

Gathering Song: *Table of Plenty* BB311

Refrain: *Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.*

Gloria: *Glory to God (In the pew pocket)*

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 23: I Will Live in the House of the Lord*

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
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Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
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Preparation of Gifts: *Drawn to You* BB#398

Drawn to you, Lord, we are drawn to you, to the beauty of your presence in this place.
Here for you, God, we are here for you as the gifts we bring become a feast of grace. We are drawn to you.
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Mass: *Mass of St. Joseph (Music is in the pew pocket)*

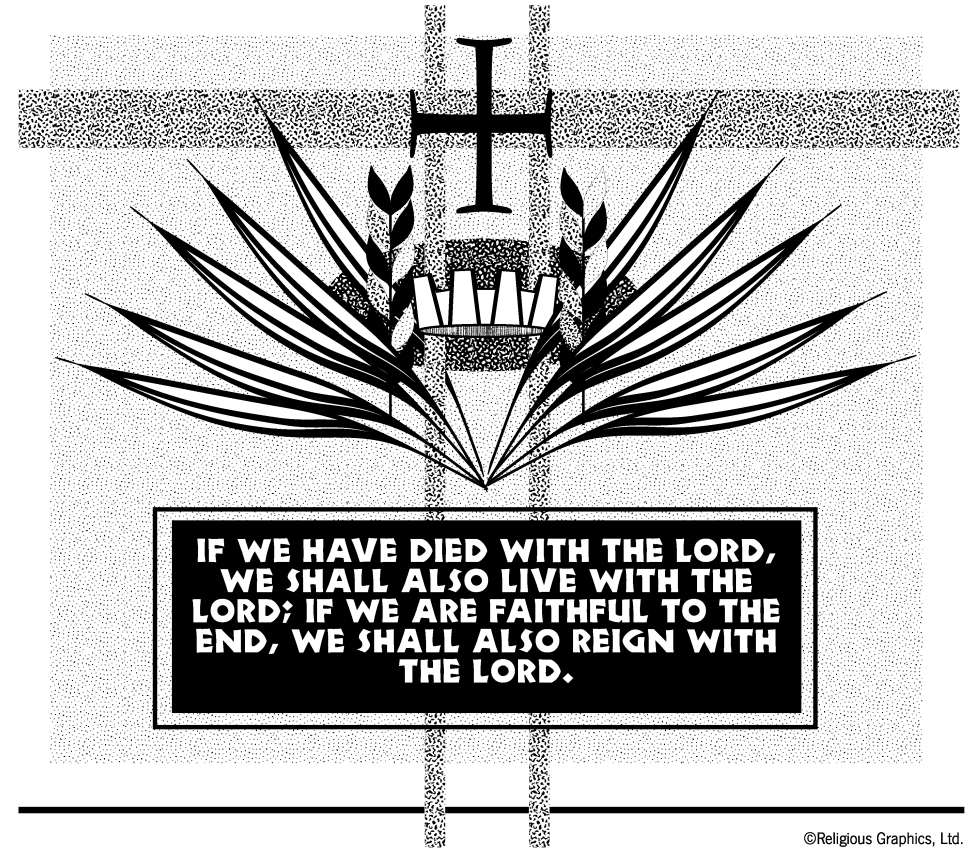
Communion Song: *The Supper of the Lord* BB#337

Pre - cious bo - dy, pre - cious blood, seen as bread and wine, here the Lord pre -
Bread of love is bro - ken now, cup of life is poured,
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pares the feast di - vine. come, share the sup - per of the Lord.
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Closing Song: *Alleluia! Raise the Gospel* BB#636

Refrain words: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise the Gospel over the earth.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Peace and justice bringing to birth.*

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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 October 14th – October 22nd

Sat 14	5:00 pm	Richard Facciola †
Sun 15	9:30 am	Don & Barbara Carlson † & Joe Byrne † & Frank Lunch †
Mon 16	8:30 am	Gunther Solomon †
Tues 17		NO MASS
Wed 18	8:30 am	Robert Fuentes †
Thurs 19	8:30 am	Georgia Lovett †
Friday 20	8:30 am	Frances U. Bugno †
Sat 21	5:00 pm	Louise Canevari Celio †
Sun 22	9:30 am	Robert & Helen Wardwell †

FISCAL LOG October 7 / 8

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,969.
2023 APC– 116 have Pledged \$113,863.11 @ 79%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Oct 14/15	2 nd Collection – World Mission Sunday
Oct 17	SV Hospital FREE Flu Clinic, 8:15AM
Oct 17	Men's Club Dinner Meeting, 6PM, LSW
Oct 22	SVH FREE Flu Clinic 10:30AM & 12:30PM
Oct 25	SVDP Monthly Meeting, 9AM, FINN
Oct 26	Ladies Dinner, 5:30PM, LSW
Oct 28/29	2 nd Collection – St. Vincent de Paul
Nov 1	All Saints – Holy Day of Obligation

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for October
In memory of Fuentes Family



2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

World Mission Sunday/ Propagation of the Faith

We are taking this collection one week earlier than the scheduled October 22nd second collection date. The reason being is there is five Sunday's this month, which means a second collection for our SVDP Society on the fifth Sunday. World Mission Sunday is an effort of the entire Church to help over 1,100 dioceses that cannot sustain themselves because they are too poor, young, or actively persecuted. Pope Francis has reaffirmed that World Mission Sunday is a privileged opportunity for us to foster missionary cooperation on both the spiritual and material levels.

