

Mass Times

Saturday Mass: 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.stleesonoma.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 20th – July 28th

Sat. 20 5:00 p.m. Michael Sullivan †
Sun. 21 9:30 am Deceased members of the
Byrne, Lynch & Boyle families
Mon. 22 8:30 a.m. Mary Powers †
Tues. 23 NO MASS
Wed. 24 8:30 a.m. Bill Maffei † & Byron Alvarez †
Thurs. 25 8:30 a.m. Antionette Kuhry &
Tom Haeuser, Prayers
Friday 26 8:30 a.m. Amanda Conti Haver †
and Hugh & Catherine Pendergast †
Sat. 27 5:00 p.m. Maria De Martini †
Sun. 28 9:30 am Mike Brocco †

FISCAL LOG July 13 / 14

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,402.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

July 27 R.E. Enrollment, 9AM – 1PM, FINN
July 29 Confirmation Registration, 9AM – 1PM

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for July
In memory of
James Gater



ENGLISH PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS OFFERED:
This class is mandatory for parents & godparents who are wishing to baptize their child. Call the office. 707 996-8422 for more info.

2nd COLLECTION THIS 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:

On Saturday, July 27th, the office of Religious Ed will be open from 9a.m. to 1PM to collect student registration packets for First and Second Year First Communion classes. **Packets are available this week at the office of Religious Education.**

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 1PM in the Parish Office. Registration forms can be found on our website: stleesonoma.org or picked up from the parish office.

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"**.

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.

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.

Jeremiah was a bullfrog, he was good friend of mine / I never understood a single word he said . . .
[Creedence Clearwater Revival]

I've known about penknives all my life - the kind of folding knife you can keep in your pocket for various uses. I especially remember using it to play mumbley-peg with other teen age caddies back in the early 40's while waiting for our caddy master to summon me to carry some golfer's bag. But why it was called a *penknife* never occurred to me until I was informed that back through time, when the standard writing instrument was a bird's quill, a handy *pen-knife* was used to sharpen the quill's point for clearer script.

Indeed such a penknife shows up in the 7th century BC *Book of Jeremiah*. The story goes that the prophet, distressed over the influence of paganized religious practices plus the greed and chancy diplomacy of Judah's leadership, dictated divine warnings to his secretary Baruch – who copied them on a papyrus scroll. Baruch was then commissioned to read the scroll to the powers that be. What they heard were complaints like: *Be appalled, O heavens, . . . be shocked . . . says the Lord, for my people have . . . forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns, that can hold no water . . . Small and great alike, all are greedy for gain; prophet and priest, all practice fraud. They have treated lightly the injury to my people: "Peace, peace!" they say, though there is no peace.*

How was this received? The reigning king of Judah, warming himself by a winter fire, called for a penknife and as he heard three or four columns of the scroll read he cut them from the scroll and threw them into the fire – until the whole scroll, the whole warning of Jeremiah's God, was consumed. And it says: *Yet neither the king, nor any of his servants . . . was afraid, nor did they rend their garments.*

It's hard for us to understand the politics of those times though it had a lot to do with polytheism versus monotheism, materialism versus justice. But closer to home, imagine George III upon hearing the *Declaration of Independence* (which was as much a prophecy as a declaration) asking for a pocketknife to excise such immortal words as: *We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness . . . The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States . . . Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us - - -*

And now recent news suggests that our own current Pope Francis may be a new Jeremiah, whose encyclical on the environment challenges the careless habits of our throw-away society – words such as: *The loss of forests and woodlands entails the loss of species which may constitute extremely important resources in the future . . . It is not enough . . . to think of different species merely as potential "resources" to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves . . . Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right.* And yet, as with the original Jeremiah, do I not see poised many an open penknife, ready to shred any sections of this encyclical that sound like a threat to business as usual?

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Geoff Wood