

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

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 May 21st – May 29th

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| Sat 21 | 5:00 pm | Lorraine O'Hern † |
| Sun 22 | 9:30 am | James Garvey † |
| Mon 23 | 8:30 am | Bill Maffei † |
| Tues 24 | 8:30 am | NO MASS |
| Wed 25 | 8:30 am | Dawn Hollis † |
| Thurs 26 | 8:30 am | Tom Carey † |
| Friday 27 | 8:30 am | Lorraine O'Hern † |
| Sat 28 | 5:00 pm | Bob Field † |
| Sun 29 | 9:30 am | the People of St. Leo's |

FISCAL LOG May 14 / May 15

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,058.
Catholic Home Mission: \$ 1,122.
THANK YOU! for your generosity

2022 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN:
100 Parishioners have pledged: \$94,347. 65%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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| May 26 | Confirmation Rehearsal, 4:00 to 8:00 PM |
| May 27 | Confirmation 7PM |
| May 28/29 | 2 nd Collection for St Vincent de Paul |
| May 30 | Memorial Day – OFFICE CLOSED |
| June 25 | Memorial Mass for Dick Finaly, 11AM |

SANCTUARY LAMP

Dedication for May
Deceased Members of the
Cunniff Families

PLEASE WELCOME Fr. Tom Jose, MF who will be helping out while Fr. Jojo is away.

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

On the 5th Sunday of the month, we have a second collection for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Money collected helps to stock our Food Pantry. The Pantry is open Wednesday thru Friday, 11:30 a.m. for pick-up. Every Tuesday, in partnership with the Redwood Empire Food Bank, the SVDP has a drive through "Groceries to Go" program from around 8:30 to 10 a.m.

BOCCE CLUB NEWS: The club has a new email address. If you want to be added to our upcoming emailing list, please send your information to stleosbocceclub@gmail.com.

RAFFLE WINNER:

And the winner is... Delia Montes. Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser. We were able to wire another \$1,047. to Sr. Ligy Payyappilly in Ukraine.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION NEWS

ICF continues to build their membership at St. Francis Solano. You do not have to be Italian to join. Call Lisa Galetto at (707) 996-5573 with questions or inquiries.

MEMORIAL DAY MASSES at Diocesan Cemeteries: Holy Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 30th at the following Cemeteries: 10:00 a.m., Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Santa Rosa and 9:00 a.m., Holy Cross Cemetery, St. Helena.

PILGRIMAGE ALONG CAMINO de SONOMA: Santa Rosa Diocese in partnership with The Camino de Sonoma are hosting 2 upcoming walks in Santa Rosa, each will start with Mass. Please see flyers on the bulletin board at the entrance of church. For more information, and what to bring please email Stephen Morris, dsryouth@srdiocese.org.

ROSARY CRUSADE IN SACRAMENTO ON MAY 28th: The Crusade will take place at Hughes Stadium, Sacramento City College; Saturday, May 28, 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm. The purpose is to pray for all our priests in our dioceses, for vocations to the priesthood, and for current seminarians endeavoring to become priests. More info on flyer on bulletin board at entrance of church.

CONFESSION BEING OFFERED on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give . . .

The early Christian community came out of a tradition that structurally and morally related to God's being as much a legislator as a creator, a source of behavioral maxims that bore consequences of either good or bad depending on one's behavior. The realm of God (as in the *Book of Job*) was often imagined as a celestial courtroom presided over by God and among its personnel was a prosecutor named Satan (or the Adversary) whose job was to suspect us of sin and accuse us if necessary – which of course it always was!

Yet the good news proclaimed by Jesus (for which he was executed) was: God is not a judge but a Source of absolute Grace, graciousness, ready to forgive, quick to enlighten our lives behaviorally (in the sense of unburden them) as well as illuminate the world and beings around us as fundamentally worthy of care and cordiality – love, affirmation, and thereby – liberation. But human nature being what it is, old habits preferred a schoolmaster or district attorney or "tradition" or "what we are used to" more than that wide open region of a graceful God which Jesus preached, wherein one might also break into a graceful way of being – the dance of life.

And so in today's first reading we find some Jerusalem Christians demanding that the earlier Jewish initiation rite of circumcision be retained by the Church, which led to "no little dissension and debate" in which this man named Paul was prominently involved. Indeed there were other old legalities under discussion regarding diet (kosher abstinence) and valid marriage. In other words there lingered that human nostalgia for being told what to do rather than letting grace and sensitivity, the ethic of the Jesus parables, guide one toward authentic maturity.

Which, as we might say, "drove Paul right up the wall!" Because if you read this Paul's later New Testament letters to other Christians who wanted to set up all sorts of legal practices to insure their salvation – not to have to *think* but simply to observe, to *do*, to pay the fines, to keep their records clean - you can imagine Paul slamming his fist on the table and saying – as he did to new Christians in Asia Minor - *O stupid Galatians! Who bewitched you . . . I want to learn only this from you: did you receive the Spirit from observing laws or from trusting the parables of Jesus. Are you so stupid? . . . Does the one who supplies the Spirit to you and does mighty deeds (of mercy, care, concern) among you do so from works prescribed by the law or from trust in the good news of this grace in which you stand?*

He says similar things elsewhere in his letters – and also argues that while the Law of Moses had long been in force, it was four centuries *earlier* that God challenged ancient Abraham to end his nomadic, meandering existence and step with abandon, with trust, faith, into the wide open region of miracles (like old Sarah's otherwise impossible birth of Isaac) that got the ball rolling toward human redemption. A new region where: *There is neither Jew nor Greek* (no need of passports), *neither slave nor citizen, neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus* – where there is no Temple . . . for the radiance of God gives it light, and its lamp is that metaphor of gentleness and self-sacrifice – of Christic being – that Lamb which we identify as divine.

Geoff Wood