

St. Leo Catholic Church

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June 27, 2021 ~ Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ON SALE TODAY

LOW SUGAR APRICOT & WATMAUGH STRAWBERRY JAM SALE:

Jars of these delicious jams will be sold after Masses on Saturday and Sunday, June 26th & 27th. The cost is \$5 a jar. Due to a limited supply, you can initially buy only 2 jars. Once the first round of sales has taken place any jams left over will be offered as first come first served.

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.

DONATIONS FOR INDIA FUNDRAISER

KEEP COMING IN: THANK YOU

To date WE have collected **approx. \$19,781.** If you haven't dropped off your coins, cash or check yet, no worries, you may still do so.



JAM JARS NEEDED:

It's **JAMMING TIME** at St. Leo's. Mary Pat is asking for your clean canning jars from previous purchases. You can drop them by the office during office hours or leave in church after Mass. Thank you ahead of time, *Jam Committee.*

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. Mass and Sunday, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Mass will continue outdoors for now with masks as an option.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Dedication for June
In Memory of Judy Paolini



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: June 26th - July 4th

Sat 26	5:00 p.m.	Tina & Roland Levesque †
Sun 27	9:30 a.m.	Annette Valim Choate, Happy Birthday the People of St. Leo's
Mon 28	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Tues 29	8:30 a.m.	
Wed 30	8:30 a.m.	Rosito Correa †
July		
Thurs 1	8:30 a.m.	Kara Mazza
Friday 2	8:30 a.m.	Carol Torresan †
Sat 3	5:00 p.m.	Ray & Rosalie Levesque †
Sun 4	9:30 a.m.	Henrietta & Wayne Hudson †

FISCAL LOG June 19 / 20

Sunday Collection: \$ 2,830.

ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

133 Parishioners have pledged: \$121,726. ~ 84%
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

HS YOUTH GROUP / CONFIRMATION CLASS:

Open to all high school teens wanting to be confirmed next spring. Attending weekly meetings is part of our Confirmation program. Classes will start Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 7-8:30 p.m. At this time, we are not sure if classes will be virtual or in person but will definitely start on the above date.

Contact Nancy Gibson, (707) 291-1916 with questions about confirmation.

PRAISE OUR GOD,
ALL YOU HIS SERVANTS,
YOU WHO FEAR HIM,

BOTH *small* AND GREAT.
REVELATION 19:5

OFFICE HOURS:

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

Staff

Office Manager

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Michelle Levesque

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The poem of the mind in the act of finding / What will suffice . . . Wallace Stevens

While guiding my wife from the doctor's office to our car last week, I encountered Nancy, one of our parishioners. She brightly said hello and told me she had just read an essay I had written long ago – dwelling on Theodore Dreiser's novel *Sister Carrie*. It made her want to get the novel. What struck me by this encounter was: I had been struggling with how to comment on today's Gospel and here was the answer: Nancy! This unanticipated encounter with Nancy and her reference to an old essay resolved my frustration. I mean, isn't that the way the Source of our existence, the Creator of Genesis intervenes in our lives – by roundabout, subtle, chance moments that broaden and deepen our consciousness? I had not thought of Dreiser or that novel to unlock my stymied imagination. Now I did.

Carrie's story begins with her moving to Chicago at the beginning of the last century. She had no clear idea of what she wanted except to escape the poverty and boredom of her rural life. She wanted money, of course. She had no qualms about that. As Dreiser puts it, money was to her simply *something everybody else has and I must get*. She wanted nice things to wear. *Fine clothes to her were a vast persuasion; . . . When she came in earshot of their pleading, desire in her bent a willing ear*. When a gentleman friend pointed out the stylish women who carried themselves with sophistication and grace, *instinctively she felt a desire to imitate*. She was impressed by the mansions along North Shore Drive, . . . *perfectly certain that here was happiness*.

Now we might pause here to remind Carrie that the objects of her desires are petty things; lecture her upon the lasting value of higher, spiritual things. But we'd be missing Dreiser's point. It's not so much *what* Carrie desires but *the fact that she had desires*, desire being synonymous with life. The novel becomes an account of Carrie's ascent from being a factory girl to making contacts that enhanced her material well being, to her becoming a celebrated actress. She had literally reached the top: a penthouse in New York. Yet still her *desires* remained unfulfilled. There was something else out there she had to have; it seemed her life was ever meant to be *the pursuit of that radiance . . . which tints the distant hilltops of the world*.

Of course, some secular analyst might attribute Carrie's persistence to her healthy ambition, a rugged individualism. But that's not how desire originates. It's not simply "me" that drives my life. We are drawn into life by something or someone who brackets our existence – pushing us while also drawing us out – reviving expectations so much that after a while we have become an accumulation of wake-up calls – even though we may be still asleep.

Which brings me to the woman in our Gospel whose life – metaphorically – is draining away but still has the desire, the energy to reach beyond the madding crowd to touch if only the hem of Christ's garment – to retrieve that response: *Who touched me!* But *that's* my point. Is it *we*, is it *our* desire that reaches out to grasp (as Wallace Stevens says) *what will suffice* – or is somebody reaching out to us in often subtle ways – raising me out of my ego that thinks it is independently in charge!

Geoff Wood