

**Gathering Song:** *Fish With Me*

Oh, come and fol-low me. Oh,  
 leave be - hind your nets. I call you. Oh,  
 come and fish with me, and your life will nev-er be the same a - gain.

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**Gloria:** *Glory to God* BB#858

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 138: In the Sight of the Angels*

In the sight of the an - gels, I will sing your prais - es, O Lord.

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**Gospel Acclamation:** *Watson Alleluia*

**Preparation of Gifts:** *Here I Am, Lord* BB#393  
 Refrain: *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

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

**Communion Song:** *Servant Song* BB#388

Je - sus, Je - sus, you are the Lord.  
 Je - sus, Je - sus, you are the way.

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**Closing Song:** *Alleluia! Raise the Gospel* BB#623  
 Refrain: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise the Gospel over the earth!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Peace and justice bringing to birth!*

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## February 9, 2025



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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

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### 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: February 8<sup>th</sup> – Feb 16<sup>th</sup>

**Sat.** 8 \_\_\_ 5:00 p.m. Marina V. Mapa, R.S.C.J. †  
**Sun.** 9 \_\_\_ 9:30 a.m. Rita Shine †  
**Mon.** 10 \_\_\_ 8:30 a.m. Anthony Vagnozzi †  
**Tues.** 11 **NO MASS**  
**Wed.** 12 \_\_\_ 8:30 a.m. Roseanna Marie Palma †  
and Maria Mercedes Palomera †  
**Thurs.** 13 \_\_\_ 8:30 a.m. the People of St. Leo's  
**Fri.** 14 \_\_\_ 8:30 a.m. Pat O'Grady †  
**Sat.** 15 \_\_\_ 5:00 p.m. Joan Polan †  
and Joseph Vagnozzi †  
**Sun.** 16 \_\_\_ 9:30 a.m. Joe Byrne †, Frank Lynch †,  
Deceased members of the  
Byrne, Lynch & Boyle families

## FISCAL LOG: February 1 / 2

**Sunday Collection:** \$3,880.

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**Feb 13** Chicken & Polenta Dinner, 5:30PM, LSW  
**Feb 17** Presidents' Day, OFFICE CLOSED  
**Feb 18** Men's Club Monthly Dinner, 6PM, LSW  
**Feb 26** SVDP Monthly Meeting, 9AM, FINN  
**March 5** **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**March 16** Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner

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



**CONFIRMANDI ARE IN THE HOUSE:** Please welcome Nancy Gibson, our Confirmation Coordinator, and her confirmation candidates who are attending 9:30a.m. Mass this weekend.

**COFFEE & DONUTS IN THE LILLIAN WING:** Come enjoy donuts and a cup of coffee and some company in the Lillian Wing after Sunday Mass.

**ST. LEO'S ITALIAN DINNER:**  
**The Chicken and Polenta Dinner this Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> is SOLD OUT!**

**MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY DINNER MEETING:** Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Lillian Wing. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

### SATURDAY CONFESSION OFFERED:

Fr. Jojo is available to hear confessions in the church on Saturdays from 4:30 – 4:45 p.m. Use the confessional to your left when entering the church.

**HOLD THE DATE: March 16<sup>th</sup> for the parish Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner.** 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, and clean-up for the event. If you're able to help in any way please call the office, (707) 996-8422. Thank you!

### ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN 2024 IS COMING

**TO A CLOSE:** If you have not completed your pledged amount for the APC '24, now is the time to do so. We will be ramping up for the 2025 APC in early March. If you have questions about your balance, feel free to contact us in the office, (707) 996-8422. The funds collected from the APC goes toward our staff salaries, Youth & Religious Education programs, paying monthly utility & water bills and anywhere else it is needed.

**PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS:** To baptize a child, a pre-baptismal class is mandatory for parents and Godparents. If you are interested in attending, please call the parish office, 707-996-8422.

**OUR WEBSITE HAS WHAT YOU NEED:** You will find the weekly Sunday bulletins, special announcements, Mass times and more. Visit us at [www.stleesonoma.org](http://www.stleesonoma.org) for general info.

### ***The one who bears the sore of leprosy . . . shall cry out, "Unclean, unclean!"***

Many may ask why the Church selects leprosy as a topic for consideration on any Sunday at all – as it does today. It's not a pleasant thing to think about even if the term leprosy in the Bible might refer not just to what we call Hansen's Disease (the disfiguring disease that killed St. Damien of Molokai) but to any kind of contagious skin disease back in the days of Moses.

Be that as it may, we are confronted today by Old Testament legislation quarantining such victims and a Gospel story in which Jesus heals one.

Now as with every miracle story in the New Testament there are *two ways* (at least) of reading such a text. *First* – and this is the way it seems people usually read them – you can say, *A miracle! Jesus does the impossible. A fellow is seriously sick one minute; the next he's well again. Jesus is a miracle worker. That's what drew crowds to him; that's what early Christians found in Jesus, believed about him: that he could cure diseases, help lame people walk again, blind see, even people rise from their death beds. What power! The divine physician! He must be heaven sent, our world's redeemer, worthy of our faith in him alone, dispensing his magic touch even today in bread and wine.*

Hang on to that! Faith tells us it's true; something uniquely wonderful came into this world by way of Bethlehem of old. But the wonders worked by Christ range well beyond the simply physical effect of his touch. *Which brings us to another way of reading today's Gospel reading.*

It's seventy years now since the film *Twelve O'Clock High* was first shown. It was about a World War II bombing Group (the 918<sup>th</sup>) stationed in England and assigned missions to knock out enemy industry. Gregory Peck became its commander. And he assigned one of his Flying Fortresses the title "Leper Colony". Any airman, whatever his rank, who exhibited declining morale, dragged his feet, became haphazard in his performance, griped, chickened out . . . was transferred or segregated to the "Leper Colony" – the plane reserved for misfits. The mere awareness of that would be enough to stanch them up to a braver performance if only to fly home again.

*So the term leper can be applied to anybody relative to anything.* Indeed, how many people, deep down think of themselves as a leper – as of low value, not as pretty as others, not as smart, more vulnerable, a joke among others, zilch – even while they compensate for such low self esteem by thinking themselves really superior to everyone else; so *that's why they feel so lonely.* We each segregate ourselves out of fear of exposure of our limitations. And we send out signals the way ancient lepers did, saying "unclean, steer clear of me, leave me alone!"

So as such a "leper" step into today's Gospel and ask Jesus to snap you out of such isolation, your personal ghetto. How? But trusting him when he dares to touch you regardless of your recoil, touch you in bread and wine and introduce you to a world in which you yourself in your new found faith in Christ and the world and God and yourself can touch others well beyond the surface of their skins.

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**Geoff Wood**