

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

"Where all are Welcome"

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January 23, 2022 ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

THANK YOU for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America. Donations collected will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit: www.usccb.org/latin-america
Your gift makes a difference.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION:

The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) is looking for new members and welcome you to join them. **There will be information tables at the entrance of the church after Masses on Saturday and Sunday, January 29th and 30th.**

The ICF has been active for 70 years in Sonoma Valley, promoting faith, charitable works, heritage, and social activities. It is a family organization open to membership of all Catholics from all cultures and all ages. Please stop by and pick up the information available. Members of the ICF will be here to answer your questions. You can also visit their website: www.icf.org.

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

On the 5th Sunday of the month, January 29th & 30th, we will have a 2nd Collection for our SVDP Society. Envelopes can be found at the back of church.

SVDP NEEDS YOUR EXTRA BAGS:

Our SVDP Society is requesting the donation of your extra plastic grocery bags and paper bags. The bags may be dropped off near the Food Pantry or at the Parish office. Thank you in advance.

REMEMBER TO MASK UP: When indoors, masks are again mandatory. If you show up without a mask – no worries, we'll supply one for you. Please stay safe and MASK UP!



SANCTUARY LAMP

Dedication for January

Deceased Members of the Mapa Family



Mass Times

Saturday Mass:
5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:
8:00 a.m. Spanish
9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. Spanish

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 and Adoration

✧ Sacraments ✧

Baptisms: Call the office, (707) 996-8422
Weddings: Call the office, (707) 996-8422

MASS INTENTIONS: January 22nd – January 30th

Sat 22	5:00 p.m.	Joe McDermott †
Sun 23	9:30 a.m.	Ben Ramon †
Mon 24	8:30 a.m.	Bill Maffei †
Tues 25	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Wed 26	8:30 a.m.	Dolores Stone †
Thurs 27	8:30 a.m.	Simpliciano & Theresa Galiza †
Friday 28	8:30 a.m.	the Sacred Heart for prayers answered
Sat 29	5:00 p.m.	the People of St. Leo's
Sun 30	9:30 a.m.	Dorothy Mateo †

FISCAL LOG January 15 / 16

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,107.
Churches in Latin America: \$ 1,039.

ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UNDATE:
158 Parishioners have pledged: \$146,416. ~ 101%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Jan 29/30	2 nd Collection – SVDP Society
Feb 5/6	2 nd Collection – St Leo's Development Fund
Mar 2	Ash Wednesday Collection, Central & Eastern EU

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CONFIRMATION INFORMATION –

All Sunday classes will begin with attending Mass as a group. Students should arrive by 9:15 a.m., dressed appropriately. Following Mass, the group will meet until 12noon in Hunt Hall.

To be confirmed this year students must attend the following classes.

Sundays, February 6th & 27th, 9:15am – 12noon

March 6th & 27th, 9:15am – 12noon

April 3rd

Any Questions, please contact Nancy Gibson,
(707) 291-1916.

THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH

Romans1:17

He passed through the midst of them and went away.

Today's Gospel reading about the inaugural sermon of Jesus given to the citizens of his hometown of Nazareth, reminds me of my inaugural classroom presentation as a high school freshman in 1941. It's very memorable to me because I had prior to that never had to stand before an audience (my classmates) and give a speech. It was during a religion class presided over by Brother Francis; he required this of each student during the semester – with focus on the life of some saint.

My saint was St. Anthony of Padua. I don't know why I took the assignment so seriously. At that age I wasn't given much to study, a very passive scholar. Nevertheless I researched the saint, found his story fascinating (lots of miracles, including preaching to a congregation of fishes in a pond), wrote out the text, memorized it and even had my mother sit through it as I stood upon a kitchen chair and proclaimed it for a full fifty minutes – before going to school.

I was the first to perform (others would deliver at subsequent classes) and so I stood before the blackboard – facing my classmates and Brother Francis (in the back) and began. I took up the whole hour – spoken as written. At the end Brother Francis came up to me and said: "I only wanted a ten minute survey. But I didn't have the heart to stop you."

I'm sure Jesus as a mature adult (not to mention being the "Son of God") was much more spontaneous and spoke with more authority than I could at my age (although he does quote a long passage from the scroll in front of him). And what he quoted was a prophecy about liberty and vision and how he himself came to fulfill that prophecy right then and there!

But – in keeping with the nature of Scripture reading – was he not there also as a model of how you and I should stand before our world and proclaim and fulfill that same prophecy? Is Jesus just an isolated figure from long ago or is he not in some way also you and me – doesn't St. Paul say, "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ as a garment"; clothe yourself in his way of Being? Stand up, get up on your kitchen chair, and speak in such a way as to save the world.

But of course don't stop there. For Scripture reading means: be the whole text! And so be aware of that resistance in you that hesitates, thinks up reasons for not taking the podium, listening to that anonymous voice within you that says, "Who do you think you are? You are a face in the crowd! Stay there. It's safer." In other words, if you look at the crowd in the subsequent verses of today's reading, you may see your own face just as reluctant to change, to see in Christ the son of Joseph and no other.

Get whole! Experience that whole episode. Know yourself.

Geoff Wood