

# St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

## "Where all are Welcome"



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### August 29, 2021 ~ Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR OUR ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:

On August 29<sup>th</sup> the second collection will be for our SVDP. Money collected helps to keep the parish pantry stocked. The pantry is open Wednesday thru Friday. Clients must call the parish office to place an order by 11a.m. Pick up time is 11:30a.m. to 12noon. Clients may call to order food once a week, 996-8422. Every Tuesday, our SVDP and the Redwood Empire Food Bank distribute "Groceries to Go" in the parking lot from 8:45 – 10a.m. The food distribution is first come, first served. No need to call ahead, just show up.

#### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Long time parishioner, Joe Byrne passed away this week following a short illness. Services for Joe are as follows: Viewing at St. Leo's, Wednesday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 – 5:30PM followed with the Rosary at 6PM. The funeral Mass will be on Thursday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 11AM. Please keep the Byrne and Lynch families in your prayers during their time of loss.

#### ST. LEO'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

**REGISTRATION for the coming year is closed.** Classes are set to begin on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> for 2<sup>nd</sup> year students and Wednesday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup> year students. Inquiries or questions please call Rosa at 996-7503.

#### CAN YOU HEAR HIM NOW?

Fr. Jojo has heard your feedback on not being able to hear the Mass when seated out of the awning area, so he has added a speaker further back in the grotto. Let either Fr. Jojo or the office know if you are able to hear better.

#### DEVELOPMENT FUND 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:

Next weekend, Sept. 4/5 is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. The second collection will be for St. Leo's Development Fund. Money collected is for the upkeep of the parish grounds and buildings on site.

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

Dedication for August

In Memory of Bill & Pat Ramirez



#### Mass Times

**Saturday Mass:**

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:**

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Spanish

**Sunday Masses are Live Streamed on Facebook, YouTube, or 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 and Adoration

✠ **Sacraments** ✠

**Baptisms: Call the office, 996-8422**

**Weddings: Call the office, 996-8422**

#### MASS INTENTIONS: August 28<sup>th</sup> – September 5<sup>th</sup>

Sat 28	5:00 p.m.	Carmelite of Regina Maria Monastery
Sun 29	9:30 a.m.	Ron D. Foster †
Mon 30	8:30 a.m.	Elma Radosevich †
Tues 31	8:30 a.m.	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>September</b>		
Wed 1	8:30 a.m.	Florence & Arthur Ramirez †
Thurs 2	8:30 a.m.	Teresa Espinoza † & Religious Vocations
Friday 3	8:30 a.m.	Erwin G. Tompkins †
Sat 4	5:00 p.m.	Marina V. Mapa, R.S.C.J. †
Sun 5	9:30 a.m.	Don & Clare Callejon † & Ashley Renee Lynn Pound †

#### FISCAL LOG August 14 / 15

**Sunday Collection: \$ 3,654.**

**ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UNDATE:**

**148 Parishioners have pledged: \$127,666. ~ 88%**

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Aug. 29	Second Collection, St. Vincent de Paul
Sept. 5	Development Fund, Second Collection
Sept. 6	<b>Labor Day Holiday, OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Sept. 19	RE classes resume
Sept. 21	Men's Club Monthly Meeting, 6PM, LSW

## Staff

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## EUCCHARIST TO THE SICK:

If you know of someone that is ill or is not able to attend Mass who would like to receive the Eucharist, please let us know by calling the rectory, 996-8422.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

The office staff is available Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Parish office phone number, 996-8422.

**CONFESSION OFFERED:** Fr. Jojo is available to hear confessions by appointment only. Call the office, 996-8422 to set up an appointment.

## *Defend the rights of the Poor and Needy*

PROVERBS 31:9b

***Anyone [who] is a hearer of the word and not a doer . . . is like a man who looks at his own face in a mirror. He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets what he looked like.***

The Letter of James 1:23-24

A notable philosopher of the twentieth century – possibly the most notable – suggests that we are “enticed” along our way through life. Indeed “captivated” wouldn’t be too strong a word. And that’s certainly the impression we get when we read Scripture. In the very beginning of the *Book of Genesis* we hear of God urging Abraham to *go forth from your land, your relatives, and from your father’s house to a land I will show you . . .*

Later on we find Moses, an outlaw from Egypt, tending his flock in a wilderness, startled by a bush ablaze out of which a voice calls: *I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people . . . out of Egypt.* And Moses asks the voice’s name and the voice answers: *I am who I am*, which leaves Moses still bewildered. Then there is that other moment in *Exodus* where Moses asks to see the Lord’s glory and the Lord acquiesces but rules that *you may see my back; but my face may not be seen.*

Then there was the boy Samuel – asleep in the Temple at Shiloh – who was awakened by someone calling: *Samuel, Samuel.* The boy ran to the priest Eli, assuming he had called him. But he hadn’t and so Samuel went back to bed, only to be called twice more – and be told by the Lord: *I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears it ring.* And then there was the prophet Elijah, fleeing for his life to Mount Horeb and hiding in a cave, when a voice called him to stand outside while the Lord passed by. And there came a violent wind and earthquake and fire but the Lord was not in these but in the silence that followed, which whispered: *Why are you here, Elijah?* (A good question that might be addressed to each of us as well.)

Then in the New Testament at the start of John’s Gospel we find the disciples, upon meeting Jesus for the first time, begin to follow him. He asks them what they are looking for. They answer: *Rabbi, where are you staying?* And Jesus says, *Come and see.* (Possibly with a sly smile on his face?) And then there is that episode in the Gospels where Jesus tells a rich young man to give up whatever he clings to and *Come follow me* – or words to that effect.

It’s like God in Scripture is both seen as always behind us – as originator of our world and yet always ahead us – receding - remaining beyond our reach yet somehow always close enough to ignite some tumbleweed or touch our faces like a gentle breeze – so near and yet in some way always inspiring us to face tomorrow as a day of revelation – as when a sunrise might stir us to the core of our being or a phone call may completely turn our life around.

Or it may be that - as the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins says of Christ - this very Source of our universe may simply play this game of hide and seek with us *in ten thousand places, Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes . . . through the features of men’s faces* – even the face you see in your mirror.

**Geoff Wood**