

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.*

December 12, 2021



Preaching of St. John the Baptist / Domenico Ghirlandaio / c. 1486 - 1490

**28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34134 • Phone (239) 992-0901
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 - 7 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!

Due to the printer's holiday schedule this bulletin was submitted before collections were tabulated for the weekend of December 4 & 5. Those will be printed next week.

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WWW.STLEOCATHOLICCHURCH.ORG

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 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult. To enroll in RCIA, please call Griselda Cisneros at 992-0901.

EUCCHARIST

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 6pm 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

2021 CFA YOU DID IT!



Through your generosity we have completed another successful Catholic Faith Appeal campaign! Because of your donations we have maximized the amount of funds which we can collect assessment free from the campaign, and over \$115,000 will now be returned to St. Leo. Thank you for your support again this year.

If you have made a pledge please continue making your payments.

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule December 18 & 19

Saturday	Fr. Jarek
3:30 pm	Fr. Jarek
5:30 pm	
Sunday	Fr. John
7:30 am	Fr. Jack
9:30 am	Fr. Jack
11:30 am	Fr. Jarek
1:30 pm-Polish	Fr. Stan
5:00 pm	Fr. Luis
7:00 pm-Spanish	

Changes may occur without notice.



Daily Reflections

Sunday, Dec 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Queen of Mercy, watch over us

Often, we seek guidance, wondering like those around John the Baptist: *What should we do?* The answer's a simple one: show mercy. Our adversaries, family members, and we ourselves may be in need of such compassion. When La Virgen Morena (the Brown Virgin) appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico and left her image on his cactus-fiber cloak, her promise of mercy to all who appealed to her was sealed on the Americas. Our Lady of Guadalupe, now patroness of Mexico and empress of the Americas, extends her reign across two continents and around the globe. Respond with mercy today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18 (9). "The crowds asked John the Baptist, 'What should we do?'"*

Monday, Dec 13, 2021

MEMORIAL OF LUCY, MARTYR

I can see clearly now

In these darkening days of December, the Scandinavian festival of light held on Saint Lucy's feast day is a cheerful sight to brighten spirits. In these countries—and wherever Scandinavians are found—girls dress as Lucy in long white gowns with wreaths of candles on their heads, carrying sweets in procession as songs are sung. Similar practices can be found in Italy and Croatia. Whether you belong to those ethnicities or not, why not incorporate the festival into your family holiday traditions? Saint Lucy is the patron and protector of eyesight—ask her to help you focus yours, to see more clearly the coming of the radiant king.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27 (187). "By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you this authority?"*

Tuesday, Dec 14, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Carried by love

Saint John of the Cross was named a doctor of the church for his profound, poetic writings on Christian mysticism. As a spiritual phenomenon, mysticism is difficult to explain. Central ideas, though, connect love and suffering. Today, pause to remember the tragic school shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary and contemplate this meditation by John and remember to love: "I saw the river over which every soul must pass to reach the kingdom of heaven, and the name of that river was suffering. And I saw a boat which carries souls across the river, and the name of that boat was love."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32 (188). "Then will I remove from your midst the proud braggarts, and you shall no longer exalt yourself."*

Wednesday, Dec 15, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Jesus, our justice and our peace

The coming of Jesus into the world was ultimately the coming of true justice and peace. In today's psalm, these two virtues are said to have "kissed" when the Messiah arrived on Earth. What an incredible image! Every promise of God finds its yes in the One who frees us from sin and death. In the gospel reading, Jesus proves by his miraculous love that he is the long-hoped-for Messiah. Today, remember that as we anticipate Christmas, the fulfillment of all our hopes and dreams is the justice and peace of Jesus. Perhaps not what we expected, but what we need!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Luke 7:18b-23 (189). "Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven."*

Thursday, Dec 16, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Differently blessed

Today's first reading refers to an idea repeated many times in the Bible: that children are a blessing from God. Catholic teaching on situations where bearing children is not possible is not the inverse, however. The church has never taught that infertility or any other limitation is a punishment or "curse" from God. To the contrary, Catholic tradition emphasizes that persons in every situation or condition deserve our full attention, respect, and caring concern. How can you practice empathy toward those whose family life has taken a less common direction?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30 (190). "Among those born of women, no one is greater than John; yet the least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he."*

Friday, Dec 17, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O WISDOM)

