

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 June 18th – June 26th

Sat 18	5:00 pm	Catherine Pendergast †
Sun 19	9:30 am	Frank Lynch † & Joe Byrne †
Mon 20	8:30 am	Jaime Anqueta, Happy B-day
Tues 21	8:30 am	NO MASS
Wed 22	8:30 am	Tim Shea †
Thurs 23	8:30 am	Lydia & Pete Flemming †
Friday 24	8:30 am	Bill Maffei †
Sat 25	5:00 pm	Venessa Wardwell, Happy B-day, & Greg & Elena Wardwell, Happy Anniv.
Sun 26	9:30 am	Declan Cunniff, Happy B-day

FISCAL LOG: June 4 / 5

Sunday Collection: \$ 2,337.

2022 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN:
105 Parishioners pledged: \$100,747. 69%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

June 18/19 2nd Collection: Priests' Benefits
June 20 OFFICE CLOSED- Juneteenth Holiday
June 21 Men's Club Monthly meeting, 5PM
June 22 Memorial Mass for Bill Thomas, 11AM
June 25 Memorial Mass for Dick Finaly, 11AM

SANCTUARY LAMP

Dedication for June



In memory of – Bill Thomas, Dick Finaly,
Pat Ruth, and Marge Evans

Happy Father's Day

NO COFFEE & DONUTS THIS SUNDAY!

2nd COLLECTION TODAY:

The Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund. This collection helps support for the diocesan priests who have served the people of our diocese as their vocation in life.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING, JUNE 21st – NEW HOURS: 5-7 PM Bocce Ball and Cocktails. 7:00 PM Dinner. This month's BBQ cooks are Pete Ahern, Paul Merz & Rick Schuhriemen. All men of the Parish are invited to join in. Lots going on so come on out and join us.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY:

In observance of the federal Juneteenth Holiday the office will be closed Monday, June 20th.

BOCCE CLUB NEWS:

If you are interested in joining and playing on a league team or open play, please send an email to stleobocceclub@gmail.com. New leagues to be announced next week.

Membership cost is \$40 a person, \$75 a couple, or \$375 for a Lifetime Membership.

A **MEMORIAL MASS** for Bill Thomas is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22nd at 11a.m. with a lunch reception to follow. Then on Saturday, June 25th, a Memorial Mass for Dick Finaly will take place at 11a.m.

JAM JARS NEEDED

In preparation for making jams this year from St. Leo's crop of fruit, please leave clean 8oz. canning jars in the boxes waiting for them in the usher's room. Many thanks!

If you would like to participate in making jams this year, please contact Mary Pat at 707-939-1005.

PLEASE PRAY FOR PARISHIONER & FAMILY OF Donna "Mickey" Miller who passed away on June 15th at Sonoma Hills. Mickey was an office volunteer and a long-time member of St. Leo's Ladies Guild. Please keep Mickey and her family in your prayers.

Give them some food yourselves

First of all, episodes like today's reading from St. Luke – before they were confined to their written form and collected into a book we call the Gospel – were originally delivered orally either at an early Christian liturgy or catechetical session. They were told – as a story is *told* or narrated – ideally not just spoken but performed! They were more literary than our everyday prose. They were meant to move you, have an effect, to change you – over time if not all at once. You could say they were meant to be magical. Of course they lose something of their force if they become so habitual as to go through one ear and out the other.

The scholar Paul Ricoeur – among others – describes them as extended metaphors – designed to *re-describe* reality as when we say, "John was a charging bull!" Now we know John wasn't and never could be literally a charging bull. But metaphor can make him one – in a way that is truer than "true". So there are truths that range far beyond the truth of merely eyewitness observation or the multiplication table.

And so today's Gospel narration (which is an extended metaphor) about the loaves and fishes was meant (in part) *to re-design* the way we look at reality. And how wonderfully up-to-date it is – given all the arithmetic. There must have been someone there among Jesus' disciples who resembled our parishioner Bill Shea. You know Bill. He's the one who, during the homily, wanders surreptitiously around the church interior counting how many people are present – like a census taker.

Surely someone like Bill was a character in today's reading because look at all the numbers that make up today's short text: 5 loaves and 2 fish; 5000 men; groups of 50 each; 12 baskets full of leftovers. All of which leaves it open for us to follow the math: if we start with only 5 loaves we may wind up – after the miracle – with at least 4995 (minus the original 5) and so on with the fish; and 100 groups of 50 people each. And have you noticed? It's all about men! What about the women? It allows a lot more counting to do!

The only reason I raise all this is because how well it applies as a miracle to our mathematically, technically sophisticated times. We have reached the point where everything is reducible to numbers, equations, and algorithms. The universal tool has become the computer; hammers and saws are so primeval. It's math that we believe in; that will nail things down to the nth degree – eliminate all mysteries.

In that context, today's story would have us ponder (among other things) the limited range of calculated existence, leaving us still hungry as in a desert, compared to our experiencing the profundity and expansiveness and nutrition of the Being that Christ's word brings to our table – ever ending in a surplus, enough to fill twelve wicker baskets every time around – if we are conscious of what's happening.

Today's Gospel challenges our society's pursuit of an accuracy that will forever be unattainable – thereby allowing room for grace to grow.

Geoff Wood