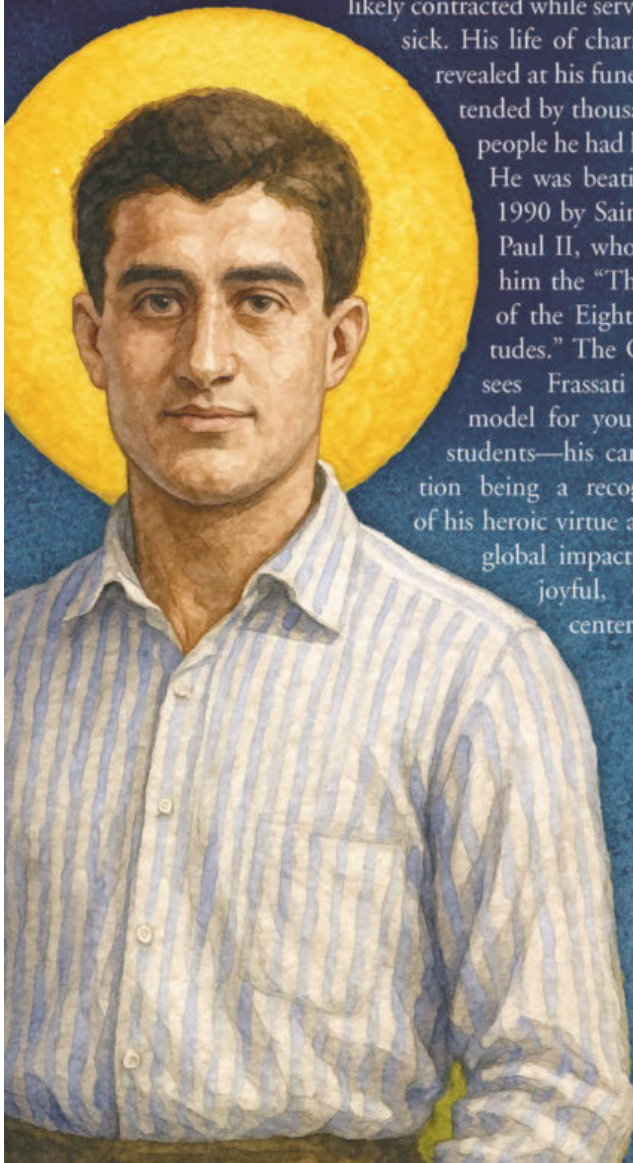
Born into an influential Italian family, Pier Giorgio Frassati defied his parents' secular views to live a life devoted to God and service to others. He balanced his studies in engineering with a deep spiritual life, including daily Mass and prayer, dedicating countless hours to charitable work through organizations like the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Frassati was known for his joyful personality, love of the outdoors, and advocating for the poor. A passionate mountain climber, he often led friends on excursions, integrating prayer, service, and friendship.

Frassati's generosity extended to giving away his own possessions to help those in need. He died at age 24 from polio,

likely contracted while serving the sick. His life of charity was revealed at his funeral, attended by thousands of people he had helped.

He was beatified in 1990 by Saint John Paul II, who called him the "The Man of the Eight Beatitudes." The Church sees Frassati as a model for youth and students—his canonization being a recognition of his heroic virtue and the global impact of his joyful, Christ-centered life.



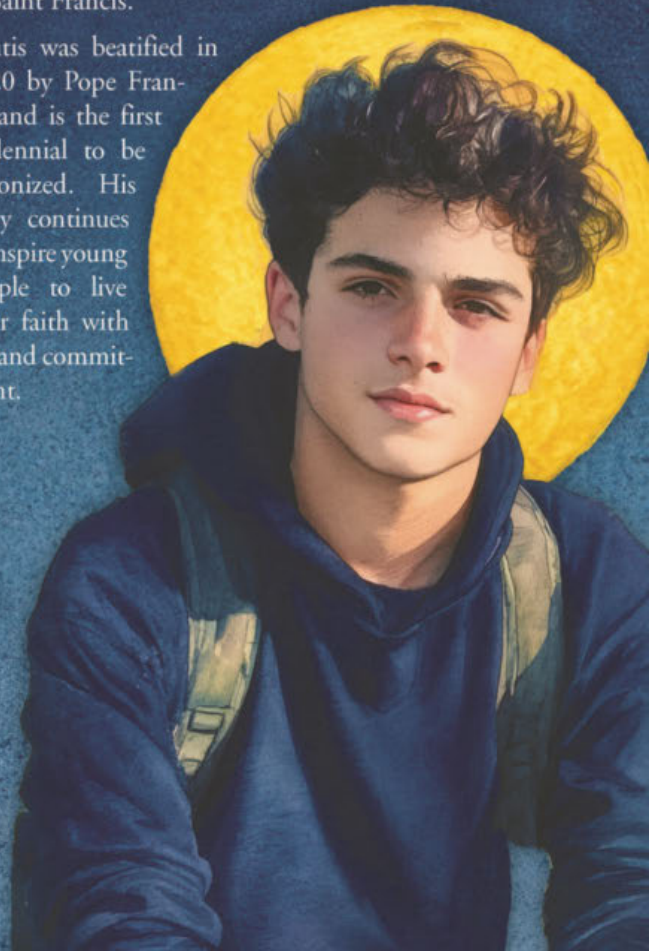
Carlo Acutis (1991-2006)