Make the wise choice

Today the church begins to sing the O Antiphons to accompany the Advent evening prayer of Mary's Magnificat. These short, sung phrases remind us of our need for salvation and our desire to embody the divine characteristics of our Savior. Today we pray for knowledge. This is not the knowledge that wins arguments around the dinner table, but the knowledge that shines a light on who we are, where we came from, and what we are called to do. It is the knowledge that comes with discernment and brings us peace. May wisdom be our teacher.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17 (193). "O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!"*

Saturday, Dec 18, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O SACRED LORD)

Walk each other home

The theme for this year's International Migrants Day is "Reimagining Human Mobility." U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres calls upon citizens of the world to "seize the opportunity of the recovery from the pandemic to implement safe, orderly, and regular migration and enable migrants to build more inclusive and resilient societies." Today's O Antiphon recalls the migration of Israel from Egypt to Palestine and asks God to guide the movement of peoples. Because we all can trace our ancestry back to migrating people at one time or another, it is appropriate today to pray for people on the move seeking new homes and new lives in new lands.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25 (194). "And they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"*



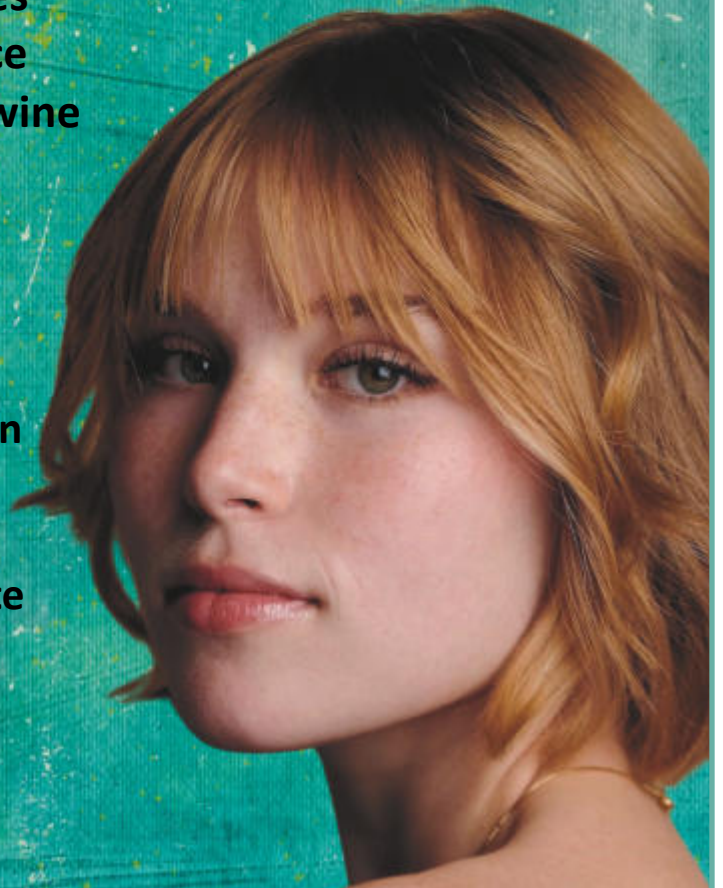
Dinner & Concert with Zofia

Thursday, January 6th

**Parish Life Center - \$20 per person
Doors open at 5:15pm - Dinner at 5:30pm**

**All seating is open, no reserved tables
Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office
Enjoy a light supper, with a glass of wine**

**Since she was 14 years old,
our extraordinarily talented cantor,
Zofia Majewski has touched us with
her angelic voice.
She will be home from Carnegie Mellon
University for Christmas break and
before going back to school she has
agreed to perform some of her favorite
pieces in concert for us.**



M Handel's Messiah

THIS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
ST. LEO PARISH LIFE CENTER

Performance at 7pm
Doors open at 6:15pm
\$10 per person

Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office
and at the event, beginning at 6pm.



Handel's Messiah, a beloved Christmas oratorio, is a new Advent tradition at St. Leo. This renowned work presents a powerful message of the prophecy and fulfillment of God's plan to redeem the world through a Savior.

This glorious story is brought to life through the wonderful Voices of Naples choir, accompanied by guest soloists and a ten piece orchestra all under the direction of Dr. Douglas Renfro.

After completing the Hallelujah Chorus, an emotional Handel reportedly told his servant, "I did think I did see all Heaven before me, and the great God Himself seated on His throne, with His company of Angels."



