

## 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 Sept 30<sup>th</sup> – October 8<sup>th</sup>

Sat 30	5:00 pm	Joseph Canevari †
October		
Sun 1	9:30 am	Mr & Mrs Herman Deligcon †
Mon 2	8:30 am	Jean Weiner †
Tues 3		<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed 4	8:30 am	Rita Shine, Special intention
Thurs 5	8:30 am	John F. Shine †
Friday 6	8:30 am	Ken Brant †
Sat 7	5:00 pm	Albert Celio †
Sun 8	9:30 am	Bob Zwiener †

## FISCAL LOG September 23 / 24

**Sunday Collection:** \$ 3,440.  
**2023 APC– 116 have Pledged \$113,863.11 @ 79%**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Oct 4	Blessing of the Animals
Oct 4	HS Youth Ministry starts, 7PM
Oct 5	Jr High Confirmation classes, 6:30PM
Oct 6/7	Bocce Tournament
Oct 7	Adult Ed Presentation, 10:30AM, BR
Oct 12	Pre-Marital Classes Begin, Spanish, 7PM, BR
Oct 14/15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – World Mission Sunday
Oct 26	Ladies Dinner, LSW

## SANCTUARY LAMP

*Dedication for October*

*In memory of Fuentes Family*



2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION TODAY is for St. Leo's Development Fund. Donations help support the maintenance of our buildings and grounds.

**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Fri., October 6<sup>th</sup> in the church from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. All parishioners are invited to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

### ANIMAL BLESSING ON WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4:

On Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> following the 8:30a.m. Mass, Fr. Jojo will be in front of the church to bless your pets. Please have your pets either in a carrier or on leash and in control. Fr. Jojo will again do a blessing of animals at 6:30p.m.

### UPCOMING ADULT ED PRESENTATION:

Starting on 4 October, Catholic leaders from all over the world will gather in Rome to share their faith and envision the future of the Church. Synodality means that, before all else, we are a global community of faith that comes together to discern where the Holy Spirit is calling us.

**Fr. Jim Fredericks will share insights about the upcoming Church Synod here on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30a.m. in the Benziger Rm. All are welcome to attend.**

### ST. LEO'S MEN'S CLUB 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL ALL

**OPEN BOCCE TOURNAMENT:** Friday & Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, hosted by SLBC. The financial goal is to furnish a campus wide AED unit. For information, please contact Steve Rogers, (707) 771-9290 or Rick, (707) 217-9710.

### LAST CALL FOR END OF TOURNEY DINNER:

If you plan to attend the end of bocce season dinner on Saturday, please make your reservations today! No tickets will be sold at the door.

### IT IS TIME AGAIN FOR A LADY'S DINNER:

A group of ladies from the Hispanic community have graciously agreed to fix dinner for the occasion. Menu is not finalized yet, but the date is set.

**Thursday, October 26, 2023 in the LSW**

**Doors open at 5:30p.m.**

**Ticket price is \$20. for food and drink**

Tickets will go on sale next week and will also be available in the parish office.

**SANTA ROSA DIOCESE NOTICE of DEADLINE FOR FILING CLAIMS:** If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, you must file a claim so as to be received by October 20, 2023, or otherwise you will be forever barred, from asserting claim against the Debtor. If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Diocese of Santa Rosa, please visit the website at <https://srdioocese.org>.

"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets,  
neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

It is said we live in the Age of Reason – no longer of Faith. The dominant attitude is: doubt things until you can prove them rationally or experimentally. No wooden nickels. It maintains intellect over fantasy. Be skeptical.

Ever since this trend began – well since the late 1500's in Europe – faith has eroded among many. How do you prove God exists or that Christ was divine or that there are angels or that there is a heaven hereafter. How can you believe in the real presence of Christ in bread and wine. Such ideas are beyond calculation. Ethics is an optional choice; no need to worry about cheating, lying – indeed such behavior may even be the rational road to take if you want to be a success in this material world. And it is indeed material; there is no such thing as a Holy Spirit.

Today's parable presents us with just such a fellow – skeptic, unbridled by any moral code, any fear of retribution. Rationally speaking, when you're dead, you're dead. The Big Sleep – no pain, no remorse, no sadness over the people you cheated, the lives you ruined. The rich man has no concern for Lazarus, a leper who begs at the gate of his estate. He's too preoccupied with the bounty of his dining hall and his ways and means of accumulating more than he'd ever need in one lifetime. Disease? That's somebody else's problem – and by all means don't tax my wealth to deal with it! And so on.

Except when this rich man (let's call him Dives which means "rich" in Latin) dies he finds out there is a kind of life after death – that his intellect had let him down. And he longs to let his equally skeptical brothers know that there is more to reality than what a rational mind can calculate – there are dimensions captured in words like heaven and love and "Abraham's bosom" and a world *created*, not *just* the consequence of some big bang. He begins to believe that poetry has as much if not more to say than scientific formulae. That life is more than inhaling until you stop.

The moral of the parable is: don't get stuck in a faithless way of being – keep an open mind. Thank God for science – at least most of it, because some of the products of lucrative science could destroy our globe – but view the wonders of science as an enticement to faith – for the true scientist is more a believer than we think. And as usual, let me refer to a popular song that keeps faith alive sometimes more than our Church does. Remember:

*You've gotta have heart / All you really need is heart / When  
the odds are sayin' you'll never win / That's when the grin should start // You've gotta  
have heart / Miles 'n miles n' miles of heart / Oh, it's fine to be a genius of course / But keep  
that old horse / Before the cart / First you've gotta have heart.*

As one scholar puts it: "The two failures of Dives belong together; because his mind was closed to the revelation of God, his heart was closed to the demands of compassion." All mind? Then no heart! Inhuman.

**Geoff Wood**

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**A GREAT SUCCESS:** On behalf of the Hispanic community, we'd like to thank all those who attended last Sunday's Fiesta.