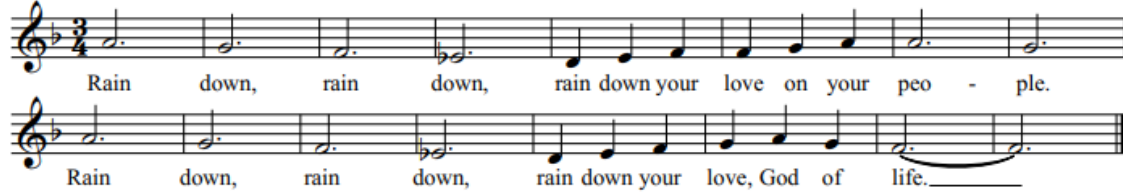


Gathering Song:

Rain Down

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Refrain:



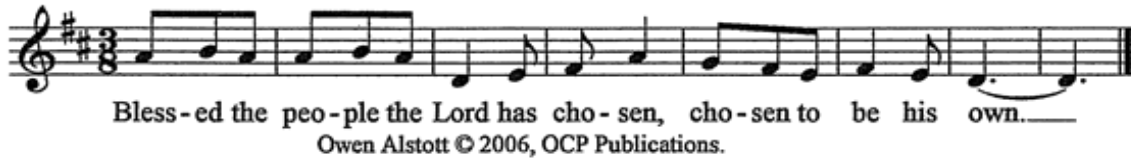
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Gloria:

Glory to God

(Card is in the pew pocket)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33: Blessed the People



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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia



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Preparation of Gifts:

Center of My Life

BB#506

Refrain: O Lord, you are the center of my life.

I will always praise you, I will always serve you,

I will always keep you in my sight.

Communion Song:

Servant Song

BB#381

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus you are the Lord.

Jesus, Jesus you are the way.

Closing Song:

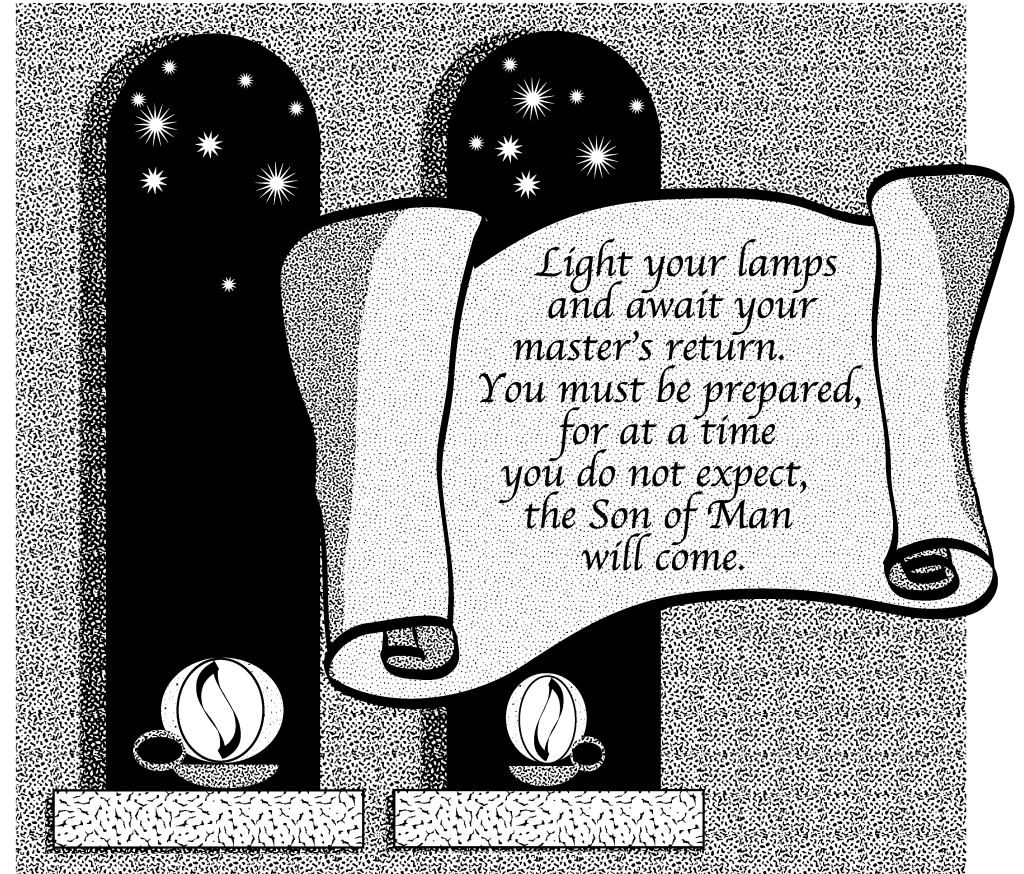
In the Day of the Lord

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2022



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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

Sunday Masses are Live Streamed
on Facebook, YouTube, or
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: Call the office, (707) 996-8422
Weddings: Call the office, (707) 996-8422

MASS INTENTIONS August 6th – August 14th

Sat 6	5:00 pm	Marina V. Mapa, R.S.C.J. † and Joan Polan †
Sun 7	9:30 am	Adele Kelly †
Mon 8	8:30 am	Josefa Noroña †
Tues 9	8:30 am	NO MASS
Wed 10	8:30 am	Edwin Tompkins †
Thurs 11	8:30 am	Emerencia Balanga †
Friday 12	8:30 am	Connie & Victor Vargas †
Sat 13	5:00 pm	Betty Tinsley †
Sun 14	9:30 am	Frank Lynch † and Joe Byrne †

FISCAL LOG: July 30 / 31

Sunday Collection: \$ 4,521.