VIGIL SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH - 6PM

Join us for a prayer service in the tradition of Taize as we contemplate God and his mercy. Priests will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation.

Bereavement Support Group

The past two years have been very difficult, and sadly, we have seen many deaths. If you have lost someone and would like help during your grieving journey, St. Leo is once again holding Bereavement Support Groups beginning on January 4th. The meetings will go for seven weeks and are intimate, small sharing groups with a series of topics to discuss. Depending upon the response, we will offer afternoon and evening sessions. To maintain sensitivity to the members, groups are closed to new participants after the first meeting. Past groups have been very well received. If you are interested, please contact Cate Staid for more information at 992-0901.



St. Leo the Great Ladies Guild

Fashion Show Fun in the Sun



February 8, 2022

**ADVANCED SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES STARTING AT \$100
SPONSORS RECEIVE PRIORITY SEATING!**

Act quickly before ticket sales begin - Contact before December 20, 2021

Did you know that last year the Ladies Guild donated over \$28,000 to worthy causes in our area providing food, maternal and infant supplies and scholarships to area youth for summer camp, college or vocational school? In addition, we support the many worthy ministries of St. Leo the Great Parish. The Fashion Show is our only fundraiser and we rely on our generous community to help support our outreach to these important charities. And right now the need has never been greater.

For more information email: st.leoladiesguild@aol.com

OUR LADY OF *Guadalupe*

A Surprising Visitor

The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe commemorates the four apparitions of Mary in 1531 to the peasant Juan Diego on Tepeyac hill near Mexico City. Appearing like a Mexican princess, Mary told him that a church should be built there. When Juan told the bishop, he demanded proof. Mary sent Juan to gather some roses (unusual in December) to present to the bishop. When Juan opened his cloak [tilma] to give the roses to the bishop, they also discovered a painted image the Blessed Virgin imprinted on the tilma, which is now preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Under this title, Mary was declared patron of New Spain (1710), of Latin America (1910), Queen of Mexico and Empress of the Americas (1945) and patroness of the Americas (1999).



"O gracious and loving Mary, Lady of Guadalupe, through your presence make us aware of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. May Christ send us blessings of peace and harmony, and may we receive love and the healing we need to get closer to him."

—Pope St. John XXIII (October 12, 1961)

"Build a Church Here"

In Mary's encounter with Juan Diego we can understand more clearly the truth of who he is, who she is, and who God is. Like those who encounter Jesus in the Gospels, he is a peasant, one of the many landless poor who work hard so the rich can live more easily. Yet Mary, who appears as a dark-skinned peasant woman like him, injects herself into his world and thus into the cares and concerns of the peasants and their lives. Her directive to "build a church" requires more than the construction of a building, but echoes God's dream proclaimed by Jesus of a new kingdom or society in which all will share the right relationships with one another. This message is indeed the message that has spread throughout Central and South America as the peasant people struggle today to build a church—a community of disciples who are the people of God.

Our American Vocation

"When the image of the Virgin appeared on the tilma of Juan Diego, it was the prophecy of an embrace: Mary's embrace of all the peoples of the vast expanses of America—the peoples who already lived there, and those who were yet to come. Mary's embrace showed what America—North and South—is called to be: a land where different peoples come together; a land prepared to accept human life at every stage, from the mother's womb to old age; a land which welcomes immigrants, and the poor and the marginalized, in every age." —Pope Francis



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. These listed items are suggested but **all unopened, non-perishable foods are welcomed.** You may continue to drop your donations when you come to Mass or at our office front door Monday - Friday from 8am-3pm. Our staff will remove these donations regularly.

THESE FOODS ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED:

DRIED BEANS • MASECA (CORN TORTILLA FLOUR) • SUGAR • SALT • VEGETABLE OIL • WHITE RICE • COOKING OIL • JUICE • FLOUR

Also welcome are: breakfast cereals • canned fruit & vegetables • canned pasta & soup • canned tuna & chicken • pasta & spaghetti • peanut butter & jelly • powdered milk • toothbrushes & toothpastes • laundry soap, bar soap • baby wipes, diapers, especially **size 6.**



The St. Leo Food Bank supports Catholic Charities on our campus 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 (especially size 6) and new clothes for the season. 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.

Diaper are getting especially low now. We appreciate your generosity!





