

Gathering Song: *Canticle of the Turning* BB#621

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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Gloria: *Glory to God*
(Music card is in the pew pocket)

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 69: Turn to the Lord in Your Need*

Turn to the Lord in your need,. O turn to the Lord in your need,. and you will live, you will live.

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Gospel Acclamation: *Gospel Acclamation*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Preparation of Gifts: *Servant Song* BB#388

Mass: *Mass of St. Joseph*
(Music card is in the pew pocket)

Communion Song: *One Day Within Your Temple* BB#447

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.

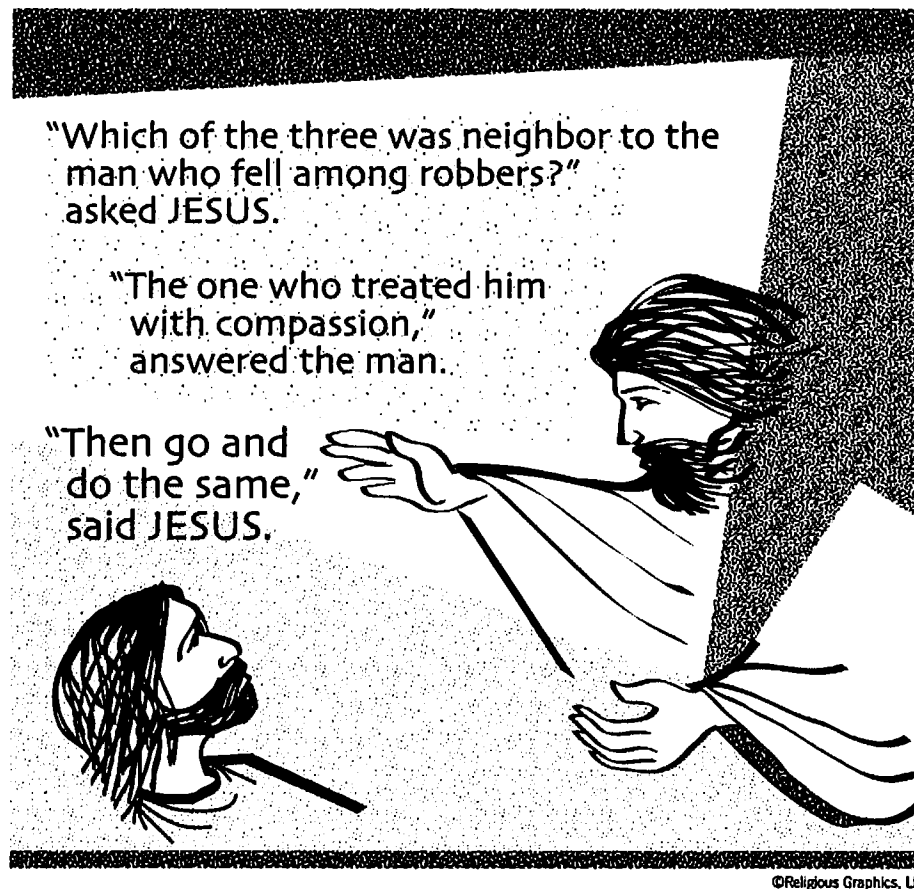
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Closing Song: *Alleluia! Raise the Gospel* BB#623

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise the Gospel over the earth!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Peace and justice bringing to birth.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 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

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: July 12th – July 20th

Sat. 12 5:00 p.m. Patricia Ramirez †
Sun. 13 9:30 a.m. Carol Hanna †
Mon. 14 8:30 a.m. Agnes Lucy †
Tues. 15 NO MASS
Wed. 16 8:30 a.m. Jim Haver † & Adele Kelly †
Thurs. 17 8:30 a.m. Lillian Sanders †
& Pauly Balanga †
Friday 18 8:30 a.m. John M. Shine †
Sat. 19 5:00 p.m. Hugh & Catherine Pendergast †
& Byron Alvarez †
Sun. 20 9:30 a.m. the People of St. Leo's

FISCAL LOG: July 5 / 6

Sunday Collection: \$4,008.
Development Fund: \$2,340.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

July 15 Men's Club Meeting & Annual BBQ, 6PM
July 18 Funeral for Sheila Albert, 11AM
July 19 RE Registration, 9AM – 12PM, FINN
July 19 Friends and Family Dinner, 6PM, LSW
July 19/20 2nd Collection, Black and Indian Missions
Aug 6 / 7 Confirmation Reg. for HS & 8th grade, FINN

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for July
In Memory of
James Gater



HOME CARE HELP NEEDED for elder mother. For details, call Trish @ 707-337-2504.

