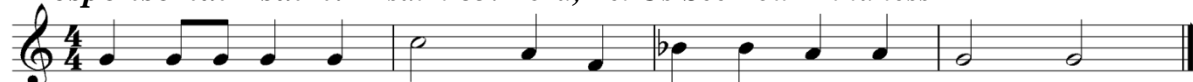


Gathering Song: *Alleluia! Raise the Gospel* BB#631
Refrain: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise the Gospel over the earth!*
Alleluia! Alleluia! Peace and justice bringing to birth!

Gloria: *Glory to God* BB#876

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 85: Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness*



Lord, let us see your kind - ness and grant us your sal - va - tion.
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Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia*



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Preparation of Gifts: *You Gather in the Outcast* BB#626

Mass: *Mass of Renewal*
 Holy: BB#879 Memorial Acclamation: BB#880 Amen: BB#883 Lamb of God: BB#884

Communion Song: *One Day Within Your Temple* BB#426



One day with - in your tem - ple, one day with - in your courts.
 This my sur - est long - ing: one day with you, my God.
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Closing Song: *City of God*

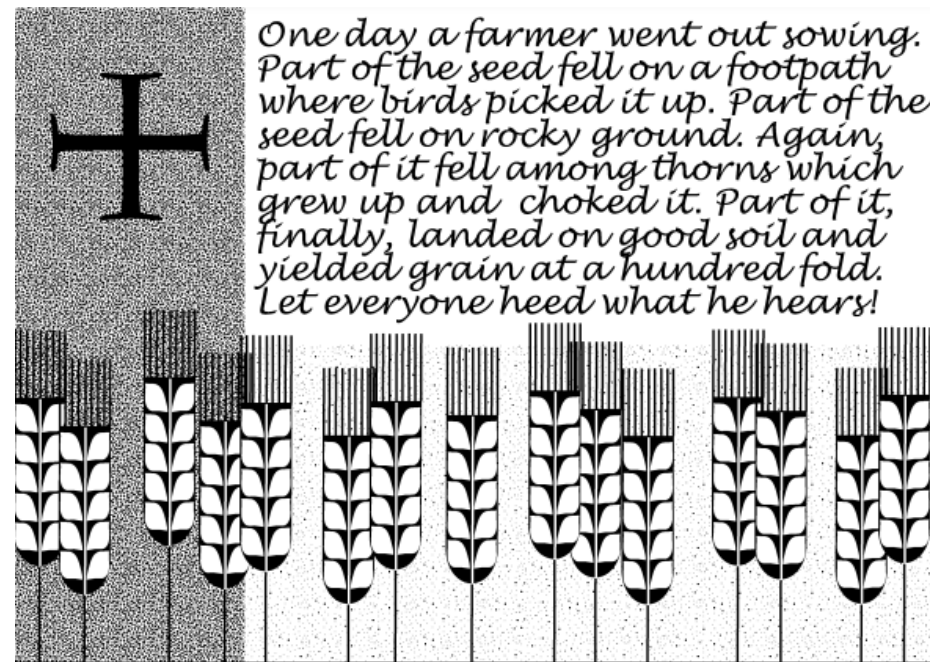
Refrain



Let us build the cit-y of God. May our hearts be turned in-to danc - ing!
 For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night in - to day!
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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14, 2024



One day a farmer went out sowing. Part of the seed fell on a footpath where birds picked it up. Part of the seed fell on rocky ground. Again, part of it fell among thorns which grew up and choked it. Part of it, finally, landed on good soil and yielded grain at a hundred fold. Let everyone heed what he hears!

The seed is the Word of God and Christ is the sower.

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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: July 13th – July 21st

Sat. 13 5:00 p.m. Richard Facciola †
Sun. 14 9:30 am Agnes Lucy †
Mon. 15 8:30 a.m. Joan Polan †
Tues.16 **NO MASS**
Wed. 17 8:30 a.m. Pauly Balanga † and
Karina Gomez, May God protect her Always
Thurs. 18 8:30 a.m. Greg Wardwell, Happy B-Day
Friday 19 8:30 a.m. Connie & Victor Vargas †
Sat. 20 5:00 p.m. Michael Sullivan †
Sun. 21 9:30 am Deceased members of the
Byrne, Lynch & Boyle families

FISCAL LOG July 6 / 7

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,675.
St. Leo's Development Fund: \$ 1,972.

NEW 2024 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UPDATE
98 Parishioners pledged: \$102,359.38 71%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

July 16 Men's Club Monthly meeting, 6PM, LSW
July 27 R.E. Enrollment, 9AM – 12noon, FINN
July 29 Confirmation Registration, 9AM – 12Noon

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for July
In memory of
James Gater



EUCARISTIC MINISTER TO THE SICK & HOME BOUND: If anyone is interested in this very fulfilling ministry, please call the parish office, (707) 996-8422. Ministers needed for Sunday visits.

