

# St. Leo Catholic Church

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## May 2, 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

**CONFESSION OFFERED:** Fr. Jojo is available by appointment only to hear confessions. Call the office, 996-8422 to set up an appointment.

**GOEFF WOOD'S SUNDAY ESSAY BACK IN PRINT:** You can find Geoff's Sunday Essay on the back of this bulletin.

**WE REACHED OUR FUNDRAISER GOAL ~ BUT STILL TIME TO DROP OFF COINS:**

This year's Missionaries of Faith Fundraiser is going toward the building of a new facility for girls at the orphanage that Fr. Jojo shared with us.

**To date WE have collected \$7,534.47 in donations.** If you haven't dropped off your coins yet, no worries, you may still do so. You can bring your spare change by the parish office, M – F during office hours or give to Fr. Jojo after Mass.



**CONFIRMATION AT ST. LEO'S:**

Please keep the 8 students that received the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday night in your prayers, that may continue to follow in the way of God's work. Congratulations to all students, and families. A big thank you to Nancy Gibson, Confirmation Coordinator and her assistants for their hard work.

**St. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF ST. LEO:**

During these stressful times SVDP is offering to those in need food from their Pantry once a week instead of once a month. The Pantry accepts requests from 9:00a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Wednesday thru Friday.

**OFFICE HOURS DURING PANDEMIC:**

Due to the pandemic restrictions, the office hours have been cutback. The office staff is here Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*Dedication for May*

*For All Souls*



### 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:**

[stleosonoma.org](http://www.stleosonoma.org)

**Weekday Mass:**

8:30 a.m. daily,

7:00 p.m. – Wed. – Spanish Mass and Adoration

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month, 9 -10 a.m.

✠ **Sacraments** ✠

**Baptisms: Call the office, 996-8422**

**Weddings: Call the office, 996-8422**

**MASS INTENTIONS: May 1<sup>st</sup> - May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Sat 1	5:00 p.m.	Shirley Flukey, Special intention
Sun 2	9:30 a.m.	Dr. Felix C. Mapa †
Mon 3	8:30 a.m.	All Clergy and Religious
Tues 4	8:30 a.m.	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed 5	8:30 a.m.	Maria Ofelia Mapa † and Eleanor Woodward †
Thurs 6	8:30 a.m.	All Souls
Friday 7	8:30 a.m.	Blanche Papagni †
Sat 8	5:00 p.m.	Delores Bononi †
Sun 9	9:30 a.m.	Lorraine O'Hern †

**FISCAL LOG April 24 / 25**

**Sunday Collection: \$ 3,676.**

**APC 2021 Pledged: \$111,356. ~ 77%**

*Thank You St. Leo Parishioners. We are so close.*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

May 8	First Communion, 10AM & 12noon
May 9	Mother's Day
May 15	First Communion, 10AM
May 23	Pentecost Sunday
May 31	Memorial Day, Office is Closed

## FIRST COMMUNION UPDATE:

Next weekend, May 8<sup>th</sup> there will be 2 Communion Masses here at St. Leo's, 10a.m. and 12noon. The kids participated on-line with virtual classes. The following Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10a.m. third and final class of students will receive the sacrament of First Eucharist. Please keep in your prayers the 68 students as they receive the sacrament of First Eucharist.

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*Without faith it is impossible to please GOD because anyone who comes to HIM must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek HIM.*

Hebrews 11:6

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## Staff

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*Big wind's a-coming / Listen to the humming / Hurry up now, be quick, don't stall // You know we can't be slow / Take the kids and get below / If we don't hurry it'll surely get us all.*

Don't know who wrote that but it's a nice lead in to the terminus of our liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter – i.e. to Pentecost Sunday – the blowout of the Holy Spirit presented in chapter 2 of the *Acts of the Apostles*. That's the New Testament book that follows the four Gospels. Tradition has it as written by a man named Luke well toward the end of the first century – around 90 AD – a good sixty some years after the crucifixion of Jesus – and the timid withdrawal of his close followers to a locked room in Jerusalem.

From Luke's vantage point in time he could view that change among those disciples by the later decades of the century – from timid to a tidal wave of enthusiasm that had established an ever increasing number of members – mostly Gentile by then. It had also spread, thanks to Roman highways and access to all the shores of the Mediterranean's circuit. It had also become an ever more complex "system", hierarchical, ritualized, philosophical, codified, even centralized – ultimately the "Roman" Church of subsequent centuries - to what would become the official Church of the very Empire that tried to suppress it.

Actually his presentation focuses on the two early leaders Peter and Paul who got the ball rolling – and while full of historical detail his presentation gets dramatic – like any film maker "telling" a story. Pentecost is a good example of such dramatization. It's made to occur only fifty days after Jesus' resurrection. The disciples and their limited company undergo a radical spiritual change. Like that old Gene Krupa hit *Big Noise from Winnetka*, a Wind drives through their dwelling. The disciples, being mostly Jewish back then, had plenty of precedents within their Hebrew Bible to experience this wind as the Spirit, the Breath of God signaling a new age.

There is that mighty wind at the very start of the Bible that swept over the dark sea prior to God saying: *Let there be light!* and a universe emerged. There is that field of dry bones in the prophet Ezekiel over which he was told to prophesy: *From the four winds come, O breath, and breathe into those bones that they may come to life* – and the breath, this breeze, entered them and they took on flesh, became live again. And in Luke: tongues of fire, a flame crowning everyone . . . their own breath becoming articulate with love, eloquence, conversation instead of political diatribe.

Currently among us the phrase "I can't breathe" has been raised to a metaphor that aptly describes society *in general* as unable to breathe amid so much media frenzy, pandemic confusion, racial conflict, ever more demanding sales pitches popping up all over your computer screen . . . and creedal conflict. Hopefully what Luke described as Pentecost long ago – may happen again? Even though Bob Dylan, playing the prophet out of his Jewish heritage, has his doubts: *How many times must a man look up / Before he can see the sky? / Yes, 'n' how many ears must one man have / Before he can hear people cry? / . . . The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind / The answer is blowin' in the wind.*

**Geoff Wood**