Liturgical Schedules

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Friday, December 24

3:30 pm - Church & Auditorium

5:30 pm - Children's Mass

9:00 pm - Midnight Mass

Carols begin at 8:00 pm

Saturday, December 25

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am

5:00 pm in Spanish

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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.

OUR PILOT PROGRAM FOR THOSE FLYING SOLO

If you are "flying solo" at this point in your life....whether you are single by choice, widowhood or divorce, and you would like to socialize with others who find themselves in the same situation, you are welcomed to sit at our specially designated tables during select entertainment events at the parish. Look for the logo on event announcements in the bulletin.



Coming Soon!

Tuesday Mornings with the Deacon

Beginning January 11th join Deacon Charlie in the New Auditorium for sessions like these.....

- The Parables
- How to Draw Your Children Back to the Church
- The Gospel of John
- The Five Goals of Adoration
- The Ten Reasons for Reconciliation

More details will be coming soon!



Wedding Anniversary Mass at St. Leo February 12, 2022 at 11 am



Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more years of marriage are invited by Bishop Dewane to a special Anniversary Mass in their honor. Immediately following Mass, family and friends may join at the reception in the Parish Life Center. For reservations fill out the following form and bring it or mail it to the parish office no later than Monday, January 31st.

Last name: _____ Phone number: _____

Husband's name: _____ Wife's name: _____

Local Address: _____

Northern Address _____

Anniversary date: _____ Number of years married: _____ Photo with Bishop: Yes _____ No _____

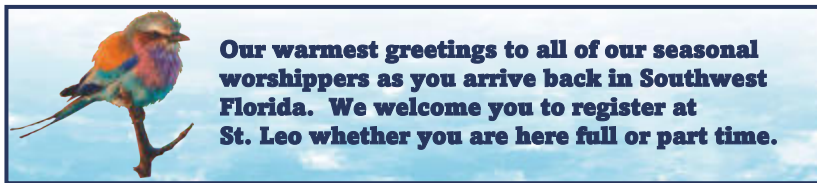
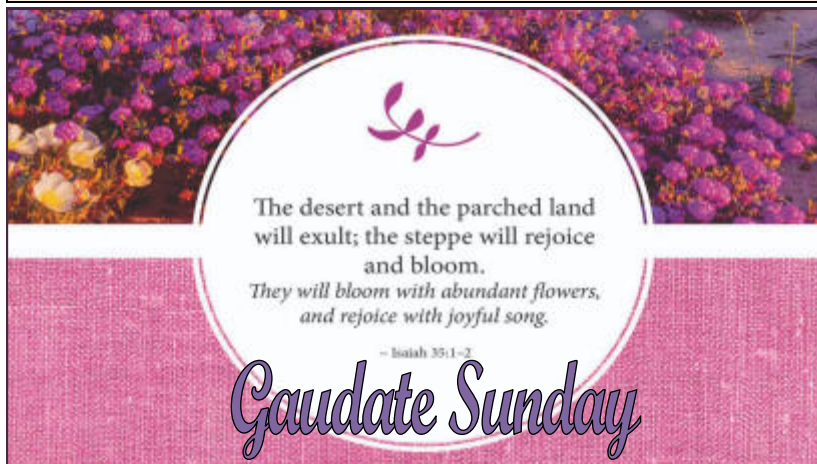
Number of people attending reception: _____ Email: _____

This form is for St. Leo Parishioners only. Others register with your home Parish.




NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS


MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
MONDAY 8:00 am	DECEMBER 13 +David Socha	Janet & Michael Daley
TUESDAY 8:00 am	DECEMBER 14 +The McCarthy Family	Ethel Figurski
WEDNESDAY 8:00 am	DECEMBER 15 +Jean Schaller	Loving Wife, Renilde
THURSDAY 8:00 am	DECEMBER 16 +Marylin Johnson	Loving Brother, Ross Heim
FRIDAY 8:00 am	DECEMBER 17 +Bernie & Regina Bubb	Rosemary & Gary Bubb
SATURDAY 8:00 am 3:30 pm 5:30 pm	DECEMBER 18 +Kathy Pecorella +Judith Ingersoll +John Naughton	Her Loving Husband, Ronnie Sherry, Pam & Linda His Loving Family
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am 1:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	DECEMBER 19 +Helen & Lisa Lagowski +Patricia Gerber The Parishioners of St. Leo Special Cumulative Intentions +Deacon William J Tansey MD Special Cumulative Intentions	Loving Husband & Father, John Lagowski Loving Husband, Gerald His loving family



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 9am to 3pm Monday through Saturday.




