


Gathering Song: *The House That Loves is Building* BB#311

Gloria: *Glory to God*
(In pew pocket)

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 22: I Will Praise You, Lord*



I will praise you, Lord, in the as - sem - bly of your peo - ple.
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Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia from the Mass of St. Paul the Apostle*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

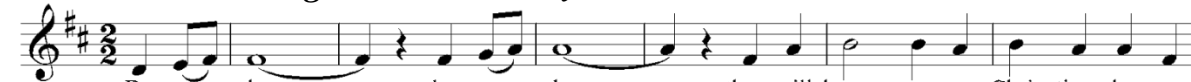
Preparation of Gifts: *Vine and Branches* BB#329



I am the vine and you the branch - es. Re - main in
me as I re - main in you; you will bear great fruit in me.
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Mass: *Mass of St. Paul the Apostle*
(Mass card in the pew pocket)

Communion Song: *By Our Love* BB#523



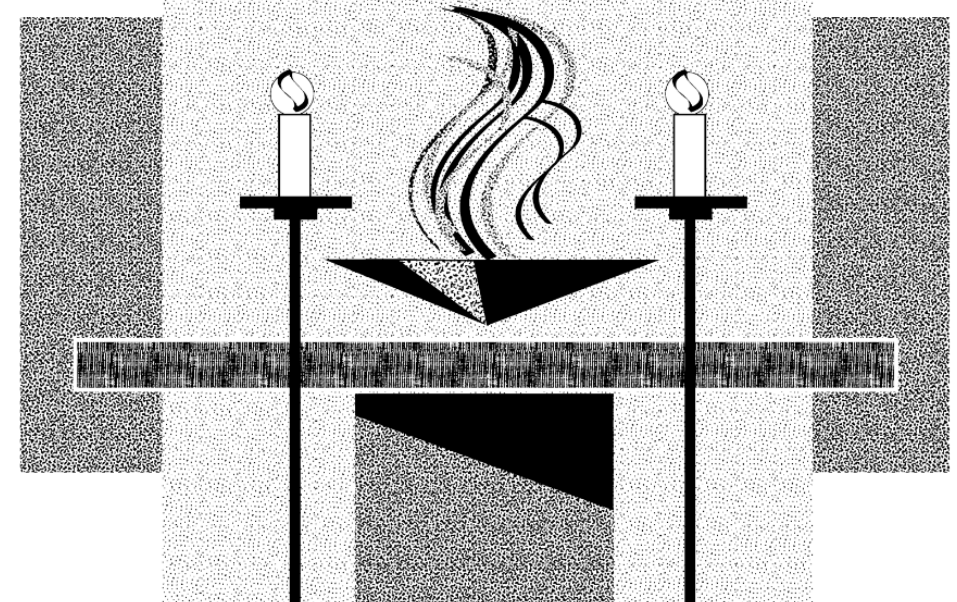
By our love, by our love, they will know we are Chris-tians by our
love. Not by words, but how we live, yes, they'll
know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.
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Closing Song: *Many and One* BB#428
Refrain: *We are many, yet we are one. We are sep'rate, yet bound in his love.*
And together we are all his hands and his feet,
Bringing mercy and peace to this world. We are many and one.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people of the Lord's own,
so that you may announce the praises of
the Lord who called you into the light.



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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 27th – May 5th

Sat. 27 5:00 p.m. Mary & Renzo Antonini †
Sun. 28 9:30 am Michael Coakley †
Mon. 29 8:30 a.m. Gilbert Valdriz †
Tues.30 **NO MASS**
May
Wed. 1 8:30 a.m. Nancy Kelly †
Thurs. 2 8:30 a.m. Dr. Felix C. Mapa †
Friday 3 8:30 a.m. Geronimo & Edith Valdriz †
Sat. 4 5:00 p.m. Maria Ofelia Mapa †
Sun. 5 9:30 am Steven Robert McKenzie †

FISCAL LOG April 20 / 21

Sunday Collection: \$ 4,846.
SVDP 5th Sunday Collection: \$ 2,533.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

May 3 Adoration, following 8:30AM Mas
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
May 18/19 2nd Collection, Priest Benefits & Welfare (D)
May 21 Men's Club Dinner Meeting, 6PM, LSW
May 22 SVDP Meeting, 9AM, FINN
May 27 Memorial Day, Office Closed

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for April
In memory of
Jerry Shafer



PLEASE WELCOME FATHER GABRIEL THIS WEEKEND as he presides Masses for Fr. Jojo.