Carlo Acutis was born on May 3, 1991, in London and raised in Milan, Italy. From a young age, Carlo exhibited an extraordinary devotion to the Eucharist and a profound spiritual maturity. He attended daily Mass, prayed the rosary, and spent hours in Eucharistic adoration. Known for his kindness, humility, and sense of humor, he treated everyone with respect and compassion, especially those who were lonely, bullied, or in need.

What set Carlo apart was how he combined his deep faith with a passion for technology. At the age of 11, he began creating a website cataloging Eucharistic miracles from around the world—a project that later became a traveling exhibit and inspired many to deepen their devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. He believed the internet was a powerful tool for evangelization and said, "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven."

Diagnosed with leukemia at 15, Carlo died in 2006 and was buried in Assisi, a place he loved due to his devotion to Saint Francis.

Acutis was beatified in 2020 by Pope Francis and is the first millennial to be canonized. His story continues to inspire young people to live their faith with joy and commitment.



*Our Stations of the Cross Garden
Memorial Brick Project*

Our St. Leo Ladies' Guild has taken on the major task of renovating and maintaining our parish Outdoor Stations of the Cross Garden.

As part of this 2025-2026 project, the Guild will be handling the ongoing ordering, installing and maintaining of personalized bricks to be placed within the garden. Placing a brick in this sacred space, whether in memory of a loved one, to mark a special event, or celebrate an anniversary is a timeless way to remember what matters most in our lives.

If you would like to be part of this memorialization project you may order a brick of either size – 4"x 8" or 12"x12". Brick color choices are dark tan or creamy-beige.

If desired, you may choose from one of four clip art images to accompany your text. Order forms are printed here, or you can pick up forms in the Parish Office.



Purchaser Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State **Zip Code**

Email

Phone _____

Amount \$ _____

Make Check Payable to:

St. Leo Ladies' Guild

Send or bring your forms and

check to the Parish Office at

28290 Beaumont Road.

Bonita Springs, FL 34134

For questions please contact:

Cheryl.Janes1979@gmail.com

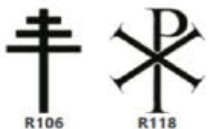
To ensure your brick is processed with the first order please submit your forms and check by September 19, 2025. Ongoing orders will be filled when minimum numbers are reached.

Engraved Brick Order Form

Do not write in the shaded area if you are ordering clip art on your brick.

Without clip art you may use the entire line. Put one letter or punctuation per box in the grid.

Clip Art Selections



4 x 8 (shown in TAN)



12 x 12 (shown in BEIGE)



Brick Size	Price with Text	Price with Text & Clip Art
4" X 8	\$125	\$150
12" X 12"	\$300	\$325

CLIP ART#

TAN ☐ BEIGE ☐

4" x 8"

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CLIP ART#

TAN ☐ **BEIGE** ☐

12" x 12"

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GENERAL REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES IS CLOSED BUT --

Registration is still open if:

-You moved into the parish over
the summer or,

-Your child is between the ages of 7-17

and needs to be Baptized or,

-Your child will be in High School
and is in need of Confirmation or
First Communion

Parents, if you missed the general
registration, please call the
Religious Education Office at 992-0901
to have your child placed on the class wait list.

OUR HEARTS ARE WITH



MINNEAPOLIS, MN Pray for an End to Violence

Prayer in Time of Tragedy

Lord Jesus Christ,
when darkness enters even Your sanctuary,
our hearts ache with sorrow.
We remember the children of Minneapolis,
taken so suddenly and violently,
and we entrust them to Your mercy.
Hold them close in the light of Your presence,
where fear and violence can never touch them again.