Flowers & Candles this week are dedicated to †Virginia Rodriguez
Requested by her Loving Husband and Sons

Please Pray for Our Troops

Lt. Marco Colabecchia	Kyle Martin
Michael DeSantis	Michael Oliveira
Lt. Connor Flynn	Sgt. Thomas Pauls
Lt. Thomas A. Flynn	Nick Parrorzio
C. Sean Flynn	Sean Michael Perry
Thomas Geanuracos	Maj. Frank D. Razzano Jr.
Carlos Gonzales	Lt. Evan Razzano
Brian Howlett	Jonathan W. Schwarz
Lt. Com. Matthew Kleine	<i>All serving in the military, especially those in combat.</i>
Maj. Nickolas LoRusso	
Daniel McDonald	

We pray today for...

Ellie Augevich	Rachel McCausland
Marni Bahniuk	John McGray
Jackie Baker	Pauline McKeen
Dave Bowezs	Don Marvin
Neal Bonner	Micaela Mendiola Sandoval
Connie Bozzi	Jose Manuel Meraz
Tom Bourgeois	Gary Miller
Ted Caccia	Jay Miller
Isabelle Marie Caiola	Conrad Molter
Patrick Cain	Jay Morgan
Scott Cochell	Tracey Morrow
Lourdes Coll	John Moses
Marie Corrao	Howie Nero
Mike Clukey	Audrey Grace Neeley
Audrey Davis	Alex Ogozaly
Gabina Delgado	Larry Parvin
Robby Dirks	Connie Phillips
Lucy DonMoyer	Merlin Psenicka
Kathy Elliman	Aiden Putnam
George Faccione	Cal Raugh
Brad Fairfield	Andrew Robinson
Matthew Fairfield	Maria Rodriguez
Gisette Lupita Garcia	Sheldon Saidman
Mary Kay Gempler	Tessa Santagater
Gerald Gerber	Sheryl Southerd
Quinn Gorman	Jim Stokes
Pauline Graziano	Charlie Sweeney Jr.
Karen Grimshaw	Father Mathais Thelen
Luke Hass	Karen Thies
Larry Hickman	Richard Trevison
Bob Holloran	Fran Viglione
Robbin Holcomb	Ray & Jerry Wallace
Matthew Hough	George Witkowsky
Annemarie Jardon	Christie Zdzinski
Jerry Kaeble	Jackie Zimfer
Mary Kobel	Anthony, Brandon,
Karen Kugelman	Carlos N., Faith N., Gary, Joanne,
Peggy Land	Pat P., Pat S.
Samantha Lewis	Present & past parish priests.
Emily Lienesch	

Names remain on our prayer list for 30 days & troop list for 6 months.
To add names or update information call the Parish Office at 992-0901 or email: ehernandez@stleocatholicchurch.org

PARISH DIRECTORY

Altar Servers - Adults	Griselda Cisneros..... 992-0901
Altar Servers - Youth	Griselda Cisneros..... 992-0901
Arimatheans	Parish Office..... 992-0901
Bereavement Support Group	Cate Staid 992-0901
Bible Study	Marge Salow.....734-243-5233
Bulletin	Anne Bellows 992-0901
Catholic Charities at St. Leo 390-2928
Cenacle Legal Services (Low Income)941-244-0308
Counseling Services	Catholic Charities 455-2655
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Daily Mass	Amy Campanile.....563-650-6442
Weekend Masses	Parish Office..... 992-0901
Homebound	Parish Office..... 992-0901
Hospice - Hope Hospice	Parish Office 992-0901
Hospitals/Nursing Homes	Parish Office..... 992-0901
Finance Council	Henry Soto..... 992-0901
Human Trafficking Hotline888-373-7888
Landings	Parish Office..... 992-0901
Lector Ministry Coordinator	David Froelke.....646-831-9733
Lector Coordinator for Weekdays	Amy Campanile.....563-650-6442
Mass in Polish Coordinator	Maryla Basara..... 405-2151
Money Counters	Henry Soto..... 992-0901
Perpetual Baby Shower	Mary Ellen French 405-0215
Polish Classes	Renata Dabrowska-Klimczak 384-9726
Prison Ministry	Robert Hiniker.....863-558-0407
Project Gabriel	Carol Dangler 793-0826
Project Rachel	Sylvia Jimenez.....941-412-5860
Respect Life	Diane Corcelli..... 992-6723
Respite	Bonnie Dunne-Martin 992-0901
Retrouvaille	Doug & Jeanne Lindberg..800-470-2230
Rite of Christian Initiation	Griselda Cisneros..... 992-0901
Sacristan Ministry	Annette Smith..... 948-1640
Sewing-Knitting-Crocheting	Bernice Romano 601-5877
Sing a Long	Penny Kelly.....314-412-4022
St. Leo the Great Ladies Guild	Beth Daniels.....248-376-2997
Usher Ministry	Parish Office..... 992-0901
Youth Ministry	Frank Murray 992-0901

