

Gathering Song:

Come, Lord Jesus

BB#40

- 1 When the darkness closes in, Come, Lord Jesus!
Courage fails and hopes grow dim. Lord Jesus, come!
Clear the shadows from our sight; set our troubled world aright.
Fill our eyes with radiant light. Lord Jesus, come!
- 2 Wise and foolish, still we wait. Come, Lord Jesus!
Is our Bridegroom at the gate? Lord Jesus, come!
At his voice, our hearts have stirred. Listening for his healing word.
Confident our cries are heard. Lord Jesus, come!

Gloria:

Glory to God (card is in the pew pocket)

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 16: You Are My Inheritance*

You, O Lord, are my in - her - i - tance. You are all I need.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia
(card in the pew pocket)



Preparation of Gifts:

Christ the Lord

BB#583

Mass:

Mass of St. Joseph
(card in the pew pocket)

Communion Song:

There is a Longing

BB#402

There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re - veal your - self to us.

There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

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Closing Song:

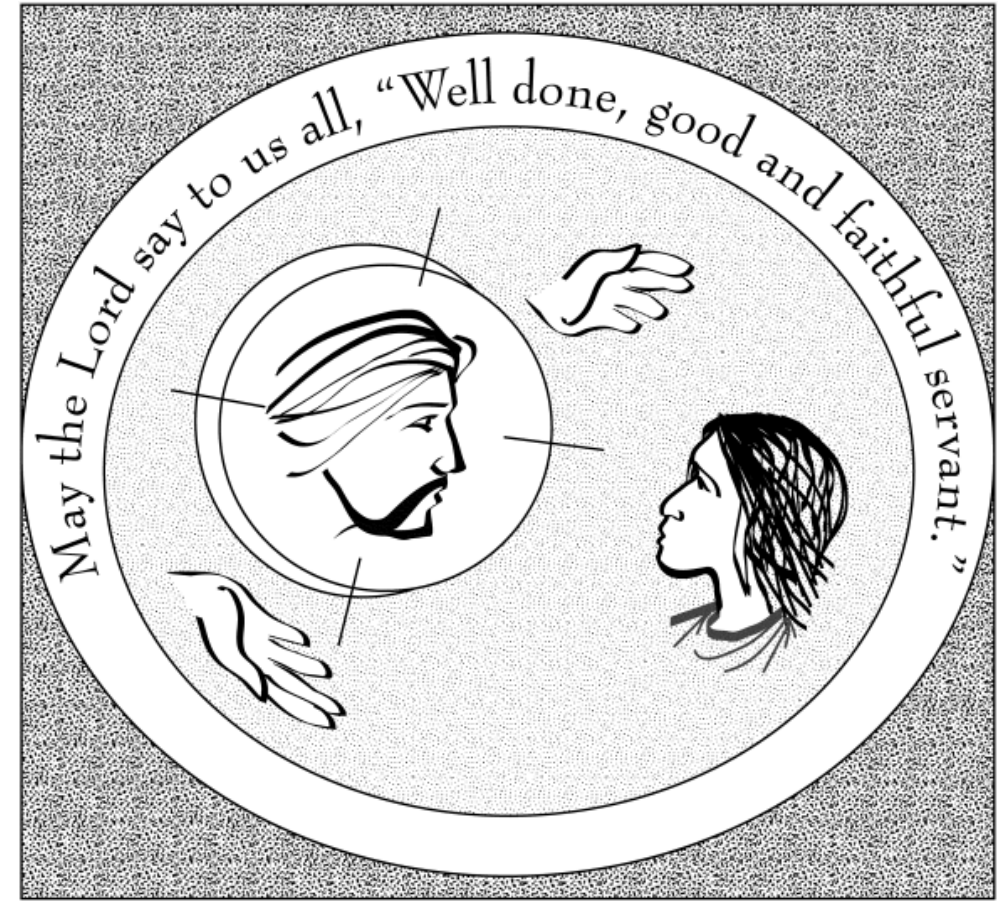
Soon and Very Soon

BB#580

- 1 Soon and very soon. We are going to see the King...
- 2 No more crying there. We are going to see the King...
- 3 No more dying there. We are going to see the King...

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

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 and Weddings
Call the office, (707) 996-8422

MASS INTENTIONS: Nov. 16th – Nov. 24th

Sat. 16 5:00 p.m. Richard Facciola †
Sun. 17 9:30 a.m. Deceased members of the
Byrne, Lynch, & Boyle families
Mon. 18 8:30 a.m. Marina V. Mapa, R.S.C.J. †
Tues. 19 **NO MASS**
Wed. 20 8:30 a.m. Rosa Troia †
Thurs. 21 8:30 a.m. Dennis Shine †
Friday 22 8:30 a.m. Alberto & Remy Ancheta †
Sat. 23 5:00 p.m. Ernestine Trujillo †
Sun. 24 9:30 a.m. Bill Maffei † & Bernard Hruska †

FISCAL LOG: November 9 / 10

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,869.