SCONES & COFFEE this weekend instead of donuts. Thank you to the many scone bakers for their participation.

THANK YOU for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$1,255. To strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States.

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH ADORATION: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 8:30 a.m. morning Mass on Friday, May 3rd.

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 \$11,878.25.**

FIRST COMMUNION MASS: On Saturday, May 4th, 36 students from our Religious Education program will receive the sacrament of First Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers that they continue their journey with Christ.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: ST. LEO'S DEVELOPMENT FUND

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.

ST. FRANCIS SOLANO "VINTAGE 200"

In honor of St. Francis Solano serving Sonoma Valley for 200 years, 9 parish wine families have partnered to produce a special 2023 Bicentennial Pinot Noir Blend scheduled to be bottled by July 10, 2024. Flyers to donate to St. Francis Solano church for your allocation of the "Vintage 2000" can be found at the entrance of church. Release event and pick-up details TBA. For any questions, please contact St. Francis Solano Church.

From Easter to Pentecost: a Season for reading Acts

The Acts of the Apostles (the story of the early Church after Jesus' farewell) reads like a Hollywood production. The story advances from one crisis to another, here, there and everywhere – as quickly as film passing through a projector. And what a cast! Peter, Stephen, Saul (who becomes Paul), Philip the Deacon, an Ethiopian eunuch, Caiaphas, Herod (who dies in public from a bad case of worms), Roman governors, Cornelius, Barnabas, Lydia, Aquila, Priscilla, Rhoda, Dorcas; then there are riots, jail breaks, shipwreck – you name it.

It's also a book in which Jesus' resurrection triggers off a series of resurrections of people who had been somewhat dead in a figurative way. I have in mind Peter in particular. For example, in the very first episode after Jesus' ascension we find the eleven disciples, diminished by Judas' suicide, gathered under Peter's supervision to elect Judas' successor. And Peter prefaces the voting with two Old Testament quotes applicable to a traitor: *Let his encampment become desolate* and *May another take his office*.

But might not Peter in condemning Judas take a look into a mirror? Was Peter so loyal that he should remain leader of Jesus' followers? Let's go back a little. Peter, thinking loyalty to Jesus meant materially upward mobility, rebuked Jesus for thinking he would die a violent death – and Jesus rebuked him in turn saying: *Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me*. Peter was also full of bravado when it did appear Jesus was in danger – but he couldn't even keep his eyes open during Jesus' agony in the garden and backed into the shadows when the police arrived. Then came his open denial of ever knowing Jesus when a servant girl recognized him outside the High Priest's court. May not those biblical quotes Peter applied to Judas apply to him as well?

Only if his discovery of *Jesus' empty tomb* had not somehow drawn Peter himself *out of his own sepulcher* of fear, false heroics, slow-wittedness and remorse! So that how does he later appear in *Acts*? A lame man sits begging by the Temple gate called "Beautiful" and Peter *grasped him by his right hand . . . and he sprang up, stood on his feet, and started to walk*. Peter is already a replica of the risen Jesus, triggering off resurrections himself. Summoned before the very Caiaphas and court that condemned Jesus, Peter boldly justifies his action and proclaims the same Good News that could get himself executed. Indeed he does wind up in jail for his brave proclamation of the Gospel – and always escapes. This is not the same guy who disappeared into the shadows and was terrified by the curious eye of a waitress.

Indeed the High Priestly Council was startled by the boldness of this unlettered fisherman. (The court uses the word *idiot* to describe Peter, from which we derive the word *idiot*, which meant "layman" in those days; in other words, how could a mere layman be so bold and eloquent?) Also "boldness" in Greek really means telling it like it is, the courage to speak with all the candor of an innocent child.

One could go on. In *Acts* Peter is a changed man as are Stephen and Paul and so many others – risen from their inhibitions, their devious, cautious ways of speaking, made bravely alive - influenced by their experience of the risen Jesus. Does Easter do that for you? Does Christ's empty tomb roll away the stone that has perhaps kept a lid on the remarkable, courageous, eloquent, even poetic, unique *you* (for God's sake!!) he came to retrieve?

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Geoff Wood