

Gathering Song: *Save Your People* **BB#133**

Save your peo-ple O Lord. Show us the way to come home.

We have been wan-der-ing far from your love. Save your peo-ple, O Lord.

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Penitential Rite:
1st time, Cantor: 2nd time All, each time.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116: I Will Walk Before the Lord

I will walk be - fore the Lord, in the land of the liv - ing.

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Gospel Acclamation: Lenten Gospel Acclamation **BB#901**

Praise and hon - or to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

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Preparation of Gifts: *Transfiguration* **BB#125**

Mass: *May We Be One Mass*
 (Mass card in the pew pocket)

Communion Song: *Transfigure Us, O Lord* **BB#498**

*Refrain: Transfigure us, O Lord, transfigure us, O Lord.
 Break the chains that bind us; speak your healing word,
 And where you lead we'll follow. Transfigure us, O Lord.*

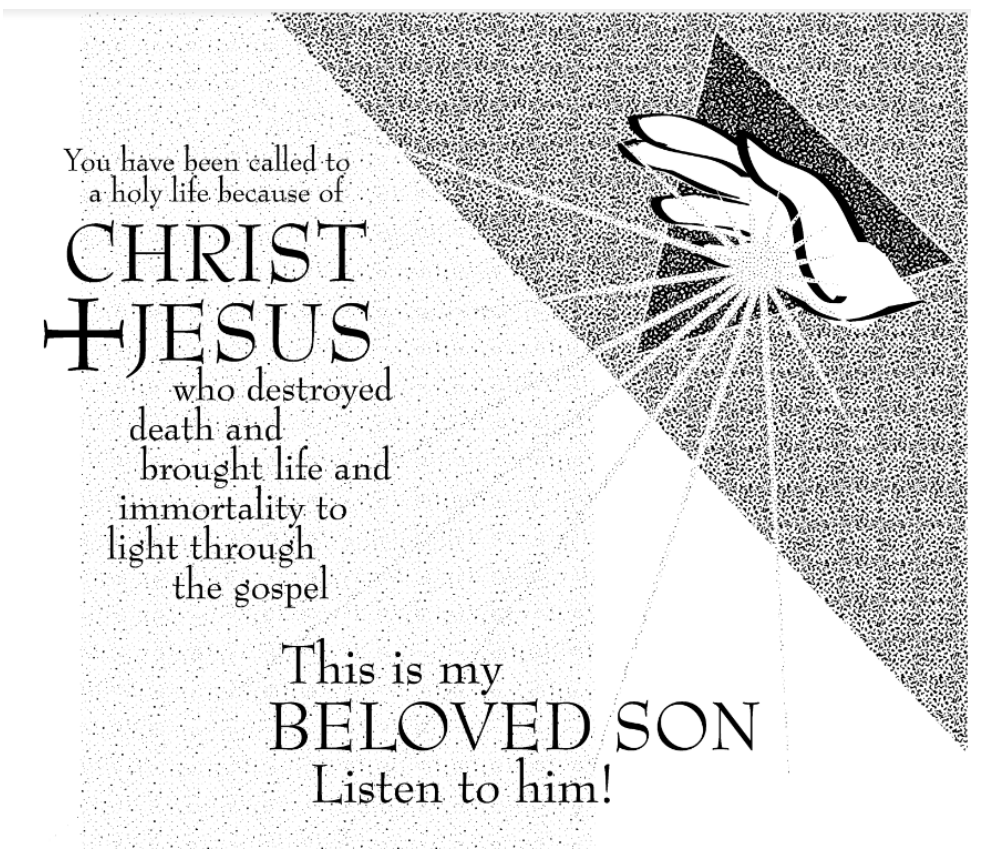
Closing Song: *Gracious God* **BB#137**

1. Gra - cious God, mer - cy is your name. Re - deem
 2. Gra - cious God, we bless your ho - ly name. Re - ceiv -
 - ing love, you give your life a - way.
 - ing love, we give our lives a - way.

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2nd Sunday of Lent

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ST. VINCENT de PAUL MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, Feb. 28th at 9:00a.m. in the Finnegan Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: The first Sunday of the month our 2nd collection is for the St. Leo's Development Fund. Money from this collection goes toward the maintenance of our facility. One project we're working on is painting the west outside wall of the church.

MAD HATTERS NEED YOUR EXTRA YARN: Happy colored yarn is needed for our Mad Hatters. If you have extra, please drop off in Ushers Room or bring by the parish office.

PLASTIC EASTER EGGS NEEDED FOR RE: Rosa is seeking donations for empty plastic eggs for the Religious Ed students. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office or in church. Please no candy.

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. 24th – March 3rd

Sat 24	5:00 pm	Philip Donohue † & Rosito Correa †
Sun 25	9:30 am	Deceased members of the Byrne, Lynch and Boyle families
Mon 26	8:30 am	Diane Marino † and Charles Thayer †
Tues 27		NO MASS
Wed 28	8:30 am	Peter McConnor †
Thurs 29	8:30 am	Carl Weathers †
March		
Friday 1	8:30 am	Daniel Seda †
Sat 2	5:00 pm	Mary & Ralph Pujolar † and Emme Field †
Sun 3	9:30 am	Jennifer Laking † and Peggie McCarthy †

FISCAL LOG February 17 / 18

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,816.
2023 APC– 124 have Pledged \$124,613.11 @ 86%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Feb 28 SVDP Monthly Meeting, FINN, 9AM
Feb 29 FC Parent Meeting, 6PM, Benziger Room

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for February
In memory of the
Correa & Wilson Families



LENTE SPARE CHANGE FUNDRAISER: Grab a jar on your way out for your spare change this Lenten season. The label on each jar explains what this year's fundraiser is for. Thank you in advance.

LENTE STONES

As you enter the church, you will notice a basket of stones: Please take one as you leave. Think of the stone as a sponge soaking up all the things that worry you. On Good Friday, when you come to venerate the Cross, bring the stone with you. Put it in the basket at the foot of the Cross, giving the stone and all it holds in care of Jesus on the Cross. Know that with His suffering, Jesus has redeemed you and given you the love and strength you need to face each day.

LENTE TREE OF PETITIONS

Cards on which to write your petitions are on the table at the entrance of the church. You may hang your petitions on the tree where they will remain until Holy Saturday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent following the 8:30a.m. morning Mass in English.
 Friday's at 7:00p.m. in Spanish.

LILIES IN MEMORIAM: As Easter draws near, it is an appropriate time to remember our loved ones who have gone before us. If you would like a lily in memory of a special person, please send your check of \$10 payable to St. Leo's Ladies Guild along with the loved one's name. Please send to Michelle Levesque, St Leo's Parish, PO Box 666, Boyes Hot Springs, CA 95416. The list with names of those remembered in this thoughtful way will be published in our bulletin after Easter.

KOLBE-TRINITY SCHOOL IN NAPA, a TK-12 Catholic school emphasizing classical methodology, will be having an **open house on Saturday, March 2nd from 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. at their facility on 2055 Redwood Rd. in Napa.** Come and find out all about Kolbe-Trinity's unique education for students ages 4-18!

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