

Mass Times

Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. Spanish
9:30 a.m. English
11:30 a.m. Spanish

Confession: 4:30 p.m., Saturdays
6:30 p.m., Wednesdays

Our website: www.stleosonoma.org

Weekday Mass:
8:30 a.m. M, W – F (no Mass on Tuesday)
7:00 p.m. – Wed. – Spanish Mass

✠ Sacraments ✠
Baptisms and Weddings
Call the office, (707) 996-8422

MASS INTENTIONS: April 13th – April 21st

Sat. 13 5:00 a.m. Richard Facciola † and
Vanessa Wardwell, Happy b-day
Sun. 14 9:30 a.m. Deceased members of the
Byrne, Lynch, & Boyle families
Mon. 15 8:30 a.m. Ferdinand Carpio †
Tues. 16 **NO MASS**
Wed. 17 8:30 a.m. Joan Polan †
Thurs. 18 8:30 a.m. Pat Ryan †
Friday 19 8:30 a.m. Felix C. Mapa †
Sat. 20 5:00 p.m. Ashley Renee Lynn Pound †
& Giacomo & Emilia Canevari †
Sun. 21 9:30 am Patt Picchi †

FISCAL LOG April 6 / 7

Sunday Collection: \$ 5,404.
Development Fund: \$ 1,817.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

April 16 Men's Club Monthly Dinner Meeting, 6PM, LSW
April 20 Opening Day for Bocce at St. Leo's & Food Tk.
April 20 First Communion Workshop, 9AM
April 21 Hispanic Food-to-Go Sale
April 24 SVDP Monthly Meeting, 9AM, FINN
April 25 Reconciliation for First Communion students
May 4 First Communion Mass, 10AM
May 15 Confirmation rehearsal & Reconciliation 4-7PM
May 16 Confirmation, 5PM

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for April
In memory of
Jerry Shafer



ADULT EDUCATION MEETING: The group will meet today, Sunday, April 14th at 10:30a.m. in the Benziger room. Discussion is on the Synod.

FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP:

On Saturday, April 20th all First Communion students that are to receive their First Communion in May must attend the workshop.

MEN'S CLUB DINNER MEETING:

Tuesday, April 16th in the Lillian Sanders Wing. Cocktails at 6p.m. and dinner at 6:30p.m. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. Contact Steve Rogers, (707) 771-9290 with questions.

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

The Catholic Home Missions collection funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, and training of seminarians and lay ministers.

LENTEN SPARE CHANGE FUNDRAISER:

This year's fundraiser will go toward the building of bathroom facilities at the Orphanage where the previous year's coin fundraiser helped to build. If you have not returned your jar, please do so when possible. Thank you in advance. To date the total is \$9,770.36.

HISPANIC COMMUNITY FOOD TO-GO SALE:

Sunday, April 21st the Hispanic community will be selling "Food to Go" after Sunday Masses until gone. Grab yours while they last.

BOCCE – OPENING DAY CELEBRATION:

On Saturday, April 20th, join us for an afternoon of clinics, evening of open play, and the *HolyChileMole* Food Truck from 4:30 – 7PM. NO pre-sale tickets needed, but please RSVP to Jennifer Stark, (707) 321-1170, event chairperson, so the vender can prepare properly. You could even make it a date night of attending Mass then dinner from the Food Truck.

FREE INSPIRATIONAL BOOKS: Marc Mezzetta has donated 2 books by author Matthew Kelly, "There is a Voice Within You", and "Beautiful Eucharist". Marc has put his contact info. in the books for anyone interested in joining a group to discuss the books contents. The books are in the Usher's room or at the entrance of the church.

LENTEN STONES: If you have not returned your Lenten Stone please do so now. Please put your stone in the Ushers Room at the back of church, giving the stone and all it holds in care of Jesus on the Cross.

A Little While

Holy Week used to be and may still be a busier week for those living in a monastery than it is for those of us at the parish level. It included not only the usual services from Palm Sunday to Easter but three evenings of a service called Tenebrae (meaning Darkness). This evening service required the chanting of 14 psalms plus a similar number of other biblical readings and antiphons.

After the chanting of each psalm an acolyte approached a candelabrum holding 15 lighted candles and extinguished one. By the end, 14 had been extinguished; only the top candle remained lit. This candle was then carried by the acolyte out of sight so that darkness prevailed in the chapel for a brief period, after which the one lit candle was brought out of hiding and replaced on the top socket of the candelabrum – symbolizing Christ's resurrection. Whew!

Relevant to that service, there is a passage in the Last Supper account of John's Gospel where Jesus says to his disciples: *A little while (micron) and you will no longer see me, and again a little while later and you will see me.* The disciples asked him what this meant. Obviously we think it meant the short interval between the arrest and resurrection of Jesus. That would be the literal sense of it.

But biblical scholars down through the centuries have always seen a *deeper meaning* to biblical stories. And this "little while" (this micron) of which John writes could very well relate to your own life as a twenty-first century Christian.

For instance, I entered St. Cyril's Parochial School at age five. Thereafter it was parochial schools and, in my teens, a seminary and beyond until I was thirty – exposed to my Christian heritage every step along the way, in classrooms and churches. Yet all the while one or another of the 14 candles of my Christian initiation was dimmed by other influences, distractions. It only took "a little while" for my faith to grow routine. As Jesus said, we run the risk of *a little while and you will not see me*; you will not really know me; you will grow more secular or sentimental or pious than Christian. Worship will become more a habit than an *event*, a soul-stirring encounter with Christ.

Having been introduced to Christ in the past course of your life, have your candles gone out? Has your understanding of who Christ is and what his Gospel is all about fallen into some kind of shadowy state? Are you in that *micron*, that "little while" during which you do not *fully* grasp the deeper impact Scripture can have upon your mind and heart, the radical joy and freedom no shadow can obscure?

Christ says to you as he did to his disciples at the that Last Supper (or first Eucharist): *A little while (micron) and you will no longer see me, and again a little while* (it could be forty years but it will seem a little while) *and you will see me . . .* You will begin to *understand* what you have been hearing our lectors read, what Genesis and Exodus and the prophets and John and Paul are saying, what we mean by the word sacrament – and, as Jesus continued to say, *your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.*

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Geoff Wood