

Thank you to Fr. Jim, Fr. Paul, & Fr. Gabriel for helping during Fr. Jojo's absence.

### 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

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 and Weddings

Call the office, (707) 996-8422

### MASS INTENTIONS November 11<sup>th</sup> – Nov 19<sup>th</sup>

Sat 11	5:00 pm	Charles Canevari †
Sun 12	9:30 am	Tony Bertolini † & Brian J. Bluth †
Mon 13	8:30 am	Alva Shine † & Mary & Paul Fitzmaurice † <b>NO MASS</b>
Tues 14		
Wed 15	8:30 am	Lucianna Capecci †
Thurs 16	8:30 am	Brian Bluth †
Friday 17	8:30 am	Louis Bugno, Jr. †
Sat 18	5:00 pm	Marina V. Mapa, R.S.C.J. † & Richard Facciola †
Sun 19	9:30 am	Joe Byrne † & Frank Lynch †

### FISCAL LOG November 4 / 5

Sunday Collection: \$ 5,468.  
2023 APC– 117 have Pledged \$115,863.11 @ 80%

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Nov 14	Men's Club Dinner Meeting, 6PM, LSW
Nov 18	SVDP Thanksgiving Give Away
Nov 18/19	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Communication and Catholic Univ. of America
Nov 22-24	OFFICE IS CLOSED – Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9:30AM
Dec 19	Parish Holiday Dinner

### SANCTUARY LAMP

Dedication for November

In loving memory of Mike Brocco



### DATE CHANGE FOR MEN'S CLUB DINNER

**MEETING:** November's Dinner meeting will be on the second Tuesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the LSW instead of the third Tuesday. This date change is only for this month.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** Catholic Communications Campaign & Catholic University of America. By giving to the CCC you help connect people around the world with Christ and build Catholic communities. Donations to the C.U. of A. you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who receive faith-rooted education.

### SVDP THANKSGIVING GIVE AWAY:

Our SVDP members, with food donated by the Redwood Empire Food Bank, will be having a drive-through giveaway on a first come, first served basis on **Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, from 11:15 a.m. in the East Wing parking lot.** The Food Bank asks that you **RSVP** for the Give Away. To do so use this link <https://forms.gle/AMeofTLa6P8Ci7Hb6> or scan the following QR Code.

If you do not have a Redwood Empire Food Bank W5 account "bar code" or attend food distributions regularly, please create an account before you RSVP.

To create an account, please visit: [refb.org/w5](http://refb.org/w5).



### PRIEST APPRECIATION SUNDAY, NOV. 12<sup>th</sup>:

The Family Support Network of the Diocese of Santa Rosa is embarking on a campaign to celebrate our priests. The campaign is inspired two-fold. First is to focus on "Eucharistic Revival," the hope for parishioners to reimagine the importance of the Real Presence of Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament, only made possible by our priests. Second, is to promote friendship and appreciation of our priests as a witness to our children of the importance of the priestly vocation.

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR:** This is a gentle reminder to help keep you healthy for the holiday season. **REMEMBER** to wash your hands often, especially after handling money or shopping, wash your veggies before eating, and cover your mouth when you cough. If you don't feel well, stay home if possible.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** at Faith Lutheran Church, Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission and parking.

**RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCED / SEPARATED PARENTS:** The Archdiocese of San Francisco will be hosting a *Life-Giving Wounds* retreat in Menlo Park, Nov. 17 -19. Go to: [lifegivingwounds.org](http://lifegivingwounds.org) or contact Ed Hopfer of the Archdiocese at (415) 614-5547.

Armistice Day (as we used to call it)

Some time ago I was excited to discover my great, great granduncle, Henry Wood, was at the Battle of Gettysburg. At age forty-eight he had joined up with the 99th Pennsylvania Infantry as a private. His fourteen-year-old son, Henry Jr., joined up also - as a fifer. Henry Jr. remained with the regiment until January, 1863, when he was discharged because (as his records state): "He enlisted as a fifer but he couldn't fife." The older Henry went on to see action with the Third Corps at Second Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, where on the second day he fought amid the carnage of Devil's Den and on the next day stood in reserve fifty yards from that famous stone wall, breached momentarily by Pickett's Charge.

Now why should I be excited over that? Why should I value having been somehow present at a great battle by way of a blood relative? Or for that matter, why should I still feel a thrill when I see a rerun of *The Charge of the Light Brigade* or of *The Fighting 69th* - I recall as a boy sitting through that latter film three times of an afternoon and then going home, my ears still ringing with the strains of *Garry Owen*. Or why am I moved when someone gives me an artificial red poppy, reminding me of that forgotten poem: *In Flanders fields the poppies blow / Between the crosses, row on row, . .*

I am a peaceful person. As a Christian and a rational person I am opposed to war as a solution to problems. I certainly don't want to see my son go to war. And yet I can't deny the excitement I feel when confronted by the image of that lad in *The Red Badge of Courage* picking up a tattered flag and shouting to his hesitant companions, "Come on! Come on!" Is it all a symptom of something barbaric lingering within my otherwise civilized breast? I like to think it's perhaps envy, the envy people trapped in some comfortable, undemanding routine feel toward the unselfish heroism that so often emerges within the crucible of war - where suddenly individuals exhibit what Lincoln called that last full measure of devotion.

I like to think that's what moves me when I hear *Garry Owen* and makes me proud to know my great, great granduncle showed up for roll call at Gettysburg. It's not war. Literal warfare may usurp our capacity for heroism to apply it to aims unworthy of it. When all the while God has planted this nobility within us to fight the good fight, to win the greater battle of building a more humane world by no less heroic, passionate acts of human service, art, eloquence, caring! Like the commitment a spouse must make to see to the increasingly demanding needs of a partner's incurable ills.

So, on Armistice Day I thank my great, great granduncle and the men of the 99th and those who lie in Flanders fields and Normandy and the Ardennes and the vast Pacific and our own town's Veterans' resting place - for an example of a heroism we all need to manifest beyond the confines of war. For in their heart of hearts I know all veterans must agree with Wilfred Owen, who died in combat just a few days before November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1918:

*Out there, we've walked quite friendly up to Death; . . . / . . . We chorused when he sang aloft; / We whistled while he shaved us with his scythe . . . // . . . We laughed at him, we leagued with him, old chum . . . / . . . We laughed, knowing that better men would come, / And greater wars; when each proud fighter brags / He wars on Death - for lives; not men - for flags.*

Geoff Wood

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