We pray for their families,
whose grief feels unbearable.
Be their strength in weakness,
their comfort in sorrow,
their hope when tomorrow feels impossible.

We pray for the community wounded and shaken,
for the parish that no longer feels safe,
for every child and teacher who carries fear.
Pour out Your Spirit of healing upon them,
that their sanctuary may once again
be a place of peace and prayer.

Lord, teach us to answer hatred with love,
violence with courage, despair with hope.
Keep us from numbness or cynicism.
Make us instruments of peace,
ready to serve, ready to console,
ready to believe that light shines even in the darkest night.

Into Your Sacred Heart we place
the victims, their families, their parish, and our nation.
From that Heart may we draw strength
to keep believing, to keep loving,
to keep building a world
where every child is safe
and every life is treasured.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHOSE LIVES WERE LOST.

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.

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.

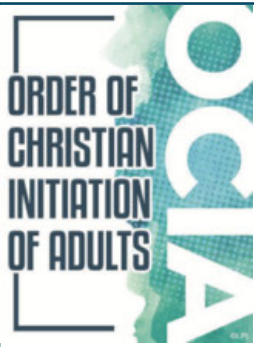
The Ladies of St. Leo Guild thank all of you for your past support. Contributions may be left in the donation boxes at the doors of the church or taken to the parish office.

BABIES ALWAYS NEED

- ☐ WIPES
- ☐ FORMULA
- ☐ BABY WASH
- ☐ BABY SHAMPOO
- ☐ DIAPERS (ESPECIALLY SIZE 6)



WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY!



Are You Considering Joining the Catholic Church? Classes Start This Fall

Adults desiring to partake in the journey into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church are invited to take the all-important next step: Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). In addition to learning about Catholic beliefs and prayers, the OCIA focuses on faith development, maturing one's relationship with God, and building and nourishing relationships among the participants and the parish community. It was developed in the first and second centuries of the Church for those seeking Jesus Christ. For more information or to register please contact the Parish Office at 992-0901. You may read more about OCIA on our website at <https://www.stleocatholicchurch.org/rcia>

Faith That Meets You Where You Are JOURNEY TOGETHER IN FAITH AND HOPE



If you enjoy Fr. Jarek's reflections in the bulletin, take your faith journey further at CatholicJourneyToday.com a site created with you in mind. Discover daily reflections, inspiring homilies, faith-filled articles, and enriching courses in Scripture and Catholic catechism. Whether you seek Spiritual insights, practical wisdom, or a quiet space for reflection, you'll find it here.

Visit CatholicJourneyToday.com and continue growing in faith—one reflection at a time

Our Capital Improvement Fund

Our Capital Improvement Fund allows us to collect assessment free money to be used for necessary repairs and projects for the parish campus. Funds have been used to pay for the replacement of the skylights in the church and a portion of the air conditioning units in the Parish Life Center and Education Buildings.

More recently we have repaired roof leaks in the church, added a security system, replaced the church bell system, freshly painted many of our buildings and added extra landscaping. These funds are not designated for the construction of any new buildings. We sincerely thank you for your continued generosity.

Please know that contributing to this assessment free fund is the most efficient way to help St. Leo maintain and improve our beautiful properties.

Prayer For Safety In Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children.

The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea.

We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from tragedies like those whose memories are still vivid.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we may walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.



We Pray for the Recently Deceased of Our Parish

Anne O'Neill
Johannah Holleran
Samuel Sanchez



NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 8	
8:00 am	+Ross Heim	Bart McCartin
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 9	
8:00 am	+Armando Adamo	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Skiba
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 10	
8:00 am	+Kim Harvey	The Misek Family
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 11	
8:00 am	+Lina Capogreco	Rose Guaitoli
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 12	
8:00 am	+Robert Allen	Martin Hepworth
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 13	
8:00 am	+Ross Heim	Patty Cuskelly
3:30 pm	+James P Seymour	Loving Wife, Joann
5:30 pm	The Parishioners of St. Leo	
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 14	
7:30 am	+Jack Figurski	His Loving Wife, Ethel
9:30 am	Jacqueline Barrientos on her 24th Birthday	Her Mom, Gris & Sister, Dulce
11:30 am	+Ray Perry	His Friends Amy, Pat & Dan
3:00 pm - Spanish	Special Cumulative Intentions	
5:00 pm	+Kim Harvey	The Misek Family



Flowers this week are dedicated to Parishioners of St. Leo

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

Please Pray for Our Troops

Lt. Marco Colavecchia	Joseph McDermond
Brian Dearcia Leon	Daniel McDonald
Michael DeSantis	Cpt. Kyle Martin
Cpt. Mary Kate Flynn	Michael Oliveira
Lt. Thomas A. Flynn	Sgt. Thomas Pauls
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Thomas Geanuracos	Sean Michael Perry
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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 Mornings 10:30 am - Nest Café

All are welcome to join the MJM 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.