Advent Prayer

Christ you are the Light,
which brightens our lives
with hope and promise
this holy season of Advent.

Send us your Spirit
and give us your grace
as we strive to reflect your light
in our lives each day.

Teach us to look for you even in
the smallest acts of kindness and
love, and help us become ready for
your second coming in glory.
Amen.



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

If you are interested in becoming an altar server, our ministry coordinator, Joe Stegle is available to train, schedule, and work with you until you are confident to serve alone. Please contact him at 551-427-9045.

12 JAN
7:30 PM

ST LEO
AUDITORIUM

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piano

"astounding clarity, purity and maturity" - Sir Andrés Schiff

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Sunday 9:30am Mass

Ages 5-10

No Sign up necessary.

Father will dismiss the children after the opening prayer to enjoy Jesus' Story Time in the chapel, and they will return to their families after the Intercessions.

NUUESTRA SEÑORA DE *Guadalupe*

Una Visitante Sorpresa

Esta fiesta conmemora las 4 apariciones de María en 1531 al indio Juan Diego en el cerro del Tepeyac cerca de la Ciudad de México. Apareciendo en forma de princesa mexicana, María le dijo que ahí debería construirse una iglesia. Cuando Juan le contó al obispo, él exigió pruebas. María envió a Juan a traer rosas (inusuales de encontrar en diciembre) para presentárselas al obispo. Cuando Juan abrió su manto (tilma) para darle las rosas al obispo, aparte de las rosas descubrieron una imagen de la Santísima Virgen pintada en la tilma, la cual hoy en día se encuentra preservada en la Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la Ciudad de México. Bajo este título, María fue declarada la Patrona de la Nueva España (1710), de Latinoamérica (1910), Reina de México y Emperatriz de las Américas (1945) y Patrona de las Américas (1999).

"Oh María llena de amor y gracia, Señora de Guadalupe, por medio de tu presencia haznos conscientes de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu hijo. Que Cristo nos envíe bendiciones de paz y armonía, y que recibamos el amor y la sanación que necesitamos para poder acercarnos a Él."

—Papa San Juan XXIII (Octubre 12, 1961)

"Construye Aquí una Iglesia"

En el encuentro de María con Juan Diego podemos comprender más claramente la verdad de quien es él, quien es ella, y quien es Dios. Como muchos con los que se encuentra Jesús en el evangelio, él es un hombre sencillo, uno de tantos pobres sin tierra quienes trabajan duro para que los ricos vivan mejor. Pero María, quien aparece como una mujer morena y sencilla como él, se introduce en su mundo y de esa manera en los cuidados y preocupaciones de los humildes y de sus vidas. Sus instrucciones a "construir una iglesia" requieren más que la construcción de un edificio, hacen eco al sueño de Dios proclamado por Jesús de un Reino Nuevo o una sociedad en la cual todos puedan relacionarse correctamente unos con los otros. Este mensaje es en efecto el mensaje que se ha propagado por Centro y Sudamérica mientras que la gente humilde batalla hoy en día para construir una iglesia—una comunidad de discípulos quienes son el pueblo de Dios.

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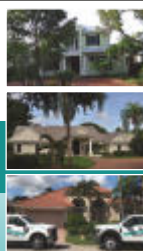
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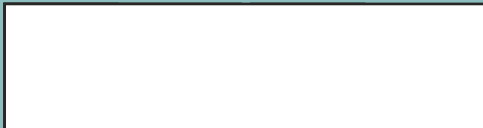
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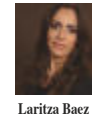
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