

**Gathering Song: Gracious God** BB#135

1. Gra - cious God, mer - cy is your name. Re - deem  
 2. Gra - cious God, we bless your ho - ly name. Re - ceiv -  
 - ing love, you give your life a - way.  
 - ing love, we give our lives a - way.

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**Penitential Rite:** BB#874  
*1st time, Choir; 2nd time, All*

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Chris - te, e -  
 le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

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**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33: Lord, Let Your Mercy Be On Us**

Lord, let your mer - cy be on us as we place our trust in you.

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**Gospel Acclamation: Praise and Honor to You** BB#900

Praise and hon - or to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

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**Preparation of Gifts: God Be in My Head** BB#408

**Mass: Mass of Creation**  
 Holy: BB#885 Memorial Acclamation: BB#886 Amen: BB#887 Lamb of God: BB#888

**Communion Song: Transfigure Us, O Lord** BB#503  
 Refrain: *Transfigure us, O Lord, transfigure us, O Lord. Break the chains that bind us; speak your healing word, And where you lead we'll follow. Transfigure us, O Lord.*

**Closing Song: Be Thou My Vision** BB#400  
 Vs. 1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
 Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
 March 5, 2023

You have been called to  
 a holy life because of

**CHRIST  
 † JESUS**

who destroyed  
 death and  
 brought life and  
 immortality to  
 light through  
 the gospel

This is my  
**BELOVED SON**  
 Listen to him!

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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

**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 4<sup>th</sup> – March 12<sup>th</sup>

Sat 4	5:00 pm	Joan Polan †
Sun 5	9:30 am	Kathleen Valim †
Mon 6	8:30 am	Melani Texeira †
Tues 7		<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed 8	8:30 am	Kathy Manning Glaesner †
Thurs 9	8:30 am	Brian Lazor, Speedy recovery
Friday 10	8:30 am	Pam Boole †
Sat 11	5:00 pm	Stella Pertigera †
Sun 12	9:30 am	Joe Byrne †, Frank Lynch †

## FISCAL LOG February 25 / 26

**Sunday Collection:** \$ 3,997.

**2022 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UPDATE**  
129 Parishioners pledged: \$130,872. 90%

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**Mar 12** Daylight Saving begins,  
Set your clocks ahead 1 hour  
**Mar 17** St. Patrick's Day  
**Mar 21** Men's Club Dinner Meeting, 6PM, LSW  
**Mar 22** SVDP meeting, 9AM, FINN

## SANCTUARY LAMP

*Dedication for March*

*In Memory of the Seda Family*



## 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. 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 morning 8:30a.m. Mass in English  
Friday's at 7:00p.m. in Spanish

## CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

By appointment or before 5p.m. Mass

## 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is for our Development Fund. This is an important collection since it helps provide the needed money for landscaping and building maintenance to name a few.

## SVDP NEEDS PAPER AND PLASTIC BAGS:

Our SVDP needs your unwanted paper and plastic shopping bags for their Tuesday, "Groceries to Go" program. Please bring your bags to the parish office.

## SPARE CHANGE FUNDRAISER FOR LENT:

The funds collected this year will go toward the purchase of furniture for the building that our previous funds built. Please take a jar home today for your spare change.

**ST. LEOS BOCCE CLUB** is seeking new players for the Tuesday morning 10:30 a.m. and Friday morning 9:30 a.m. leagues beginning in late April. All interested players should contact club president, Rick Schuhriemen at 707-217-9710 or email, [stleosbocceclub@gmail.com](mailto:stleosbocceclub@gmail.com). Annual dues are \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. StLBC is open to all, and parish membership is not required.

## I am of little account; what can I answer you? I put my hand over my mouth. Job 40:4

This Lenten Season began last Sunday with a biblical overture in which the devil aka Satan puts pressure on Jesus to become like the rest of men – hungry for fame and fortune. Satan has been so successful down through history in awakening such hunger that he wants to ward off Jesus from awakening another kind of hunger, namely for habits of generosity, solidarity, concern, faith, and grace that might transfigure the way we live.

As I was reading through this Gospel the name Satan lit up. It occurred to me that this character had been earlier mentioned in the Hebrew Bible's *Book of Job* which is all about *another temptation*, that of the faultless and prosperous patriarch Job. In that book – surprisingly – Satan is not a fellow in red underwear that lives in hell. *Satan is a member of God's presidential cabinet*; he attends meetings, plays a J. Edgar Hoover role, which is to spot sin and report it. When the Lord asks him to report what he has been doing, Satan replies: *I have been roaming the earth and patrolling it*. The Lord then asks: *Have you noticed my servant Job? . . . blameless and upright . . . avoiding evil?* Satan replies in effect: *No wonder, everything he touches turns to gold. Let me trip him up and you will discover how eloquently he will curse you*. The Lord says, *Give it a try*. And within no time Job loses everything, family, wealth, experiences a skin disease no dermatologist can relieve.

And Job wonders what's going on. He has been absolutely just – a good man – all his life. By heaven's standards he should prosper. Only sin merits such punishment. Friends gather to sympathize. In effect they say, *Job, you just have to admit that you were not as virtuous as you thought you were. That's why you are being punished*. But Job is adamant; he insists he has been just, good, honorable since his birth. His pain is unjustified. He demands a hearing, he is *that* confident about his worth, his virtue.

With Satan pulling the strings, Job's friends argue chapter after chapter: *Job you must have done something wrong, somehow. The Lord knows everything, more than you know; sins beyond your memory . . . Here again Job holds fast: Whatever the Lord knows, one thing I know, that I have been correct in everything I have done. I demand justice, a hearing, a trial*. [Remember this is a story.]

This goes on for thirty-seven chapters, a kind of "yes you did/no I didn't" match. And who should end their debate than the Lord finally speaking out of a storm to Job (and I would think to his accusers) saying: *Where were you when I founded the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. / Who determined its size? Surely you know? . . . / Into what were its pedestals sunk, and who laid the cornerstone, / While the morning stars sang together . . . / Who shut within doors the sea, . . . / Have you ever in your lifetime commanded the morning and shown the dawn its place / . . . Have you tied cords to the Pleiades, or loosened the bonds of Orion?* In effect Job (and his friends) are silenced by both the immensity and microscopic nature of Creation – that the universe is so much more than a courtroom – that awe may be the primary virtue we all should share. And there the curtain closes – but only to open for bows – and showing Job amid all that he had lost and *in all the land no other women were as beautiful as the daughters of Job*.

**Geoff Wood**