

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.stleosonoma.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: June 1st – June 9th

Sat. 1 5:00 p.m. Richard Facciola †
and Ana Leonor Carranza, Healing
Sun. 2 9:30 am Jean Moscone †
Mon. 3 8:30 a.m. Antonio & Esther Vagnozzi †
Tues. 4 **NO MASS**
Wed. 5 8:30 a.m. Keith Orsolini †
Thurs. 6 8:30 a.m. Josefa Noroña †
Friday 7 8:30 a.m. Msgr. Jack O'Hare †
Sat. 8 5:00 p.m. Gunther Solomon †
Sun. 9 9:30 am Deceased members of the
Byrne, Lynch, & Boyle Families †

FISCAL LOG May 25 / 26

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,578.

NEW 2024 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UPDATE
98 Parishioners pledged: \$94,359.38 65%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

June 1/2 2nd Collection, St Leo's Development Fund
June 15/16 2nd Collections, Peter's Pence (D)
June 16 Father's Day
June 20 Ladies' Dinner, LSW, time TBD
June 29/30 2nd Collection, St. Vincent de Paul (5th Sunday)

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for June
In loving memory of
Ashley Renee Lynn Pound



2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

St. Leo's Development Fund: Donations to this very important collection help support the maintenance of our buildings and grounds.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY OF ST.

LEO'S: Anyone In need of food can call the office Wednesday thru Friday to order from the pantry. Clients must call the parish office, (707) 996-8422 by 11a.m. to place an order. Pick up time is 11:30a.m. Every Tuesday, our SVDP and the Redwood Empire Food Bank distribute "Groceries to Go" in the parking lot from 8:45 – 9:30 a.m. The food distribution is first come, first served. No need to call, just show up.

LENTEN SPARE CHANGE FUNDRAISER:

If you have not returned your jar, please do so when possible. **To date the total is \$12,312.** Thank you in advance.

LION'S CLUB WANTS YOUR OLD GLASSES:

There is a box in the back of church for no longer used **eyeglasses.** Rose and Dave Carey (parishioners) are members of the Lion's Club and will collect them when the box needs to be emptied. Thanks!

LOOKING FOR AN EASY WAY TO MAKE

DONATIONS: Consider making your donation to St. Leo's with a monthly credit card draw. **It's the no-hassle, environmentally friendly way, and completely secure.** To learn more please contact Michelle or Mayra in the office, (707) 996-8422.

MAD HATTERS NEED YOUR EXTRA YARN:

Happy colored yarn is needed for our Mad Hatters. Please drop off in Ushers Room or the parish office.

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS:

Reminder that we now offer an English Pre-Baptism preparation class. This class is mandatory for parents & godparents if you are wishing to baptize your child. If you are interested in attending, please call the parish office, 707-996-8422

SUMMER KICK OFF WITH LADIES' DINNER:

That's right, it's time again for a Ladies' Dinner! Join the ladies of the parish on Thursday, June 20th for a meal of Salad, Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Veggies and Dessert. Tickets to go on sale the weekend of June 8th & 9th at a of cost, \$20. each. This dinner is headed up by Carmel Quinn and friends.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION: On Sunday, July 28th, registration for First and Second Year First Communion classes. Time to be announced.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION: On Monday, July 29th, 9am to 12noon in the Parish Office.

Keep it Simple

The Pharisees whom we meet in the Gospels believed in an afterlife, immortality – beyond the grave. The more conservative Sadducees, the priestly caste that ran the Temple in Jerusalem, did not. This life was it! The clan or tribe or family might live on but the individual member's death was final. He or she passed into a land of shadows – if anywhere.

For that reason, the life of a husband (who, like a branch of an extended family tree, had fallen to the ground without offspring) could only be perpetuated *by means of a legal fiction.* Namely: the deceased and childless husband's widow had to marry his closest male relative, a brother or cousin or uncle – whatever - and bear him a child who would become heir to the name and property of her deceased husband. Thus, the dead man would live on, *but even more so* the extended family (be it a clan or tribe) would maintain its integrity and vitality – fictitiously.

So, the Sadducees in today's Gospel – to ridicule the Pharisees' belief in an afterlife – bring up the extreme case of seven brothers, six of whom have to marry sequentially the childless deceased brother's widow. Without any luck! Why? Because all six die before even *they* can beget a son to the first brother's widow. So, if there is an afterlife, say the Sadducees (ha ha), how will they then sort out that mess - like whose wife is she??

Yet in a way they are unwittingly ridiculing *their own complicated, Rube Goldberg method* of insuring the phony perpetuation of the first brother's life by proxy, by a son not even his own, by a legal "make believe" instead of *daring to believe* that the first brother is not dead after all, nor are any of us whom God in death calls to himself. So why burden one's widow and male relatives with so convoluted a law in the first place?

You can look up Rube Goldberg on the Internet – plenty of stuff. Died in 1970 at age 87, was famous for drawing complicated contraptions to handle a simple task. For instance there was the Self-Operating Napkin. The drawing described a man raising a soup spoon to his mouth, which pulled a string, which jerked a ladle, which threw a cracker up to a parrot, which jumps from its perch to catch the cracker, upsetting its seed dish so that the seeds pour into a pail. The extra weight of the seeds in the pail pulls a cord which opens and triggers a cigarette lighter, setting off a sky rocket which causes a sickle to cut a string that activates a pendulum with an attached napkin, causing the napkin to swing back and forth across the diner's chin. Seems to mirror the Sadducees' method of "perpetuating" the life of a dead and childless husband - which I don't have the stamina to describe again: consult the start of this essay.

Aside from Jesus' affirming his own belief in an afterlife, I think he is also trying to get the Sadducees to *keep it simple*; that the more complicated you get in solving your problems [have you ever read the Congressional Record] the more likely you are to be off the track. Why not just admit that there is something within us, call it faith or hope or love, or all three that has the power to stretch our minds beyond the limits of reason – and therefore beyond death itself?

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Geoff Wood