

**Gathering Song:**

**The Body of Christ**

BB#326

1. A - men, a - men! We are healed by the Bread of life.  
 A - men, a - men! We are one in the

2. Bod - y of Christ. We are one in the Bod - y of Christ.

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**Gloria:**

**Glory to God**

BB#876

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Psalm 34: Taste and See**

Taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord.

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**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia**

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

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

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**Preparation of Gifts:**

**God of Mercy**

BB#524

**Mass:**

**Mass of Renewal**

Holy: BB#879 Memorial Acclamation: BB#880 Amen: BB#883 Lamb of God: BB#884

**Communion Song:**

**Buy 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:**

**Para Amar Como Tú**

BB#489

Refrain: O God, great is your love, everlasting and true.  
 Señor, danos tu amor, para amar como tú .

# 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## August 11, 2024



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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.stleosonoma.org](http://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: August 10<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>

Sat. 10 5:00 p.m. Edwin Tompkins †  
Richard Facciola †  
Sun. 11 9:30 a.m. Emerencia Balanga †  
Hilary La Rosa †  
Mon. 12 8:30 a.m. Tammy Sereni, Speedy recovery  
Tues. 13 **NO MASS**  
Wed. 14 8:30 a.m. Francisco Aguil †  
Thurs. 15 8:30 a.m. Joan Polan †  
Friday 16 8:30 a.m. Maria Ofelia Mapa †  
Sat. 17 5:00 p.m. Bill Ramirez †  
Sun. 18 9:30 a.m. Deceased members of the  
Byrne, Lynch, & Boyle families

## FISCAL LOG August 3 / 4

**Sunday Collection:** \$ 4,421.  
**Development Fund:** \$ 2,652.

**NEW 2024 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UPDATE**  
112 Parishioners pledged: \$103,359.38 71%

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Aug 12 Memorial Mass for Lou Ferrario, 11AM  
Aug 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgen Mary  
Aug 20 Men's Club Dinner Meeting, 6PM, LSW  
Aug 24/25 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection, Diocesan Seminarians (D)  
Aug 28 St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 9AM, FINN

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
**Dedication for August**  
**In Memory of**  
**Pat & Bill Ramirez**



**Save the Date**  
**ST. LEO'S PARISH FIESTA**  
**September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



**SVDP NEEDS PAPER AND PLASTIC BAGS:**  
SVDP needs your unwanted paper and plastic shopping bags for their Tuesday, "Groceries to Go" program. Please bring your bags to the parish office.  
**Next meeting is August 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. C U then.**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE:

**First Communion:** ALL Classes are full.

**Youth Ministry/Confirmation:** There are a few spots left for High School students. Please visit the parish office to register.

**Classes for Jr. High are full.**

**BOCCE NEWS: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Grande Festa Della Bocce,** Friday & Sat., October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration deadline: September 15<sup>th</sup>. Forms are available in the Bocce pocket out in front of church or online: [www.stleosbocceclub.org](http://www.stleosbocceclub.org).

**ENGLISH PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS OFFERED:** This class is mandatory for parents & godparents who are wishing to baptize their child. Call the office, 707 996-8422 for more info.

**EUCARISTIC MINISTER TO THE SICK & HOME BOUND:** If anyone is interested in this very fulfilling ministry, please call the parish office, (707) 996-8422. Ministers needed for Sunday visits.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY OF ST. LEO'S:** Anyone in need of food can call the office Wednesday thru Friday to order from the pantry. Clients must call the parish office, (707) 996-8422 by 11a.m. to place an order. Pick up time is 11:30a.m. Every Tuesday, our SVDP and the Redwood Empire Food Bank distribute "Groceries to Go" in the parking lot from 8:45 – 9:30 a.m. The food distribution is "**first come, first served.**" No need to call, just show up.

**THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY:** "Kieran O'Driscoll, a Scout in local Sonoma Troop 16, and his family would like to thank St. Leo's Church for hosting his Eagle project, where he had the opportunity to lead a team painting the Parish Office. We want to thank Michelle Levesque, Father JoJo, and the staff for helping him organize and complete the work. We would also like to thank **Sherwin Williams** for donating the paint."

*Jesus claimed, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They kept saying: "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph?"*

A friend of mine who runs a business that produces rivets and related products returned recently from the annual Oshkosh airshow in Wisconsin. The show assembles old and the latest aircraft from around the world – including famous warplanes from WW II. My friend attends this event because he makes the rivets and repair kits that continue to hold planes together.

While he was there this year he met a ninety-five year old former fighter pilot who flew a P 51 over Japan on the last air assault made before the war ended. He had other adventures as well, like getting shot down twice. When he heard my friend made rivets, this old pilot, who spent his career amid the strictly scientific terminology of aviation technology, surprisingly began to raise rivets to a much higher level of meaning.

From his advanced age he began to lament the discord that makes our world uncertain of its future. It's as if the world has been falling apart and needs some riveting. Rivets hold things together, keep the fuselage and wings of a plane from flying apart due to the vibrations of its violent engines and its constant collision with the wind. And what with the way our world is constantly under stress – with groups like ISIS for one example and even the racial tensions in our own country or even the tensions within the church – it feels like the rivets: the good will, the tolerance, the guidance of reason and faith are coming loose. We're heading for a crash

Well I was amazed. I never thought a guy so familiar with technology, aerodynamics, the practical world of fasteners could have the imagination to turn a rivet into a metaphor! Suddenly it wasn't just a thing, a fastener applied to the fabric of an airplane to hold the plane together; it was a word that could be applied to anything that contributed to human solidarity: kindness, understanding, honest communication, friendly gestures, all ways of keeping us intact, united, aloft. Indeed riveting as a verb began to mean more than just applying a fastening tool to metal bolts inserted into aligned holes to link up pieces of metal (in the manner of Rosie the Riveter). Riveting, as a word, could be used to describe the effect of eloquent speech upon an audience – unifying their hearts and minds – as in Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Or it could be used to describe the effect of a movie on fascinated viewers.

We are so used to ordinary speech, words meaning simply what they practically or logically describe. But that doesn't stop us human beings from finding in ordinary words a capacity to say so much more than we think they can. For instance, a morning star is not uncommonly seen if you get up early enough. But to us kids who used to recite the Litany of Loreto – the morning star was the Virgin Mary, herald of a new day! Gertrude Stein is famous for saying "A rose is a rose is a rose is a rose" – meaning that's *all* it is! But that's not all the word rose meant to that Irish balladeer who wrote *Oh no, 'twas the truth in her eyes ever dawning, / That made me love Mary, the Rose of Tralee.*

And now, after all that, if words can mean more than they literally say – may that not suggest that you and I, despite what physics, biology, genetics, race or IQ may say, are so much more than all that? Even as Jesus in today's Gospel may describe himself, whole and entire, as bread, celestial nourishment – in the manner of William Blake who found infinity in a grain of sand and in every passing hour the lure of eternity.

**Geoff Wood**

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