

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

"Where all are Welcome"

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November 21, 2021 ~ Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

On Thanksgiving, morning Mass will be at 9:30a.m. in English and 11:30a.m. in Spanish. There will be no 8:30a.m. Mass this day.

2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

In the diocese of Sant Rosa, the National Collection for Catholic Communication Campaign is combined with the Catholic University of America. Fifty percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communication efforts.

CONFESSION OFFERED:

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

SONOMA VALLEY INTERFAITH SERVICE:

Sonoma Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service can be found online Wednesday November 24th, at 6:00p.m. by going to, YouTube and put in information or www.sonomavalleyinterfaithma.org/thanksgiving.

THE TIME HAS COME...

All services will now take place in the church. For those who wish to remain outdoors – chairs will be available at the entrance of the church.

THANK YOU, SONOMA VALLEY HOSPITAL

and parishioner, Dawn Kuwahara, RN BSN, for providing the parish with a free Flu Clinic after the 11:30a.m. Mass last weekend.

THANK YOU to Margarita Mondragon and her team that cleaned the main body of the church so well.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS ARE HERE:

Next weekend is the First Sunday of Advent, which means it is time to use the new Lector workbook for readings. The workbooks are located in the sacristy. Pick yours up today.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Dedication for November

The People of St. Leo's



Mass Times

Saturday Mass:
5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:
8:00 a.m. Spanish
9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. Spanish

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 and Adoration

✠ Sacraments ✠

Baptisms: Call the office, (707) 996-8422

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

MASS INTENTIONS: November 20th – Nov. 28th

Sat 20	5:00 p.m.	Walter & Olive Cousineau †
Sun 21	9:30 a.m.	Frank Lynch †, John Fanucchi † and Happy 55 th Anniversary, Drake & Madeline Dierkhising
Mon 22	8:30 a.m.	Ed Scanlon †, & the Sacred Heart
Tues 23	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Wed 24	8:30 a.m.	Bill Maffei † & Tess Valliyil †
Thurs 25	9:30 a.m.	Jerry Shafer †
Friday 26	8:30 a.m.	Dorothy Mateo †
Sat 27	5:00 p.m.	Richard Hines †
Sun 28	9:30 a.m.	Anthony Roussere †

FISCAL LOG November 13 / 14

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,260.

ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UNDATE:

152 Parishioners have pledged: \$131,066. ~ 90%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Nov. 20/21	2 nd Collection, Communications & Catholic Univ. of America (D)
Nov. 25	9:30AM Mass, English & 11:30AM, Spanish
Nov. 25	Office Closed, Thanksgiving
Nov. 26	Office Closed
Nov. 28	1 st Sunday of Advent
Dec. 5	2 nd Collection, Development Fund

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR:

Saturday, December 4th, 10a.m. to 4p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 19355 Arnold Dr. The Fair offers holiday shopping for gifts, home goods, jewelry, and décor handmade by local crafters, artisans, and bakers. This event is held in compliance with CDC and So. County health dept. COVID-19 guidelines.

OUR WEBSITE HAS WHAT YOU NEED: You will find Geoff Wood's notes from his Lectionary talks as well as the weekly Sunday bulletin essays. Visit us at www.stleosonoma.org for general info.

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I PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL TO WIN THE PRIZE FOR WHICH GOD HAS CALLED ME HEAVEN WARD IN CHRIST JESUS

Philippians 3:14

Prince Albert travels to Dubai without Princess Charlene - Queen Rania drives the Duchess of Cornwall around Jordan - Princess Catharine-Amalia tries on a tiara inside Queen Maxima's wardrobe.

A student of mine had an interesting hobby. He kept tabs on all the royal families of Europe. Usually we only hear about Great Britain's royals – but many a dynasty is multiplied all over Europe, inbred heirs to some of the great kings and queens of history. And news of their doings is available in little known periodicals. Of course none of these royals rule kingdoms any more; they are more like heirlooms to remind us of the days of real pomp and circumstance.

So why in 1926 did the Church institute this feast of Christ the King? I suppose because by the end of the First World War monarchs were toppling everywhere and states were becoming purely secular – devoid of the past trappings of absolute monarchs – giving way to parliaments of commoners. And the Church in its apparel and monumental appearance may have felt, among reasons theological, some need to conserve that past as being its own past as well.

The very word Christ means royal as far back as the Gospel and Hebrew Bible. In Hebrew it means the Anointed One. If you read the *Books of Samuel and Kings* in the Old Testament you will be immersed in the politics of those times. Israel had been a loose confederation of twelve tribes, decentralized and disorganized, under pressures from surrounding kingdoms. So a movement began to call for centralization around a single leader – a king – to control Israel's destiny.

Samuel was against it for all the reasons people oppose big government today. As he expresses it in 1st Samuel 8: *The governance of the king who will rule you will be as follows: He will take your sons and assign them to his chariots and horses, and they will run before his chariot. He will appoint from among them his commanders of thousands and of hundreds. He will make them do his plowing and harvesting and produce his weapons of war and chariotry. He will use your daughters as perfumers, cooks, and bakers. He will take your best fields, vineyards, and olive groves, and give them to his servants . . . He will tithe your crops and grape harvests. . . also tithe your flocks . . . you will become his slaves.* Sound familiar? Nevertheless Israel chose monarchy – Saul, David, Solomon and eventually Civil War . . . and the downfall of their kingdom and dispersal of their people – yet they longed for its return

Which again raises the question – why apply the title of King or Christ (the Anointed) to Jesus or produce images of him enthroned – who had no place to lay his head, who walked among the marginal people of his day, saying: blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, blessed are the gentle, the merciful, the uncontaminated of heart, the persecuted. Pilate raised the question: *You are a king then?* Jesus replies: *That's what they say but this is why I am here: to witness to the truth, to un-conceal things forgotten, to which the world is blinded by the news of the day - - who also redirected our eyes to the "royalty" of creation itself all around us when he said: Learn from the way of the wild flowers . . . not even Solomon in all his splendor was arrayed like one of them.*

Geoff Wood