

Gathering Song:

All are Welcome

BB#316

1. All are wel - come in this place. Be-hold love's a - maz - ing grace!
 2. Bring your hopes, bring your dreams. Mer-cy flows and love re-deems!

All are wel - come, all are wel - come! All be-long.

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Gloria:

Glory to God

BB#858

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful

The Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger and rich in com-pas-sion.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Watson Alleluia

Preparation of Gifts:

Hold on To Love

BB#430

Refrain: Hold on to Love, where hope is found. Hold on to Love, where joy abounds.
 Hold on to Love, where grace and mercy's overflowing.
 Hold on to Love.

Mass:

May We Be One

(Mass card is in the pew pocket)

Communion Song:

Endless is Your Love

BB#432

Refrain: You know my heart. You know my mind.
 You know my words long before I speak them.
 There is no place that I can hide. Endless is your love for me.
 How vast the sum of all your deeds! Endless is your love for me.

Closing Song:

City of God

BB#385

1. Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
 A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
 The people in darkness have seen a great light.
 The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain: Let us build the city of God. May our teas be turned into dancing!
 For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!

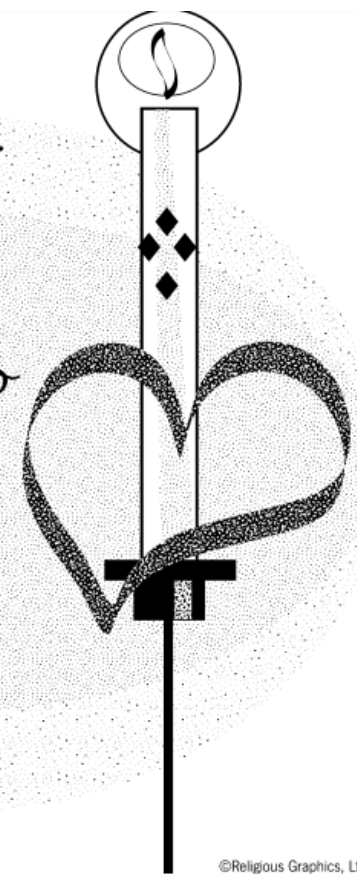
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

You have heard
that it was said,
You shall love your
neighbor as yourself
and hate your enemy.

But I say to you
love your enemies,
pray for those who
persecute you,
that you may be
children of your
heavenly Father.

So be perfect
just as
your heavenly Father
is perfect.



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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: Feb. 22nd – March 2nd

Sat. 22 5:00 p.m. Felix Mapa †
Sun. 23 9:30 a.m. James Gater †
and Rosito & Celestina Correa †
Mon. 24 8:30 a.m. Val & Les Matthews †
Tues. 25 **NO MASS**
Wed. 26 8:30 a.m. Amanda Conti Haver †
and Philip Donohue †
Thurs. 27 8:30 a.m. Kara Mazza †
Fri. 28 8:30 a.m. Diane Lunny †
March
Sat. 1 5:00 p.m. Richard Facciola †
Sun. 2 9:30 a.m. Fides Bernard †

FISCAL LOG: February 15 / 16

Sunday Collection: \$4,360.

2024 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UPDATE
130 Parishioners pledged: \$124,919.38 86%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Feb 26 SVDP Monthly Meeting, 9AM, FINN
Feb 27 6:30 – 8PM, Confirmation Meeting, HH
March 1/2 2nd Collection-St Leo's Development Fund
March 5 ASH WEDNESDAY
March 9 First Sunday of Lent
March 16 St Patrick's Day Dinner

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for February
In Loving Memory of
Rita & John Shine



SVDP MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, February 26th at 9:00 a.m. in the Finnegan Center. All members are encouraged to attend. At this meeting we will be **"Visioning"** for the future of our conference. Come and bring your ideas.

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

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



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

When: Sunday, March 16th

Time: Doors open at 5:00p.m.

Open wine and beer bar with appetizers
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$45 per person

Tickets: Available after Masses

Menu: Corn beef, Cabbage, Potatoes and Carrots,
Salad, Soda Bread, Dessert, and Irish Coffee

Entertainment: TBD

Take out will be available by advance order only
Pick-up: 4-5 p.m.

Delivery: For our homebound parishioners, we will offer free delivery.

This is a fundraiser for the parish put on by members of the parish. We're asking the congregation for help with ticket sales, set up, decorating, and clean-up. If you're able to help in any way please call the office, (707) 996-8422. Thank you!

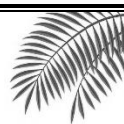
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ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 5, 2025



8:30a.m. Mass in English
12:00p.m. Liturgy / Ashes
5:00 p.m. Liturgy / Ashes
7:00p.m. Mass in Spanish



SATURDAY CONFESSION OFFERED: Fr. Jojo is available to hear confessions in the church on Saturdays from 4:30 – 4:45 p.m.

2025 LENTEN REGULATIONS for the Diocese of Santa Rosa are located on bulletins.

Once there was nothing. Now there is a world. And you don't believe in miracles?

The University of San Francisco goes back to 1855 and so has been collecting books for a long, long time. Among other treasures it has by now shelf after shelf of editions of the writings of theologians dating back well beyond modern times – prior even to 1000 AD. To us nowadays their ancient interpretations of Scripture may seem quaint but to those with ears to hear even today they retain a resonance that time cannot mute.

One such bishop named Saint Caesarius of Arles lived around 500 AD – a time when the once strong and stable Roman Empire was collapsing under the pressure of German migrations (barbarians, those fellows with beards). These newcomers were not likely to grasp the abstract theological language then current in the Roman Church. They preferred images over ideas, a dramatic world more so than a world of logical connections.

And so when explaining to these newcomers the Gospel story in which Jesus changes water into wine they used that miracle to assure them that Jesus (and Christianity) had no intention to trash their former beliefs, to pour their heritage down the drain. He only came to improve by way of divine grace the quality of what they had: "the waters retain their fullness, but by a secret infusion they receive another kind of power."

The Church did not puritanically wish to annihilate the values of other cultures and certainly not those of the Old Testament – but baptized them in the belief that thanks to the Incarnation of Christ nothing human is without the potential to become divine, to blossom into something astonishing. Their inherited gods no longer had a monopoly on divinity; it was ours as ordinary human beings to possess as well.

[Which in the long term and on the secular level meant: absolute monarchs of the world beware; colonists are warehousing their rights within the Concords of the future.]

True, there are so many miracles in the Gospel that audiences might begin to doubt so many could have happened. But here Caesarius resorts to nature itself – as is! So, says Caesarius, you wonder how Jesus could walk through doors after his resurrection! Have you ever seen the seed of a fig tree? The tiniest thing imaginable. And yet in it are already the roots, the leaves, the fruit – all present in the seed, waiting to burst free. So Caesarius goes on to say: "No one gives a reasonable explanation for such an everyday reality, and do you ask me for an explanation of miracles? . . . What God creates is still more miraculous and we don't wonder about it. Once there was nothing and now there is a world!"

Excuse my rambling but still: Great stuff! – gathering dust upon the shelves of USF! And in many ways as up to date as Heidegger.

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Geoff Wood