

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.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 6th – July 14th

Sat. 6 5:00 p.m. Louise Canevari Celio †
Sun. 7 9:30 am Eduardo Noroña †
Mon. 8 8:30 a.m. Dr. Gonzalo Ramos †
& Barbara Dremann, Speedy recovery
Tues. 9 **NO MASS**
Wed. 10 8:30 a.m. Virgilia Vargas Mapa †
Thurs. 11 8:30 a.m. James Gater †
Friday 12 8:30 a.m. Patricia Ramirez †
Sat. 13 5:00 p.m. Richard Facciola †
Sun. 14 9:30 am Agnes Lucy †

FISCAL LOG June 29 / 30

Sunday Collection: \$ 4,209.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

July 6/7 2nd Collection, St. Leo's Development Fund
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.

2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

St Leo's Development Fund. Donations to this very important collection help with the maintenance of our buildings as well as new projects in the future.

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.

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.

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.

ECUMENICAL TAIZE SERVICE: On the third Friday of the month at the Congregational Church on W Spain St. at 4p.m. All are welcome.

Stand by the earliest roads, the pathways of old.

Charles Ryder was a lonely British officer back in the early days of World War II. He was captain of a company of relatively godless Tommies stationed in England – waiting to be transferred to somewhere in the wide world. To break the monotony the units were moved about from place to place and one night they arrived at their new location and were driven to an open space under a starless sky and the fine drizzle of rain. When Ryder awoke in his tent next morning he asked his second in command, "What's the place called?" And when hearing the answer (as Evelyn Waugh writes in his story *Brideshead Revisited*) there fell an immense silence, followed by of "a multitude of sweet and natural and long-forgotten sounds." For the name of the place was so familiar to Ryder that the sound of it exorcised all the loneliness, the alienated feelings he had felt living in a world of war and slogans and aimless business as usual.

His adjutant, describing the grand estate and its buildings, called it a "Great barrack of a place. I've just snooped around. Very ornate, I'd call it. A queer thing, there's a sort of R.C. church attached. I looked in and there was a kind of service going on – just a padre and an old man . . . More in your line than mine." [For Ryder had become a Catholic some years ago.] "There's a frightful great fountain, too, . . . all rocks and sort of carved animals. You never saw such a thing." To which Ryder replied, "Yes, Hooper, I did. I've been here before."

He had been there many years earlier when as an Oxford student he was invited by his classmate Sebastian, son of the aristocratic Flyte family, to spend a vacation there and later became quite involved with the family, even to the point of falling in love (to no ultimate avail) with Sebastian's sister Julia. But the strange thing for Ryder was: the Flytes happened to be an old Catholic family whose connection with the Church had persisted from pre-Reformation times right on through to modern times and the decline of religion in Britain. They had been for generations devout and educated, capable of sinning and yet serious about their creed. All of this fascinated the then agnostic Ryder. Something about the family's weaknesses like Sebastian's alcoholism and the break up of marriages and yet its strong faith in a merciful God and the power of the Eucharist slowly impressed Ryder until he sensed there were deeper dimensions to life than business as usual. It was as if the veil of the temple were being ripped from top to bottom; as if he were experiencing the mystery of a truer world than the one he knew.

Ever since then, time had dissolved his connection with the Flytes and he had lapsed back into a cynical view of life. But now by chance he found himself back and it only took one more visit to the old mansion and to its private chapel where a small red flame in "a beaten-copper lamp of deplorable design" still burned before the tabernacle – for him to feel his faith and hope rekindled, so that when he returned to his tent his second in the command said, "You're looking unusually cheerful today."

This experience of Charles Ryder seems to remind us of an oracle of the prophet Jeremiah (6:16) where the Lord says, *Stand beside the earliest roads, ask the pathways of old / Which is the way to good, and walk it; / thus you will find rest for your souls.* Today we are so future oriented as to ignore so much ancient wisdom to be found in such sacred oracles of the past – including Jesus' own echo of Jeremiah – with a twist: *Learn of me . . . and you will find rest for your souls.*

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Geoff Wood