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DAILY PRAYER SCHEDULE

MONDAYS THROUGH THURSDAYS, AND SATURDAYS: 7:15 am-Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Cry Room, 7:30 am-Rosary in the main church.
FRIDAYS: 7:10 am-Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Cry Room, 7:25 am-Rosary in the main church, followed by the Miraculous Medal Novena We invite you to join us in these wonderful prayers. Your presence and participation are greatly appreciated.



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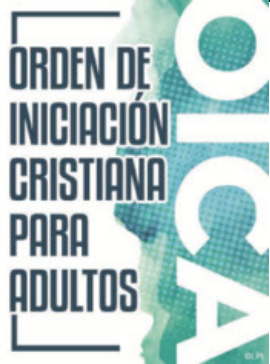


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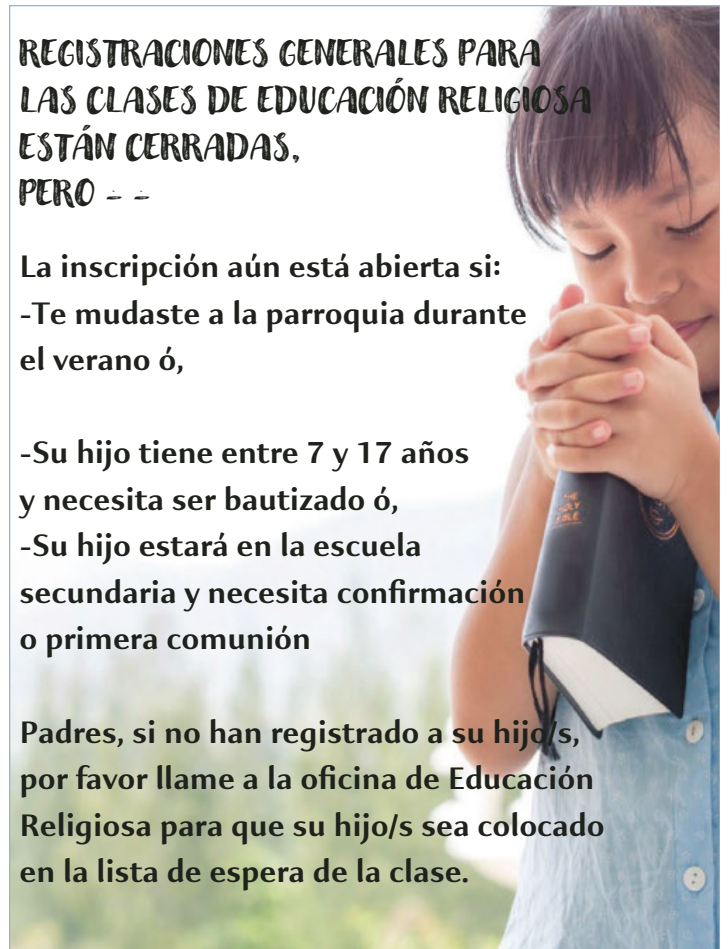
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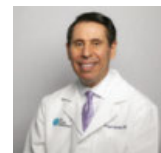
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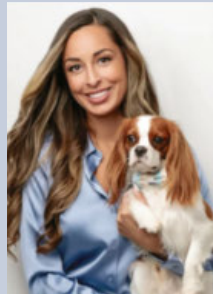
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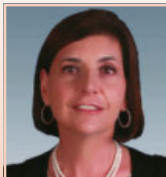
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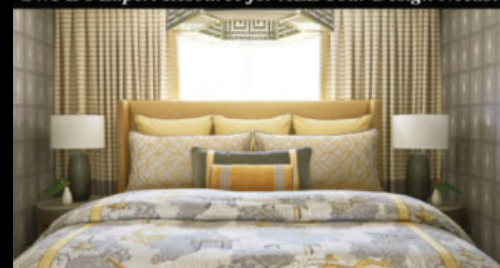
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