

St. Leo Catholic Church

"Where all are Welcome"

601 W. Agua Caliente Road, Sonoma, CA 95476

Office: (707) 996-8422

Rev. Jojo Puthussery, M.F., Pastor

Website: www.stleesonoma.org



August 8, 2021 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TAKE UP YOUR MASK AND CARRY ON:

The county has reinstated mandatory indoor masking in public settings. Since our weekend Masses are outdoors, masks are suggested but not mandatory if you have been vaccinated.

YOUTH MINISTRY / CONFIRMATION:

Registration forms are available in the parish office, Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Jr. High youth group will resume meetings twice a month starting Thurs., Oct. 7th from 6:30pm – 7:30 pm.

High School Youth Group will resume weekly meetings on Wed., Oct. 6th from 7:00 pm – 8:30 p.m.

Classes are open to all youth in 8th – 12th grade whether they have been confirmed or plan to be. Please visit our webpage, stleesonoma.org for more information. Any questions, please email, stleosym@gmail.com or call Nancy Gibson, 707-291-1916.

LOOKING FOR AN EASY WAY TO MAKE

DONATIONS: Consider making your donation to St. Leo's with a monthly credit card draw. It's the no-hassle, environmentally friendly way, and completely secure. You can change your donation level at any time. To learn more, contact Michelle or Mayra in the office, 996-8422.

Staff

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SANCTUARY LAMP

Dedication for July

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.stleesonoma.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 7th - August 15th

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| Sat 7 | 5:00 p.m. | Joe Wisner, Improved Health |
| Sun 8 | 9:30 a.m. | John D. Marticio † |
| Mon 9 | 8:30 a.m. | Edwin Tompkins † |
| Tues 10 | 8:30 a.m. | NO MASS |
| Wed 11 | 8:30 a.m. | Emerencia Balanga † |
| Thurs 12 | 8:30 a.m. | Norma Inocencio † |
| Friday 13 | 8:30 a.m. | Robert Fuentes † |
| Sat 14 | 5:00 p.m. | Nancy Nielson † |
| Sun 15 | 9:30 a.m. | Frank Lynch † |
| | | and Ashley Renee Lynn Pound † |

FISCAL LOG July 31 / August 1

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,010.
Development Fund: \$ 2,658.

ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UNDATE:

146 Parishioners have pledged: \$126,606. ~ 87%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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| Aug. 14 | Memorial Mass for Rich Caselli, 10AM |
| Aug. 14 | Celebration of Life for Irene Bachelder, 3PM |
| Aug. 17 | Men's Club Dinner, 6PM, LSW |
| Aug. 29 | Second Collection, St. Vincent de Paul |
| Sept. 6 | Labor Day Holiday, OFFICE CLOSED |

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

OUR WEBSITE HAS WHAT YOU NEED:

Visit us at www.stleosonoma.org and go to the RESOURCE tab to find Geoff Wood's Sunday Essay's and Lectionary notes as well as Fr. Jim Frederick's homilies. For general info and church calendar go to the HOME tab. Weekend Masses are still being live streamed as well on our website, Facebook & YouTube.

*If anyone would come after Me
he must deny himself
and take up his cross daily
and follow Me.*

Luke 9:23

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

The office staff is available Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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OPPORTUNITIES

- **SENIOR ACCOUNTANT POSITION:**
The Diocese of Santa Rosa chancery office is looking for a member of the community to join our finance team! For more information or to apply, send your resume to Inorcia@srdiocese.org.
- **HOUSING**
We are looking for residential rental options in Sonoma County for some of our employees. If you know of any rooms, apartments, or houses for rent please call the Diocese of Santa Rosa, HR at 707-566-3322.

***“Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother?
Then how can he say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”***

We live in the age of statistics. The daily newspaper seems dominated not so much by words as by numbers: percentages, rates, stock market averages to say nothing of dollars into the trillions; the weather statistics in Fahrenheit or Celsius degrees. Today I go to the doctor's office and he reads off 5.9 of this and 6.2 of that and body temperature and blood pressure millimeters, glucose at milligrams per deciliter. And then there are miles per hour, the number of light years to a distant galaxy; the average wait in an office . . .

Or let's just limit ourselves to sports statistics. The analysis of a baseball game is framed within batting averages, the frequency of errors, earned run averages, the speed of a pitch, plus every statistical performance of every player and team back beyond the last century. I knew fellows who bet dimes and nickels per pitch on the possibilities of every pitch being a strike, ball, single, double, etc. or out. And now there is a new statistic displayed after every game showing the changing *probability* of a team's winning or losing inning by inning – almost like a cardiogram of the event. And then there is this daily need to report pandemic data . . . I mean every day public health confronts us with how many cases, vaccinations, hospitalizations, deaths to keep the disease under control.

It all has to do with – as we used to say – getting down to brass tacks, i.e. being “correct” about what's happening physically, socially, fiscally, health wise, technologically – as the most dependable way of getting to the “truth” of things and thus managing and controlling things. Even as with Gulliver who was all tied up by the Lilliputians, so also our whole globe is entangled in mathematics.

But does math, conceived as the most “correct” means for telling the truth, tell the *whole* truth? What then do we make of the whole of biblical discourse, of philosophical speculation, the Odyssey of Homer, the plays of Shakespeare, the poetry of Walt Whitman and Emily Dickenson, the novels of Dickens and Hemingway, of musicals like *Les Miserables* . . . of graphic excursions into the fascinating dimensions of human nature or of a sunset or turbulent sea or the roses in our yard or the mystery of a new born child – or Ella Fitzgerald singing: *what is this thing called love?* How can you add that up? “Correct” begins to shrink amid such excursions into the warmth and fear and joy and fright and depth of such discourse – as more than true.

John's Gospel begins with the phrase: *The Word became Flesh and dwelt among us*. We take that to refer to the incarnation of Christ – that he was both human and divine. But it can also be read as Christ bringing our distant idea of God as author of the abstract laws of the universe, high above the heavens, *down to earth*. His Gospel unveiled divinity as flesh and blood, warmth, care, a capacity to suffer as we suffer – as “this thing called love” – encouraging us to become more than “correct” in our ways – but *true* in the sense of really real – even godly.

Geoff Wood