LADIES OF ST. LEO'S DINNER: A group of ladies from the Hispanic community have graciously agreed to fix dinner for the occasion. The menu is enchiladas in red sauce, sopes, (thick corn tortilla topped with chicken, sliced lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, and beans. Rice and beans on the side. Margaritas, Cantaritos (tequila, citrus juice with chamoy, and chilly lime powder around the rim, and wine.

DATE: Thursday, October 26, 2023 in the LSW
Doors open at 5:30p.m.

MEN'S CLUB DINNER MEETING: Tuesday, October 17th in the Lillian Sanders Wing. Cocktails at 6p.m. and dinner at 6:30p.m. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. Questions? Call Steve Rogers, (707) 771-9290.

THE ADULT ED BOOK CLUB will meet on Sunday, October 29th, immediately after the 9:30am mass (approximately 10:30am) in the Benziger Room to continue their discussion on the Church's relationship with its LGBTQ+ members. Fr James Martin's book *Building a Bridge* is being used as a basis for the discussion. While reading *Building a Bridge* is helpful, it is not required. This is also an opportunity to share experiences from our lives. Curious? Come check it out! All are welcome!

SONOMA VALLEY HOSPITAL FLU CLINIC: On Tuesday, October 17th staff from SV Hospital will be offering free flu vaccines at the Tuesday morning Groceries to Go, food give away starting at 8:15 a.m. The SVH staff will be here for another free flu clinic on Sun., Oct. 22 after the 9:30a.m. and 11:30a.m. Masses.

MEN'S CLUB wish to thank the sponsors of their Bocce Ball Tournament: Platinum - Silverado Construction, Viansa Winery, Anonymous. Gold – Lion's Club, Patt's Copy World, Sulumeria Ovello. Silver – Larbre Pump & Well, Pete Ahern, DMV, Café Saraforia, Mark Stornetta – Compass, Haeuser, Valluzzo & Piasta, LLP.

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://srdiocese.org>.

Too thick to drink and too thin to plow

Mark Twain is credited with the remark: *The Missouri River is too thick to drink and too thin the plow.* It could be nicknamed the "Big Muddy".

Which makes me recall the days when almost every home in my boyhood city was heated by a coal furnace in its basement, complete with a coal bin, leading to ash days when the ash bins were placed on the sidewalks to be picked up by the city trash people. Then (and I remember seeing this) the trash wagons would line up on the city's industrial piers to dump the ashes into the Delaware River.

The other river in town named the Schuykill (pronounced Skookel) may have been exempt from such treatment but it was already thick with the coal dust coming down from the mines upstate. Indeed, both rivers had become open-air sewage systems to an ever growing metropolitan area.

So, turning our attention to the first reading for this Sunday, the Syrian general Naaman had the same opinion regarding Israel's Jordan River. Its being narrow, it had become an open sewer to the populations bordering it – and appropriately it emptied into the Dead Sea!

Today's account tells of Naaman's coming down to the region of Israel to see the ninth century prophet Elisha - for Naaman had contracted leprosy and his Hebrew slave girl in Damascus told him of Elisha's miraculous powers. In those days it would be like going to the Mayo Clinic for a state of the art cure.

Being a part of Syria's upper crust, Naaman carried with him a letter of introduction from the king of Syria to the king of Israel announcing Naaman's intention and asking his endorsement. The king of Israel was not pleased. *What's going on here? Our erstwhile enemy Syria sending a general down here? Possibly on the pretense of seeking a cure, but setting us up for some incident? And then what? And even if that's not true, what if no miracle happens? Will Syria belittle us? Will Syria be insulted? Could this escalate into a war? (Sounds like the same Middle East of today!)*

Anyway, Naaman did arrive at Elisha's door and Elisha's remedy was: *Go and wash seven times in the Jordan River and your flesh will heal.* And just as we might suppose, Naaman became angry. What did Elisha think? That Naaman was some used chariot salesman to be told to take an aspirin? *I expected some abracadabra and a long invocation of his God and the leprosy would go away. We have crystal clear rivers in Syria that are healthier than the Jordan!*

But his servants reasoned with him: *If the prophet told you to do something extraordinary, wouldn't you do it – because it was worthy of your status in society? And what's more extraordinary than to be told to go wash in the Jordan? So Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan – seven times – and his flesh became again like the flesh of little child.*

Isn't that a great story? And it's all about you. When will you stop hesitating upon the shore of a life fluid with faith, hope and love – to be swept up and energized as if you were a new born infant (like: baptized), ready to go with the flow at last?

Geoff Wood

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