

St. Leo Catholic Church

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July 4, 2021 ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS YEAR'S FUNDRAISER FOR INDIA has closed as of June 30th with the end of the fiscal year. First of all, **Thank You** for the wonderful support we are able to give in the name of St Leo's Parish towards our Mission in India. The money is going towards the same Mission where previously we helped with repairs to the roof of the school, a new restroom in the girl's dormitory, and some needed repairs to the present building.

This year's goal was to raise enough donations to build a two-story building. We have enough to build the new dining hall and kitchen on the bottom floor.

The present dining hall is collapsing and dangerous. The second floor will be housing for the children. Your generosity has made this project a reality.



Many Thanks,

Fr. Jojo Puthussery and the Missionaries of Faith.

RETURN OF MEN'S CLUB DINNER MEETING

With restrictions being lifted things around here are happening again. The 3rd Tuesday of the month Men's Club dinner meeting was the first to resume and it was attended by many of the men of the parish. You can see some of the festivities from the evening on our Facebook page. The group will continue to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, in the Lillian Wing, 6:00 p.m. for cocktails & dinner at 7:00 p.m. Contact Steve Rogers with any questions, (707) 771-9290.

CONFESSION OFFERED: Fr. Jojo is available, by appointment only, to hear confessions. Call the office, 996-8422 to set up an appointment.

SANCTUARY LAMP

*Dedication for July
In Memory of James Gater*



Mass Times

Saturday Mass:

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Spanish

Sunday Masses are Live Streamed on our website, Facebook and YouTube:

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

1st Friday of the month, 9 - 10 a.m.

✠ Sacraments ✠

Baptisms: Call the office, 996-8422

Weddings: Call the office, 996-8422

MASS INTENTIONS: July 3rd - July 11th

Sat 3	5:00 p.m.	Ray & Rosalie Levesque †
Sun 4	9:30 a.m.	Henrietta & Wayne Hudson †
Mon 5	8:30 a.m.	Shamus McGlade †
Tues 6	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Wed 7	8:30 a.m.	to the Sacred Heart for Favors Granted
Thurs 8	8:30 a.m.	Don, Eleanor & John Woodard †
Friday 9	8:30 a.m.	Gloria Reynolds †
Sat 10	5:00 p.m.	the People of St. Leo's
Sun 11	9:30 a.m.	James Gater †

FISCAL LOG June 26 / 27

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,341.

ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UNDATE:

136 Parishioners have pledged: \$122,676. ~ 85%

This year's goal is \$145,000.

Thank You St. Leo Parishioners. We are so close.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

July 5	OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
July 7	Memorial Mass, John Fanucchi, 11AM

CATHOLIC ADULT SINGLES OF MARIN is a group of 50+ single or single again Catholics who are interested in making new friends, taking part in social activities, and sharing opportunities for spiritual growth. If you are interested in Membership & Activities, please call Bob at (415) 897-0639.

DAILY MORNING MASS UPDATE:

8:30 a.m. weekday Mass has moved inside the church with masks as an option. Saturday, 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Masses will continue outdoors for now with masks as an option.

Our office staff has been fully vaccinated, and masks are also optional when visiting the office.

**Don't be anxious about anything,
but in everything, by prayer and petition**

**with
Thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.**

Philippians 4:6

OFFICE HOURS:

The office staff is here Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Staff

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Provincialism

Meredith Wilson's 1957 show *The Music Man* is a prime example of a provincial town resisting the outside influence of a traveling salesman, conning its residents into buying band instruments for their children – to form a town band. The adults will have nothing to do with it . . . the idea is alarming, a threat to Midwestern everydayness – it's a new idea and therefore dangerous.

But "Professor Harold Hill", the salesman, wins their approval, distracting them by a worse intrusion, a pool hall! As he sings: . . . *Or you are not aware of the caliber of disaster indicated / By the presence of a pool table in your community. / Ya got trouble, my friend right here in River City. . . . I say that any boob kin take / And shove a ball in a pocket. / And they call that sloth . . . / I say, first, medicinal wine from a teaspoon, / Then beer from a bottle. / An' the next thing ya know, . . . / Your son is playin' for money / And list'nin to some big out-a-town Jasper / Hearin' him tell about horse-race gamblin'.*

In normal use, to be provincial is to be insular, parochial, inflexible, bordering on bigoted, set in one's ways, wary of novelty . . . dogmatic. Back in the days of H. L. Mencken (1880-1956) provincialism, home-town-ness, was greatly admired in the United States, though not by Mencken who wrote a rambling piece about sections of the U.S. thus: . . . *there a poet is now almost as rare as an oboe-player, a dry-point etcher or a metaphysician. It is, indeed, amazing to contemplate so vast a vacuity. One thinks of the interstellar spaces, of the colossal reaches of the now mythical ether.*

Which brings us to Nazareth, the hometown of Jesus. It had a small population, much inbred as is evident in Jesus' having so many relatives there. John's Gospel has someone asking: *Can anything good come out of Nazareth?* And in today's Gospel the town actually resents the fact that Jesus has made a name for himself. "Where does he get off sounding so superior? We know all there is to know about that carpenter's son." Yet what is it that turns them off during his discourse at their synagogue? We have only a fragment of his message (in Luke's version of the visit) but it's loaded with challenges – in a way similar to those set before the citizens of River City: to get musical, become harmonious, acquire rhythm, snap out of your static everydayness, loosen your minds.

We are all citizens of Nazareth (or River City) in some way, once a routine is set, not wanting to change, to widen and deepen our interests, pay some curiosity to why we exist, what brought us here, why must tomorrow differ from today. The concrete has dried, the paving set – so let's continue to tread our familiar way. All this Jesus stuff about bringing good news to the poor, freedom to shackled lives, insight to obsessed minds, hope to the oppressed, a God of grace to people burdened by guilt – is asking too much, thank you – so will you please leave town?

Indeed, I myself am a citizen of Nazareth; I am inclined to wish the challenges of Jesus to leave me alone, like caring interminably for a demented spouse – and live my tomorrows as I have all my yesterdays – comfortably dormant – skeptical as ever of anything like a miracle – unless maybe it is I whom Christ expects to behave like a miracle.

Geoff Wood