

St. Leo Catholic Church

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May 30, 2021 ~ Most Holy Trinity

5th SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

Normally a second collection would be taken up for our St. Vincent de Paul Society on the 5th Sunday, but things aren't normal yet. If you wish your donation to go to the SVDP please make a note of it on the memo line of your check or noted on your envelope.

WE REACHED OUR FUNDRAISER GOAL ~

To date WE have collected \$9,142.80 in donations plus a \$5,000 check bringing the total to approx. \$14,441. If you haven't dropped off your coins yet, no worries, you may still do so.



ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN 2021:

We'd like to thank all those who have already made their pledges to the APC 2021. Pledges can be made anytime throughout the year. If you drop your pledge installment in the Sunday collection basket, we ask that you put pledge or APC on the memo line so we will know what the money is for.

HS YOUTH GROUP / CONFIRMATION CLASS:

Open to all high school teens wanting to be confirmed next spring. Attending weekly meetings is part of our Confirmation program. Classes will start Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 7-8:30 p.m. At this time, we are not sure if classes will be virtual or in person but will definitely start on the above date. Contact Nancy Gibson, (707) 291-1916 with questions about confirmation.

JAM JARS NEEDED:

It's getting to be that time again. You ask, what time is that?!? Well, it's **JAMMING TIME** at St. Leo's. Mary Pat is asking for your clean canning jars from previous purchases. You can drop them by the office during office hours or leave in church after Mass. Thank you ahead of time, Jam Committee.

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

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:

stleesonoma.org

Weekday Mass:

8:30 a.m. daily,

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

1st Friday of the month, 9 - 10 a.m.

✠ **Sacraments** ✠

Baptisms: Call the office, 996-8422

Weddings: Call the office, 996-8422

MASS INTENTIONS: May 29th - June 6th

Sat 29	5:00 p.m.	Alan Buckels †
Sun 30	9:30 a.m.	Johnny McDonagh † and Timothy Shea †
Mon 31	8:30 a.m.	Alyce & Mark Schmid †
June		
Tues 1	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Wed 2	8:30 a.m.	the People of St. Leo's
Thurs 3	8:30 a.m.	All Sonoma Valley Graduates
Friday 4	8:30 a.m.	Nancy Nielson †
Sat 5	5:00 p.m.	Fred Pardella, Special intention
Sun 6	9:30 a.m.	Judi Messer Cardoza †

FISCAL LOG May 22 / 23

Sunday Collection: \$ 2,923.

APC 2021 Pledged: \$117,046. ~ 81%

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

May 31	Memorial Day, Office is Closed
July 5	OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

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.

Let him who boasts boast about this ~ *that he understands and knows me, that I AM THE LORD, who exercises kindness, justice, and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight.*

Jeremiah 9:24

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.

Staff

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Then Pilate said to him: “What is truth?”

It's amazing how many things accumulate in one's memory. I recalled out of nowhere recently a moment when I was only 9 years old standing with another boy – when a bedraggled looking dog came along. My friend expressed pity for the pup and suggested we contact the SPCA to retrieve it and save its life. At once I protested: “Don't contact the SPCA – that's the name of the Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals.” Of course I was partly right. The Society did deal with abandoned animals – but the P stood for Prevention of Cruelty, not Protection and so I was also very wrong! Which should have cautioned me as I grew up to question my notions of what's true, for while there may be something right in what I say, there may at the same time be something untrue or overlooked or – spiteful.

Which is the wonderful thing about the New Testament Greek word for truth *aletheia*. Its root is *lethe*, which means concealment. But when you place the negative letter *a* in front of *lethe* - resulting in *aletheia* - it means un-concealment. So in Greek the word truth refers to something *unconcealed*, brought into the open, unveiled. But if truth unveils the nature of something otherwise concealed, it also allows that something remains concealed. We never know the *whole* truth. As in my way of defining the SPCA – I was partly right and partly wrong. And that goes for any “truth” I may utter – even if scientifically verifiable. Gene Wilder as Young Frankenstein sends Marty Feldman to fetch the preserved brain of a genius and Marty returns with the brain of Peter Boyle. So things happen beyond our rational intent.

At my age I can look back and describe myself in ways that are truthful or factual – in terms of things that happened, beliefs I held, knowledge I had gained. But in the light of ongoing experiences I can question many of the truths I held back then – not that they are now untrue but that they fell short of dimensions it has taken years to become un-concealed. In other words, over time the earlier truths widen and deepen and even correct themselves – at times almost to seem contradictory to what I thought I knew. Think of the German citizen who voted for Adolf Hitler in 1932.

Which is why some ancient Greek philosopher would be amazed at how cocksure we moderns are about what we think is true. There is no doubt that we have been technically correct, accurate when it comes to building complex weapons, rockets, ferreting out new resources to comfort our lives – but what about what even scientists call unanticipated effects? So many of these achievements are verifiably “true” – we can see the results. But what remained concealed about them was the potential tension, the terror, the displacement, indeed the competitive deceptions they would breed – in other words the *whole* truth about our mismanagement of our world.

The beauty of truth as articulated in poetry, drama, novels – and of course by way of biblical literature – is that it un-conceals what reason and science so often leave concealed: that there is more to reality than manipulable fact. Which is why the Jesus of John's Gospel can say: *If you remain in my word . . . you will know the truth (true things will be un-concealed), and this truth will set you free.*

Geoff Wood