COFFEE & DONUTS: Following Sunday Mass head to the LSW for a donut and hot coffee. The price for donuts is \$2 a donut and coffee for \$1.

ATTENTION ALL PARISH MEN: Come join us for the Men's Club's annual BBQ and Bocce this Tuesday July 15th. This year, enjoy BBQ Tri-tip, potato salad, corn on the cob and more, in what looks to be a beautiful summer evening. Come out to meet and welcome Greg McSweeney and Mike Maggioncalda, for their first meeting as the new President and Vice-President. **If you're not already a member then your dinner is free.** So come check us out. The bar opens at 6p.m. and dinner is served around 7p.m. Come early and play some bocce ball too.

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Black and Indian Missions – for evangelizing the Black and Indian people of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the U.S., supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DINNER #2:

Join us for our 2nd Friends and Family Dinner of the Summer! Tickets will be available for purchase after Masses this weekend.

Date: Saturday, July 19th Doors Open at 6:00p.m.
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Menu: Chicken, Pasta, Potatoes, & Salad
Margaritas, beer & wine - \$3 each
Soda or water - \$1 each



Activities: Bingo and Dancing
Cost: \$20 per ticket



HIGH SCHOOL & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION will be on August 6th & 7th, from 11a.m. to 3p.m. Each class size is limited to 25 students. Priority will be given to student families registered at St. Leo's parish.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2025 – 2026: The one-day registration is July 19th, 9a.m.-12noon in the Finnegan Center. **Starting July 10th registration packets will be available in the RE office.** For more information and requirements, check the flyer on the bulletin boards at the entrance of church.

ADULT ED MEETING, Sunday, July 27 at 10:30AM in the Benziger Room, to continue our discussion of the relationship between the Church and its LGBTQ+ members. We are calling this discussion group **"All God's People."**

Which of these do you think was a neighbor?

In the earliest days of the Christian community its members expected Christ's return (after his resurrection) within their own generation or the next. In other words, this world would end and heaven would be our new home forever. In other words again, Jesus would come and sweep us up beyond the clouds into life without sin, death, even gravity.

But biblical scholars detect in the writings of St. Luke (whose Gospel passages we read this year) a different take on the future. You remember that scene at the beginning of the *Acts of the Apostles*? Jesus is about to ascend into heaven and the disciples ask what's going to happen now. And Jesus says, *It is not for you to know about dates or times. But you . . . bear witness for me in Jerusalem, and all over Judea and Samaria, and away to the ends of the earth.*

Well, that's going to take time! If anyone thinks Jesus is coming soon, he had better think twice. Indeed, after Jesus ascended on high, two mysterious men in white (angels?) say to the disciples: *Men of Galilee, why stand there looking up into the sky?* [Jesus will return but you have a job to do – make his message known throughout the generations to come.]

Which meant: you've got a community, a worldwide community to build – a universal church – that will need order, rules, sacraments, leadership (therefore hierarchy?), varieties of service, buildings, even basilicas, specialists, centralization . . . in a word: institutionalization. Scholars see in Luke's writings the catholicization (organization) of early Christianity so that it can endure and spread over centuries of time. He set the church up to exist in this world even while contemplating the next.

Whereas those early Christians, who expected the world to end within their lifetime, were eager to leap out of this earthly world with both feet, Luke's institutionalized church kept one foot in this world for the long haul while maintaining a foothold on heaven as well. Which may explain why the church, as our world has changed politically, technologically, secularly, tragically, has often been ambivalent about how to deal with earthly things – until the theologians leading us into Vatican II began to suggest that our Gospel tradition, if read in depth, advocates our residing and behaving with *both feet* in this world, with *total commitment to the here and now* (even as God behaved by choosing to become fully human among us).

The parable of the Good Samaritan illustrates such an extravagant commitment. E. E. Cummings translated this parable into a poem that begins: *a man who had fallen among thieves*. The victim is obviously drunk and therefore was vulnerable to assault, *endowed with a changeless grin*. *whereon a dozen staunch and leal / citizens did graze at pause / then fired by hypercivic zeal / sought new pastures . . .* The soiled clothes of the victim also turned them off. Not so the poet who concludes: *brushing from whom the stiffened puke / I put him all into my arms / and staggered banged with terror through / a million billion trillion stars*.

I think the poet is speaking about the kind of terror, the awe, the dread that comes of our acting in so much more a godlike way than we normally do. Such a challenge can almost scare us to death.

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Geoff Wood