NEW 2024 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UPDATE
123 Parishioners pledged: \$115,319.38 80%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Nov. 18 Fr. Tom's last day at the parish
Nov. 19 Men's Club Monthly Meeting, 6PM, LSW
Nov. 21 Grief Support Group, 6:30PM
Nov. 23 SVDP Thanksgiving Give Away
Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day, Morning Mass, 9:30AM
Dec. 1 2nd Collection, St. Leo's Development Fund
Dec. 17 Men's Club Parish Holiday Dinner

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for November
In Memory of
John Fanucchi



HISPANIC FOOD SALE TODAY: Our Hispanic community will be having a Food Sale after all Masses to benefit Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration.

2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: Communications & Catholic University of America. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional faith-rooted education.

MENS CLUB MONTHLY MEETING: Tuesday, November 19th in the Lillian Wing. Cocktails at 6 p.m. with dinner to follow. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

TOYS FOR RELIGIOUS ED. STUDENTS: It's that time of the year that we ask for unwrapped gifts for our RE kids, 7 to 12 years of age. Items can be dropped at the office or in the receptacle at the back of church.

COFFEE & DONUTS IN LILLIAN WING: Coffee and donuts in the LSW for your enjoyment.

ST. LEO'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. here at St. Leo's in the Finnegan Center. Marie Hall, LCSW, will be the group leader. If you are interested, please contact the parish office, 707-996-8422.

LECTOR BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED: Lectors will need the 2025 Workbook before the 1st Sunday of Advent, which is Sunday, December 1st. The workbooks can be found in the Ushers Room. Pick yours up today.

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE: Star of the Valley invites you for an inspiring afternoon of prayer focusing on *Choose Joy* Wednesday, Dec. 4th, 3 – 4 p.m. at the church followed by some Christmas Cheer, 4 – 5 p.m. in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center. Enjoy Christmas Carols, cookies & more. No Cost/No RSVP.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY OF ST. LEO'S: Anyone in need of food can call the office Wednesday thru Friday to order from the pantry. Clients must call the parish office, (707) 996-8422 by 11a.m. to place an order. Pick up time is 11:30a.m.

SATURDAY CONFESSION OFFERED: In the church on Saturdays at 4:30p.m. Use the confessional to your left when entering the church.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR: Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church. Local crafters display a variety of handmade gifts, fashion accessories, and home goods. Homemade foods are on sale to enjoy onsite or take home. FREE Selfies with Santa!

*Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived
by those who love her. Wisdom 6:12 ff.*

The great fire of the past month led me into contact with many friends and relatives whom I hadn't heard from in years. One was a younger friend who was a seminary student of mine back in the early 60's. He left the seminary before ordination and often told me I had a big effect on him. He ended up in college teaching and administration (even president of one I think) in subsequent years. So out of the smoke surrounding us his e-mail came through and we re-established a contact as close as ever.

Among the changes he has undergone is his conversion to views of the Greek philosopher Epicurus (300's BC); he seems to have given up on the Church. I didn't discuss the change but wondered whether any influence I had on him so long ago had lasted (I certainly wasn't teaching Epicureanism at the time!). He likes that philosopher's opposition to religion, gods, superstition. It's an early form of rationalism or science, i.e. if it doesn't add up logically, or if we may say doesn't add up to what's in the test tube, if it's not verifiably factual – avoid it. Pleasure resides in sticking to facts, not opinions or fantasies. Later on I thought: *How disciplined a life one must lead to stick only to data that's verifiable*; no wandering thoughts, images, distractions; rigorously measuring everything before letting it share your mind. No sloppy thinking such as one might call the Apostles' Creed.

Which led me to recall a passage I read in Evelyn Waugh's novel *Brideshead Revisited*. It's about an aristocratic Catholic family in Britain prior to WWII. Its patriarch Lord Marchmain has returned to his estate to die. His Italian mistress Cara shares the scene with his family: his son and daughters Julia and Cordelia (so young and lively). Also present is Julia's lover Charles Ryder, an agnostic (or you could classify *him* as an Epicurean, strictly rational, materialist).

They are discussing whether it would be prudent to call for a priest – despite Lord Marchmain's long detachment from his legitimate wife and from the Church. During their discussion Charles Ryder breaks in proposing that they leave the poor man alone, let him die peacefully, no hocus pocus. But no, they start trying to explain to Charles – in logical terms he might understand – why it's important that the father receive the last rites. And they get all tangled up: *"I think my nurse told me . . . You've got it all wrong, Cara . . . Well, I remember when Alphonse de Grenet died . . . Madame Grenet thought . . . Well, she was wrong. . . I never heard that before."* Until Charles asked impatiently, "I wish someone would explain to me quite what the significance of these sacraments is." They are stopped in mid comment. Even they can't explain in rational terms why there are sacraments. Finally, Cara, the Italian mistress, in the ensuing silence says (sighing?): "All I know is that I shall take very good care to have a priest." And young Cordelia says, "Bless you; I believe that's the best answer."

Cara's gut, Cara's heart has spoken and wins delightful Cordelia's spontaneous confirmation. Wisdom has spoken out of a logic Charles Ryder could not presently fathom but would begin to ponder when he later beheld the comatose Lord Marchmain himself at his anointing slowly raise his hand to his forehead, breast and shoulders in response to a priest's request for a sign of faith.

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Geoff Wood