MEN'S CLUB DINNER MEETING:

Tuesday, July 16th in the Lillian Sanders Wing. Cocktails at 6p.m. and dinner at 6:30p.m. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. Contact Steve Rogers, (707) 771-9290.

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

Black & Indian Missions (D) Your donations are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease.

SVDP NEEDS PAPER AND PLASTIC BAGS:

SVDP needs your unwanted paper and plastic shopping bags for their Tuesday, "Groceries to Go" program. Please bring your bags to the parish office.

NO SVDP MONTHLY MEETING IN JULY. Next meeting is August 28th at 9:00 a.m. C U then.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION:

DATE CORRECTION! On Saturday, July 27th, the office of Religious Ed will be open from 9a.m. to 12noon to collect student registrations for First and Second Year First Communion classes.

Requirements: Must be registered in this parish, child must be 7 years old, must bring copy of baptismal certificate, cost is \$60 for first year and \$80 for second year. For more information, please call the Religious Education office at 707-996-7503, Rosa Chavez.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION: Monday,

July 29th, 9am to 12noon in the Parish Office. Registration forms can be found on our website: stleesonoma.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS 2024:

On Saturday, September 21, 2024, the Diocese of Santa Rosa will present a day of prayer and fellowship for all adults in the Diocese. The event will be held at Cardinal Newman High School, 4320 Old Redwood Hwy., Santa Rosa. The theme is **"Prayer, Our Relationship with God"**.

The day will begin at 9:00a.m in the gym with Holy Mass by Bishop Robert F. Vasa. A variety of speakers will be presented throughout the day. This day is designed to bring spiritual nourishment to all Adults in the Diocese. We look forward to seeing you.

We are happy to announce that this year's event is **FREE**. For more information or to register, please contact Carmen Aanenson at the Diocesan Dept. of Rel. Ed., dre@srdiocese.org, 707-566-3366.

ENGLISH PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS OFFERED. This class is mandatory for parents & godparents if you are wishing to baptize your child. If you are interested, please call the parish office, 707-996-8422.

Victims of Circumstance

In today's first reading the priest at the Israelite shrine of Bethel tells Amos to leave the premises, to go back where he came from – because of his disruptive prophecies. And you get the impression there's nothing more that Amos would have liked to do – go home, get back to dressing fig trees and herding sheep.

Back then he was a nobody, attracting no attention. He fit into his environment, remained a face in the crowd. He was defined by his circumstances – or to put it roundabout, his circumstances defined him. He was identified by tribe, family name, job, status in society just like everybody else. If there were anything truly personal about him, it was hidden beneath layers of circumstance (his lot, his happenstance, his kismet, his fate). Indeed he may not even have known himself *any deeper* than by his circumstances – name, rank, and serial number.

The same could be said of the apostles Peter, James, John, and Andrew in the Gospel reading. Anonymous fishermen, up early, nets readied, off to sea, dragging, hauling in, returning . . . small businessmen, laborers. Identity? Jewish, male, speaking a certain dialect, extended families, politically indifferent or in harmony with others of some party. They were unconscious victims of the circumstances into which they had been born and raised – whose limited horizons confined their minds and hearts, their full awareness even of themselves.

That is - until God called Amos and Jesus called the apostles out of their merely circumstantial lives, filled their minds and hearts with meaning, convictions, a deeper self-awareness that led them to speak out, to cross horizons, to invite a narrow-minded world to become an ever-broadening kingdom of grace and justice. Instead of living static lives, their discourse reduced to boring clichés, they were sent forth to transfigure conventional wisdom, to leave behind their "baggage", to travel light, drive out demons, heal a sick society – never pausing to argue – just keep moving. In other words: demonstrate what it's like to live a real life.

Of course as we listen to these readings about Amos and the apostles we rarely think that these characters mirror ourselves, that it is *we, who like them (in their prior anonymity) may be victims of circumstance*, that it is we who have not so much chosen but absorbed the stereotypes of our culture, adopted the fashions prescribed by custom (how long has it been blue jeans!!), thought the safe thoughts, accepted our neighborhood's definition of whom we must avoid and whom we must befriend. Vatican II may have jet propelled a whole generation at a faster pace into a wider, deeper sense of our creed, our destiny, of awareness . . . but it's not long before we slow down, settle into a familiar calm – though maybe not as deadly as that of the Ancient Mariner: *Day after day, day after day, / We stuck, nor breath nor motion; / As idle as a painted ship / Upon a painted ocean.*

Are you just a face in the crowd – or do the examples of Amos and the apostles catch your attention today and stir you to challenge, like them, whatever is complacent about yourself, to travel lighter than ever before in your life upon a wave of newfound interest in or even curiosity - or even enthusiasm for the Good News of Christ?

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Geoff Wood