

Gathering Song:

A Place at the Table

God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of
 jus - tice and joy. Yes, jus - tice. Jus - tice and joy.

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Gloria:

Glory to God

BB#876

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 34: Taste and See

Taste and see, taste and see that the Lord is good, the Lord is good.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia

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

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Preparation of Gifts:

Give Us, O Lord

Give us, O Lord, the bread of your word, give us the bread of your ta - ble.

Be in our prayer, be in our la - bor as we seek to do your will.

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Mass:

Mass of Renewal

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

Communion Song:

Eat This Bread

BB#330

Refrain: *Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
 Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.*

Closing Song:

We Will Follow

Refrain: *You're the way, you're the truth, you're the life, we will follow:
 Every word, every deed that we do.
 You're the way, you're the truth, you're the life, we will follow:
 Lead us, Lord, we will follow you.*

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 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

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 17th – Aug. 25th

Sat. 17 5:00 p.m. Bill Ramirez †
Sun. 18 9:30 a.m. Deceased members of the
Byrne, Lynch, & Boyle families
Mon. 19 8:30 a.m. Margaret Tompkins
Tues. 20 **NO MASS**
Wed. 21 8:30 a.m. James Seda, Special Intention
Thurs. 22 8:30 a.m. John Anthony Cattalini †
Friday 23 8:30 a.m. Calvin Mikasa †
Sat. 24 5:00 p.m. Bill Maffei †
Byron Alvarez & Piasente Family
Sun. 25 9:30 a.m. Jose Douglas Yoro †

FISCAL LOG August 10 / 11

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,695.

NEW 2024 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UPDATE
114 Parishioners pledged: \$106,709.38 74%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Aug 20 Men's Club Dinner Meeting, 6PM, LSW
Aug 24/25 2nd Collection, Diocesan Seminararians (D)
Aug 28 St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 9AM, FINN
Sept 7/8 2nd Collection, St. Leo's Development Fund
Sept 8 St. Leo's Parish Fiesta, after 11:30 Mass
Sept 18 R.E. Classes Begin, 1st Year, 5PM, BR
Sept 29 R.E. Classes Begin, 2nd Year, 9AM, BR

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



ST. LEO'S PARISH FIESTA September 8th, 2024 After 11:30 Mass



All are invited to our End of Summer Fiesta. There will be food and drinks for sale, raffle prizes, face painting and a bounce house for kids and much more! If you have extra time and would like to volunteer, please join the event planning committee meeting on Sunday, August 25th at 12:45 p.m. in Lillian Wing. The planning group needs help setting up for the event as well as helping at the different stations. If you have any ideas or questions, please email Maritza Content, ritzzypr@gmail.com

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 28th at 9:00 a.m.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE:

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: 3rd Annual Grande Festa Della Bocce, Friday & Sat., October 4th & 5th. Registration deadline: September 15th. Forms are available in the Bocce pocket out in front of church or online: 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.

*The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men / Gang aft agley, /
An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain / For promis'd joy! (Robert Burns)*

I could look it up but I think this is one of those *rare* Sundays when the Church confronts us with the *Book of Proverbs*, drawn from that part of the Old Testament called the Wisdom books. And proverbs it is, full of brief maxims used since the days of Solomon to teach adolescents how to play it safe and be successful in life. They are sayings to be memorized and so they are catchily recorded in brief axioms like: *the simpleton believes everything but the shrewd man measures his steps – or – a joyful heart is the health of the body, but a depressed spirit dries up the bones.*

And so they go: *better a little with fear of the Lord than a great fortune with anxiety – or – pride goes before disaster, and a haughty spirit before a fall – or – the start of strife is like the opening of a dam; check a quarrel before it bursts forth – or – even a fool, if he keeps silent, is considered wise; if he closes his lips, intelligent.*

Many make some startling comparisons such as: *like a festering and infected tooth . . . is dependence on a faithless man in time of trouble – or – like a glazed finish on earthenware are smooth lips with a wicked heart – or – like a man who seizes a dog by the ears is he who meddles in another's quarrel.* They are usually simple comparisons in which the one kind of behavior is offset by another or consequences are drawn from correct or foolish behavior as in: *in seedtime sluggards do not plow; when they look for a harvest, it's not there – or – like a crazed archer scattering firebrands and deadly arrows, such are those who deceive their neighbor and then say, "I was only joking."*

Proverbs are an effective way of teaching because they focus on the objects and behaviors of everyday experience. They are not abstract. They make a youth think and remember by way of images. Proverbs basically advocate prudent, careful, modest behavior as the most secure way of making it through private and public life. Behave yourself and you will do well.

It's interesting that the Bible's other Wisdom books (*Ecclesiastes* and *Job*) seem to contradict that promise. It's as if, once a youth advances past his Proverbs teacher he finds himself in the hands of skeptical graduate professors who question the even-handedness of existence, who don't trust goodness to be rewarded nor evil to be punished in this world – as in: *I saw all the oppressions that take place under the sun: the tears of the victims with none to comfort them . . . and those now dead I declared more fortunate in death than are the living . . . then I saw that all toil and skillful work is the rivalry of one person with another. This also is vanity and a chase after the wind.*

It just goes to show that biblical Wisdom, far from "informing" us, challenges us to *think* as does the Christian philosopher Erasmus in his famous saying: *in the valley of the blind the one-eyed man is king.* Your tendency with this kind of proverb is to conclude that the one-eyed man has an advantage over the blind. But no! If you push the proverb further it says: all kings, all authority is half-blind, incapable of ever seeing the whole picture – so question authority? Think of all those "know-it-all" leaders down through history that have run the world and given us civil war, world war, the extinction of so much of this globe's life. One might conclude that "half-blind" is more dangerous than "blind".

Geoff Wood

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