

Gathering Song: *Rain Down* **BB#619**

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your peo - ple.
 Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.

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Gloria: *Glory to God* **BB#876**

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 107: Give Thanks to the Lord*

Give thanks to the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord. His love is ev - er - last - ing.

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Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.
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Preparation of Gifts: *Be Still and Know That I Am God* **BB#456**

Mass: *Mass of Renewal*
 Holy: **BB#879** Memorial Acclamation: **BB#880** Amen: **BB#883** Lamb of God: **BB#884**

Communion Song: *Stand By Me* **BB#339**

Stand by me, stand by me. Lift me up from the rest - less sea.

When I am lost, when love can't be found, when no one cares, Lord, stand by me.

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Closing Song: *Go Into the World* **BB#380**

Go in - to the world, lov - ing the peo - ple that you meet.

Let your pres - ence light new light in oth - ers, in their hearts.

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 23, 2024

All of you
 who have been baptized into

Christ

have clothed yourselves
 with him.

There does not exist
 among you any divisions.
 All are one in

Christ Jesus

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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 22nd – June 30th

Sat. 22 5:00 p.m. Luigi & Concetta Casini †
Sun. 23 9:30 am the People of St Leo's
Mon. 24 8:30 a.m. Ann Shrum, Special Intention
and Bill Maffei †
Tues. 25 **NO MASS**
Wed. 26 8:30 a.m. Amanda Conti Haver †
Thurs. 27 8:30 a.m. Ashley Lynn Renee Pound †
and Happy Birthday Fr Jojo
Friday 28 8:30 a.m. Edward McCahon †
Sat. 29 5:00 p.m. Les Matthews †
Sun. 30 9:30 am John Anthony Cattalini †

FISCAL LOG June 15 / 16

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,495.
Lenten Spare Change Fundraiser: \$ 12,312.

NEW 2024 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UPDATE
98 Parishioners pledged: \$95,809.38 66%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

June 23 Synod Discussion Group, 10:30AM, BR
June 29/30 2nd Collection, St. Vincent de Paul (5th Sunday)

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



LADIES' DINNER SOLD OUT: Thank you to the ladies who put on a great meal, and to those who supported it. If a group of ladies would be interested in sponsoring a future dinner, contact the office, (707) 996-8422.

MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND: Please welcome Rev. Gregorio Domilies, representing the Missionaries of Jesus, an international and multicultural religious missionary community.

THANK YOU FOR your generous support in last weekend's **Peter's Pence Collection**. As a parish, we collected \$1,127.

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

This is the 5th Sunday of the month, and the second collection will be for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Money collected goes toward food supplies for their Pantry.

SYNOD DISCUSSION GROUP will meet this Sunday, June 23rd after the 9:30a.m. Mass in the Benziger Room.

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.

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

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 are needed for Sunday visits.

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 registration for First and Second Year First Communion classes.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION:

On Monday, July 29th, 9am to 12noon in the Parish Office. Registration forms can be found on our website: stleosonoma.org

THANK YOU TO Kieran O'Driscoll of Troop 16 for a job well done. Kieran and others donated their time and materials to paint the parish office in hopes to earn his Eagle Scout Badge.

This is how it is with the kingdom of God. Mark 4:26

When I was in the prime of my life I had little interest in my family history. I had too much on my mind about here and now and week after week. Only later as life slowed down did I begin to wonder where I came from, how widespread was my extended family, how many of the people I passed on the street were possibly cousins after well over a century and a half of my family's residence in southeastern Pennsylvania.

But I was running out of resources. For instance, my granduncle Alf seemed the only surviving namesake direct from my father's family whose memory I might glean . . . but when I asked him what he knew of his parents and grandparents and others stretching back to Ireland before 1840, he said abruptly: *I don't worry about all that; I am my own ancestor*. His memory of what happened before him was deliberately blank. Fortunately, he did have some first cousins, two unmarried sisters who remembered and recorded much for me – so at last I felt the comfort of knowing my roots, some sense of belonging to generations and places long gone. I had a history.

My interest in my roots turned out not to be a solitary one. Thanks to Alex Haley's documentary drama titled *Roots* back in the 1970's, which tracked his African heritage back to pre-slavery days on another continent, many people of other backgrounds began to show interest in their ancestors . . . until today a company like Ancestry.com is making a profit tracing the *DNA* of millions (?) of clients . . . revealing surprises about their origins, links to even famous or notorious relatives of their past.

We refer to such research as genealogy, but isn't it interesting how often we persist in calling such research: *tracing one's roots, tracing one's family tree*. Why roots? Why family tree? I don't have roots; I'm footloose and fancy-free. I'm not anchored to the ground on which I stand. Or am I wrong about that? Many wise people say our problem today is that we think we are somehow independent of the nature around us, that we stand outside the world we live in – to master it. What was it the Greek mathematician Archimedes once said? *Give me a place to stand on, and I will move the Earth*. We are in this world but not of it, strangers to rocks and springs and woodlands and stars, even the sun itself.

Not so the Bible! Our biblical storytellers long ago imagined we are of the *very dust of the earth become moist and moldable*. We are soil that has become alive, wide ranging. In today's first reading God speaks of his people as a majestic cedar tree branching out, housing every kind of bird. In today's Gospel reading we are compared to seedlings subject to influences of which we are unaware . . . even while we are asleep. We are compared to the mustard seed, of no account and yet somehow so full of life beyond our modest imaginations – sprouting, branching out every time we gain a new insight, perform a generous deed.

We are not so unattached to our environment as we think. God is as much if not more operative upon us quietly as if from underground, from beneath our attention span than from what we see and hear and meet in the daylight hours of our lives. We are not just a part of an *organized* world but of an *organism* larger, deeper than we realize. Often unconsciously (beneath our ken) our lives, our roots work their way down to those well springs of which Jesus once spoke, whence there appear wisdom, virtue - *first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear* until as Shakespeare says: *Ripeness is all!*

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Geoff Wood