

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

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 19th – March 27th

Sat 19	5:00 pm	Josefa Noroña †
Sun 20	9:30 am	People of St. Leo's
Mon 21	8:30 am	
Tues 22	8:30 am	NO MASS
Wed 23	8:30 am	Margarita Ramos †
Thurs 24	8:30 am	Bill Maffei †
Friday 25	8:30 am	Cameron Smith, Happy 10 th b-day
Sat 26	5:00 pm	†
Sun 27	9:30 am	

FISCAL LOG March 12 / 13

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,426.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Mar 19/20	CA. Relief Service & CA. Camp. For Human Development
March 20	Spring Begins
April 2/3	2 nd Collection – St Leo's Dev. Fund
April 10	Palm Sunday
April 15	Good Friday – Office Closed
April 17	EASTER SUNDAY

SANCTUARY LAMP

Dedication for March



Deceased Members of the Mapa Family

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.

TODAY'S 2nd COLLECTION supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Catholic Relief Services. The CRS collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities here and around the world. Thank you for your support.

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.

YARN NEEDED: Mad Hatters requests HAPPY COLORS. Yarn can be dropped by the office.



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.

ST. LEO'S ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN 2022 has begun. If you did not receive your letter with pledge envelope in the mail, no worries, pledge envelopes are located at the back of church or stop by the parish office, M-F, 9a.m. – 12:30p.m.

360 CLINIC OFFERS FREE COVID TESTING: Free Covid testing takes place in our parking lot every Thursday from 4:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Jesus initiates a conversation

Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down . . . at a well . . . A woman of Samaria came to draw water . . . "Give me a drink," he said.

Before we go any further let's learn what we can about this woman.

She belongs to an unorthodox branch of the Hebrew tradition, long hostile to its Jewish cousins. She is locked into the prejudices and discrimination of such a relationship. She is a creature of habit. As a woman she is second-class, subordinate to her menfolk. She comes back and forth every day to a cistern (*not* a well but a seasonal catch-all of rain – stagnant water). She is surprised that a Jewish traveler even speaks to her, considering Jews treat Samaritans as untouchable. Asserting her own tribe's worth she asks whether the Jews have anything so sacred as this watering hole given to her people by the patriarch Jacob and actually used by him centuries ago. Still that she is a creature of habit is also shown by the fact that she has been married five times.

What we have here is a person going nowhere, stuck in place, bored with life, no personal name, described only as "a woman". Until Jesus opens her up with "Give me a drink," and evokes a voice out of her that asks questions! She is forced to emerge from her status quo, her everyday trance. Where does it lead her?

She begins to see this moment as a gift of God, a deconstruction of all her learned fixations, her collective, impersonal prejudices, her cultural narrow mindedness. So used to stale water, she begins to taste the fresh, flowing water of a conversation with Jesus who reminds her that everyone as mentally parched as she will always be thirsty but that if she opens up to the refreshment he offers – a life of grace, vitality, love, curiosity – she herself will become an actual well-spring, overflowing with understanding and graceful living – refreshing to everyone she meets – especially to herself.

Which does happen. Look how energized she becomes following this conversation with Jesus. She tosses her bucket aside, runs back to town, tells everybody about this person she met . . . and the whole town comes alive. All triggered off by that initial solicitation: "Give me a drink – release upon me all your dynamic self and refresh me with your personality."

And today that request initiates a conversation with *you*. Christ thirsts for you; do you thirst for Christ and his experience of reality? Sometimes people become so hardened, like rock, that water can't penetrate – but our first reading shows that even a heart of stone can be breached – and itself become fluid with faith, hope and love.

As today's psalm advises: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Geoff Wood