

Gathering Song: This is the Day BB#575

This is the day! This is the day!
Let us re-joice! Let us re-joice!

1. This is the day that the Lord has made! glad!
Let us re-joice and be

2.

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Gloria: Glory to God
(In pew pocket)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118: The Stone Which the Builders Rejected

The stone which the build-ers re-ject-ed has be-come the cor-ner-stone.

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Preparation of Gifts: Because the Lord is My Shepherd BB#477

You are my shep-herd, you are my friend. I want to fol-low you al-ways just to fol-low my friend.

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Mass: Mass of St. Paul the Apostle
(Mass card in the pew pocket)

Communion Song: Jesus Christ is Lord

Je - sus Christ is Lord. Je - sus Christ is Lord.

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Closing Song: Hallelujah is Our Song BB#170

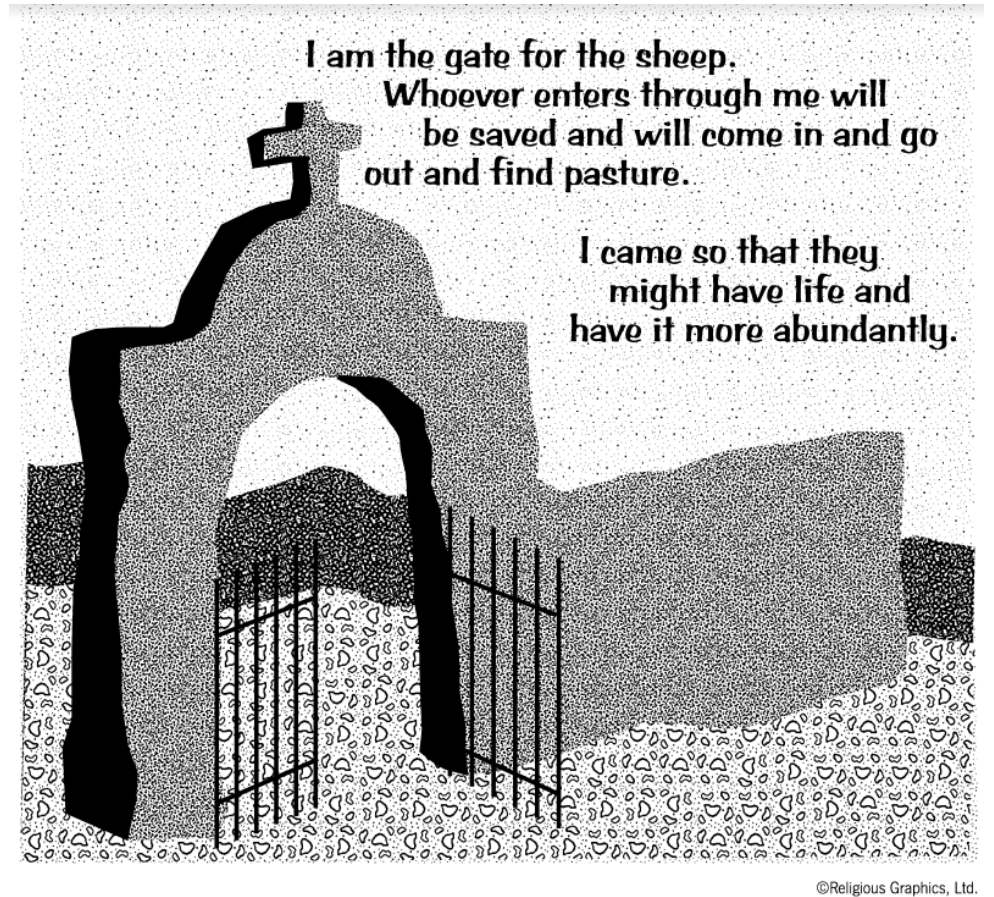
Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! He is ris - en o - ver all.

Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah is our song.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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.stleesonoma.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 20th – April 28th

Sat. 20 5:00 p.m. Ashley Renee Lynn Pound †
& Giacomo & Emilia Canevari †
Sun. 21 9:30 am Patt Picchi †
Mon. 22 8:30 a.m. Pio Abelaida †
Tues.23 **NO MASS**
Wed. 24 8:30 a.m. Bill Maffei †
Thurs. 25 8:30 a.m. Victor & Connie Vargas †
Friday 26 8:30 a.m. Antionette Kuhry
& Tom Haeuser, Prayers
Sat. 27 5:00 p.m. Mary & Renzo Antonini †
Sun. 28 9:30 am Michael Coakley †

FISCAL LOG April 13 / 14

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,714.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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 4/5 2nd Collection, St. Leo's Development Fund
May 4 First Communion Mass, 10AM
May 12 Mother's Day
May 15 Confirmation rehearsal & Reconciliation 4-7PM
May 16 Confirmation, 5PM

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for April
In memory of
Jerry Shafer



NEW YORK STYLE CRUMB CAKE & COFFEE:

This weekend instead of donuts, Mary Pat is making Crumb cake to go with your coffee. Next weekend is Scones and coffee.

2nd COLLECTION THIS 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.

HISPANIC COMMUNITY FOOD TO-GO SALE:

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

FIRST COMMUNION RECONCILIATION:

Students who will be receiving First Holy Communion in May must attend their First Reconciliation on Thursday, April 25th at 5:00p.m. in the church.

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 \$11,505.25.**

BOCCE – OPENING DAY CELEBRATION:

Following Mass you are invited to join us for dinner with the **HolyChileMole** Food Truck from 4:30 – 7PM. NO pre-sale tickets needed. 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.

THE DIOCESE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS have openings for the 24/25 school year! For more information check out the school section at their website: www.srdioocese.org/catholic-schools or call 707-566-3322 for more information.

SVDP MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, April 24th at 9:00a.m. in the Finnegan Center. All members are encouraged to attend. Every Tuesday, our SVDP and the Redwood Empire Food Bank distribute "Groceries to Go" in the parking lot from 8:45 – 10a.m.

Verbosity

In the 1970 film *Tora, Tora, Tora* – dramatizing the December 7th, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor and events leading up to it – alerts had been received from Washington of something impending but when and where remained unclear. And there is a scene in the office of Admiral Kimmel (played by Martin Balsam) in which Admiral Halsey (played by James Whitmore), who is about to depart with his carrier fleet to supply Wake Island, says, "Kim, level with me. I want a clear directive . . . if I run into a Japanese ship, what action do I take?" And Kimmel, looking wearied by the tension of the moment, replies, "Use your common sense." To which Halsey says, "That's the best damn order I ever had."

Verbosity is defined as wordiness, the excessive, circuitous use of words. Examples abound in academic and political circles. For instance: *The individual member of the social community often receives his information via visual, symbolic channels.* In other words: **PEOPLE READ.** Or it may be said: *The medical community indicates that a program of downsizing average total daily caloric intake is maximally efficacious in the field of proactive weight-reduction methodologies.* In other words: **DOCTORS SAY THAT THE BEST WAY TO LOSE WEIGHT IS TO EAT LESS.** Judging from those examples the remedy for verbosity is not just the reduction in the number of words used but the use of down to earth words that people can understand – that get across to people with greater efficiency. The reason I bring this up is the welcome news about the recent exhortation of Pope Francis titled *The Joy of Love* in which he enlarges and deepens and, yes, evangelizes the scope of Church teaching on marriage and related issues. But it takes 269 pages to do so.

I have a theory about verbosity, elongated presentations on some issue or other. The speaker is trying to say too much or to reconcile apparently clashing points of view and always has to circle back and give it a try again and again – and yet his audience will remain split into those who say he said *this* and those who say, no, he said *that*. As I read the reactions on the Internet to the Pope's exhortation, that's what's happening – certain things emphasized by some, other things emphasized by others. That's the risk you run in guiding our currently polarized community.

I find that I personally get verbose before an audience when I have to field a question that's beyond my reach. But you're expected to know the answers and so you keep talking, hoping that the more you say, the audience will conclude you know what you're talking about – all the while hoping a hook will emerge from the wings to whisk you off stage. A better option came to me when I was once asked whether I agreed with Harvey Cox's bestseller *The Secular City* (which I hadn't read). I said, "Yes and No" which spared the audience and me a long verbal odyssey into no place in particular.

Anyway – as I read the Pope's exhortation I sensed that in his encouragement of the use of "discernment" and the personal touch between penitent and pastor at the parish level regarding marriage, access to communion and other issues he was encouraging the very approach used by our sainted (but un-canonized) pastor Jack O'Hare throughout his twenty years of tenure at St. Leo's – which was in accord – though in a different context - with Admiral Kimmel's command: "Use your common sense."

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Geoff Wood