

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

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

✠ Sacraments ✠

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

MASS INTENTIONS July 23rd – July 31st

Sat 23	5:00 pm	Mary Powers †
Sun 24	9:30 am	Bill Maffei †
Mon 25	8:30 am	Stephen Litwin †
Tues 26	8:30 am	NO MASS
Wed 27	8:30 am	Dr. Felix C. Mapa †
Thurs 28	8:30 am	Virgilia Vargas Mapa †
Friday 29	8:30 am	Ed Scanlon †
Sat 30	5:00 pm	Lorraine O'Hern † and Catherine & Hugh Pendergast †
Sun 31	9:30 am	Gene Murphy †

FISCAL LOG: July 16 / 17

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,482.

Peters Pence Collection: \$ 1,376.

2022 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN:

111 Parishioners pledged: \$108,712. 75%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

July 24	World Day for Grandparents/Elderly
July 31	2 nd Collection, 5 th Sunday for SVDP
Aug. 6/7	2 nd Collection–St Leo Development Fund

SANCTUARY LAMP

Dedication for July

In memory of James Gater



Happy Grandparents Day!

Most loving Father, we thank and praise you on this occasion as we remember and give thanks for the gift of Grandparents.

We remember our Grandparents who have gone before us into eternity and pray that they already rejoice with you in heaven.

We remember our Grandparents who are nearing the end of their days. Provide them with a lively sense of peace and comfort in their final days.

We remember Grandparents who engage with us in our daily lives. Lord, may we be most attentive to assuring them of our love and appreciation for what they do and who they are in our lives.

We remember those elders who may have no grandchildren of their own but who have touched our lives in wonderfully powerful ways.

Father, we pray that you provide these, our loved ones, an abundance of your grace and peace. We pray you shower down upon them every good grace and blessing.
Amen

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

July 31st is the 5th Sunday of the month which is when we have a 2nd collection for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Money collected helps to keep our Food Pantry stocked. The Pantry is open Wednesday thru Friday, 11:30a.m. for food pick-up. Every Tuesday, in partnership with the Redwood Empire Food Bank, our SVDP has a drive through "Groceries to Go" program starting around 8:30a.m.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY:

Thank you for your generous support for last weekends Peters Pence Collection. As a parish we collected \$1,376.

COFFEE & DONUTS TODAY IN THE LSW.



2022 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN
HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE YET?
We are at 75% pledged. Pledges can be made at any time. Thank you.

BOCCE CLUB NEWS: Interested in playing send email to stleosbocceclub@gmail.com.
Membership cost is \$40 a person, \$75 a couple, or \$375 for a Lifetime Membership.

Obliterating the bond against us, . . . he removed it, nailing it to the cross.

Our biblical tradition is loaded with instances where the Source of our very universe, whom it calls Jahweh or Elohim, speaks directly to someone in order to instruct, warn, legislate – or say things like "let there be light." In other words, speaks and things happen. And what happens? A universe happens as well as all its inhabitants – you and me. This mysterious Being is vocal, expressive, utters horizons, landscapes, space, a cosmic order as well as behaviors that can be judged as right or wrong. In sum, you might say he is *outspoken*.

Today's readings, however, may coincide more with how this God *really* communicates. Many wise people down through history would rather view God as reticent, *withdrawn* more than *outspoken* – indeed that he *plays games* with us, like hide and seek. Consider today's Gospel. May not God be better reflected as the cranky neighbor who has gone to bed and doesn't want to be disturbed? "It's nighttime. Closed till sunrise. Until then stop knocking. Let me alone in my divinity." And this! Even though the fellow has a pressing problem. "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked . . ."

May not the same distancing be true of God's behavior in today's *first* reading from Genesis? Already in biblical times as well as in our modern world (so devastated by the advanced technology of weaponry) the brutal consequences of human conflict have swept up so many innocent people along with the guilty instigators of such violence. So even back in those days people were beginning to question the idea of an individual amounting merely to a cell within the body politic and fated to suffer along with the collectivity – with no worth individually. They all go off to the concentration camps. In other words, Abraham has begun *to think* (which is a kind of *persistent* prayer) – and *dares* ask God where is justice to be found in such an indiscriminate "collective" sense of human guilt that licenses, for example, an event like Hiroshima.

And here begins the hide and seek. God, who wants to destroy Sodom, the good along with the bad, allows Abraham to educate him. It's as if he were saying: "Abraham, you raise interesting questions. If there are only fifty just citizens of Sodom or only forty-five or just ten, why must *they* suffer along with the sinners? Indeed your questions make even me – Almighty God – wonder why *anyone*, innocent or guilty, should be so treated! You are making me realize that I am not just a God of vindictive absolutes but a God of grace, forgiveness, mercy – that I should care, not terrify. Thank you for letting me unconceal how I really am – humanely divine.

Too often the word prayer brings to mind asking for something – like our daily bread. But on a more authentic level prayer means interviewing God, raising questions, wondering, peering into the mystery of our lives, digging deeper into the why of things – even as meanings seem to elude us – because as the nature of God and our world unfold from one experience to another we find our horizons, our "absolutes" have changed, that we are becoming in some way as big as, as delightfully mysterious as the gracious God who eludes us – in order to provoke more inquiries to perpetuate the conversation and the journey.

Geoff Wood