

## 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

**Sunday Masses are Live Streamed on Facebook, YouTube, or our website: [www.stleosonoma.org](http://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 March 5<sup>th</sup> – March 13<sup>th</sup>

Sat 12	5:00 pm	Kristin Scoma †
Sun 13	9:30 am	Frank Lynch † and Joe Byrne †
Mon 14	8:30 am	Kevin Tompkins †
Tues 15	8:30 am	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed 16	8:30 am	Robert Moser †
Thurs 17	8:30 am	All Souls
Friday 18	8:30 am	Glenna Kelly †
Sat 19	5:00 pm	Josefa Noroña †
Sun 20	9:30 am	People of St. Leo's

## FISCAL LOG March 5 / 6

**Sunday Collection:** \$ 3,950.  
**St. Leo's Dev. Fund:** \$ 2,718.

**ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN '21 UNDATE:**  
**158 Parishioners have pledged: \$146,416.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Mar 13	Daylight Saving begins, set your clocks ahead 1 hour
Mar 15	Men's Club Dinner Meeting, 6PM, LSW
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 19/20	CA. Relief Service & CA. Camp. For Human Development
March 20	Spring Begins
April 2/3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – St Leo's Dev. Fund
April 10	Palm Sunday
April 15	Good Friday – Office Closed
April 17	EASTER SUNDAY

**LILLIES IN MEMORIAM:** As Easter draws near, it is an appropriate time to remember our loved ones who have gone before us. If you would like a lily in memory of a special person, please send your check of \$10 payable to St. Leo's Ladies Guild along with the loved one's name and send to: Michelle Levesque, St. Leo's Parish, P.O. Box 666, Boyes Hot Springs, CA 95416. The names of those remembered in this thoughtful way will be published in our bulletin after Easter.

## LENTEN STONES

As you enter the church, you will notice a basket of stones: **please take one as you leave.** The stone represents the problems, sinfulness, and challenges that you may carry. During Lent, place them in the stone. Think of the stone as if it were a sponge soaking up all the things that worry you. On Good Friday, when you come to venerate the Cross, bring the stone with you. Put it in the basket at the foot of the Cross of Christ, and leave it there, giving the stone and all it holds in the care of Jesus on the Cross. Know that with his suffering, Jesus has redeemed you and given you the love and strength you need to face each day.

**LENTEN TREE OF PETITIONS:** Cards on which to write your petitions are on the table at the entrance of the church. You may hang your petitions on the tree where they will remain until Holy Saturday.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – Every Friday during lent following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

### CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

On Saturdays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass or by appointment.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** Next weekend the special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Catholic Relief Services. For more than 50 years, CCHD has supported organizations that combat poverty and improve the lives of people in communities across the United States. The CRS collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brother and sisters here and around the world. Thank you for your support.

## SANCTUARY LAMP

*Dedication for March*  
*Deceased Members of the Mapa Family*



**ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION (ICF):** Continues to build its membership at St. Francis Solano Church. Please join their next meeting on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the rectory. Call Lisa Galetto at 707-996-5573.

## A problem of recognition

Today's psalm pleads: *Your presence, O Lord, I seek / Hide not your face from me . . .* Yet by arriving among us as the carpenter of Nazareth the Lord *did* hide his face. Even when Jesus on the day he returned to Nazareth and read from the Book of Isaiah: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me . . . He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind . . .* and said: *Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing, they did not recognize him.* It circulated among the listeners: *Isn't this the son of Joseph?*

Those suffering from what was called possession (as it seems to be with so many world leaders) recognized him as somebody to fear or resist as when one cried out in the synagogue: *What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God.*

Jesus was not surprised or put off by this failure of others to detect his true identity. In Luke Jesus speaks of John the Baptist – so popular a reformer – and asks: *What did you go out to the desert to see – a reed swayed by a wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine garments . . . who live in royal palaces . . . Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.* Yet even John the Baptist was unsure of who Jesus was, so that he sent his disciples to ask him: *Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?*

It's clear enough that even Jesus's disciples who latched on to his message of healing and grace – to a degree – were unsure of him. One day Jesus asked them: *Who do the crowds think I am?* And the names of John the Baptist (then deceased) or Elijah were mentioned. Then Jesus asked his disciples the same question and Peter said: *The Messiah of God.* So at least they saw in him the leader of a *national* revival with which Jesus wanted to have no identification; he rebuked them, told them not to tell that to anyone. His identity was always a step ahead of them – until today's Gospel reading.

This Transfiguration narrative encapsulates the ultimate recognition of who Jesus was among his disciples. It's a kind of dawning. Essentially it says that the leading disciples finally saw through to who Jesus was: that he was the face of the absolutely gracious and healing Source of this universe, that he was the heir to both the Law and the Prophets, the whole Hebrew Testament of old, that he himself was radiant with graciousness as was true God – good news instead of the daily news - leader of an ultimate exodus from enslavement to fullness of Being.

Do you know who you are? Are you only what you have been told to be? Are you living a shallow life, forgetful of the Source of things welling up from within you, revealing your intimate relationship with trees, squirrels, microbes, galaxies as kin . . . to be revered and not abused. Are you an emerging transfiguration of your current self? Today's Gospel is about you and your *real* identity as well as that of Jesus. It takes time. What did St. Paul say? *At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known.*

**Geoff Wood**

**SPARE CHANGE FUNDRAISER FOR LENT:** The funds collected will go toward the completion of the children's residence at the orphanage in India that Fr. Jojo visits. Thank you all.

**MEN'S CLUB BOCCE COURTS:** There are still many plaque spaces available. The 2" x 4" plaques can be purchased for \$125. For more information, please call the parish office at 707-996-8422.