2022 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN:
112 Parishioners pledged: \$101,212. 77%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Aug 6/7 2nd Collection, St Leo Development Fund
Aug 8 Pre-Baptismal Class (Eng.), 4:30 p.m., FINN.
Aug 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug 16 Men's Club Monthly Dinner Meeting
Aug 20/21 2nd Collection. Black and Indian Missions

"This morning, the sun endures past dawn. I realize that it is August: the summer's last stand."

2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

The 2nd Collection this weekend is for St. Leo's Development Fund. Donations to this very important collection help pay for the upkeep of the church, rectory, classrooms, and general landscaping for the parish compound.



COFFEE & DONUTS TODAY IN THE LSW

ENGLISH PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS: We are excited to announce that we will have an English Pre-Baptism preparation course this Monday, August 8th, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. in the Finnegan Center here at St. Leo's. This class is mandatory for parents and god-parents. If you plan to attend or wish to attend but cannot make it to this course, please call Trish Boisson at 707-337-2504.

2022 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN: HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE YET? We are at 77% pledged. Pledges can be made at any time. If you misplaced your pledge envelope no worries, call the office and we'll send out another. You may also find a pledge envelope in a wall pocket at the back of church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION and CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION for 2022-2023 classes are closed.

OUR WEBSITE HAS WHAT YOU NEED: You will find Geoff Wood's notes from his Lectionary talks as well as the weekly Sunday bulletin essays. Visit us at www.stleosonoma.org for general info.

MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY DINNER MEETING: Tuesday, August 16th in the LSW. Cocktails at 6:00p.m. and dinner at 7:00p.m. Questions? Contact Steve Rogers, (707) 771-9290.

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for August
In memory of Bill Gater



BOCCE CLUB NEWS: Interested in playing send email to stleosbocceclub@gmail.com. **Membership cost is \$40 a person, \$75 a couple, or \$375 for a Lifetime Membership.**

Waiting for God to show up

The term "catch" can be defined as a hidden factor that undercuts one's intended action – as in the film Catch 22 where a man in WWII has flown too many bombing missions and feigns insanity to acquire a discharge – only to overlook the catch: that if after so many dangerous missions he wants a discharge, he *can't* be insane! So the request is denied.

In another scene Bob Newhart plays the airbase Laundry Officer. His surname is Major. Major is also his rank, so he is known as Major Major. He has an office and a sergeant receptionist named Towser. *From now on*, says Major Major, *I don't want anyone to come into my office to see me while I'm here. Is that clear?* Towser asks if that includes him. Yes. Towser then asks what he should say to people who come to see the Major while he is in the office. Major Major says: *Tell them I'm in and ask them to wait.* Towser asks for how long. *Until I've left.* Towser then asks how Major Major will be able to leave when there is someone in the waiting room. Major replies: *Through the window. From now on I'll be coming and going through the window. I don't want to see anyone, and I don't want anyone to see me. Is that clear?* Continuing the logic of this exchange, Towser asks if he may send visitors in to see Major Major after he has left. Yes, says the Major – to which Towser says: *But you won't be here, then, will you? No. That will be all.* After which Major Major puts on his fake mustache and sunglasses and climbs out the window.

Reading that script made me wonder whether it can serve as a parable of the way God deals with us. He's there, we believe that. But has anyone ever seen him? Could he be like Major Major, wanting us to populate his waiting room but always absconding by an office window – his receptionists keeping us at bay? Why all these Gospel accounts that tell us in so many ways to stay awake, be ready, he's coming, when the only "real presence" or palpable contact we have is by way of bread and wine?

And yet, *everything* we see and touch and the air we breathe, the soil under my feet, the morning glories on my lawn, the ever changing shape of the clouds, the beauty of faces, the stars like spectators focused on our planet . . . all of creation - like our sacraments - is an epiphany of our Source and Origin. That's what our faith and *poetic* intelligence tell us. It is *we* who are "buried" treasure, hiding, unable to come out into the open sky above us, preferring to be unseen, safe. It is *you* who, though a priceless pearl, would hide your worth amid the stuff of a world that defines you as a mere "human resource".

And let's not forget *time*. Time is a sacrament as much as baptism; we are immersed in time, moments that happen when you wake up to something like a teacher's affirmation of a thing you wrote and your life begins to change, becomes more serious. Or when something makes you think, pause, change an opinion that once held your life in bondage - when you became other than you were weeks or years ago. Far from God being hidden, there are so many ways in which the Holy comes out of hiding, comes out of its office into a waiting room to take a personal interest in you. It usually happens at a moment you least expect; indeed, when *you* yourself appear as the grace of God in our midst.

Geoff Wood