

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

"Where all are Welcome"



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October 17, 2021 ~ Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (Propagation of Faith)

Today is WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of Faith supports the work as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Contribution envelopes are in a pocket on the outside bulletin board.

MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY DINNER MEETING:

Tuesday, October 19th, in the LSW. Cocktails at 6p.m. and dinner at 7p.m. Questions? Contact Steve Rogers, (707) 771-9290.

MANDATORY 10-DIGIT DIALING:

Beginning October 24, 2021, you must dial 10 digits (area code + telephone number) for **ALL local call**. After this date, local calls dialed with only 7 digits may not be completed, and a recording will instruct you that your call cannot be completed as dialed. You must hang up and dial again using the area code and the 7-digit number.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Long time parishioner and friend to many, Jerry Shafer has passed away. **Jerry's funeral Mass will be here at St. Leo's on Saturday, October 23rd at 12noon.** Please keep Jerry and his family in your prayers.



NEED FIREWOOD?

Fr. Jojo has been busy having some trees on site cut down or limbs cleaned up in others. There are stacks of cut wood in both parking lots that you are welcome to take home.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are located in pocket on Metal board outside and inside the church.

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for October
Is to end Abortions



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: October 16th - October 24th

Sat 16	5:00 p.m.	Raymond Hines †
Sun 17	9:30 a.m.	Frank Lynch † and Barbara & Don Carlson †
Mon 18	8:30 a.m.	Nita Ricotta, and Robert Fuentes †
Tues 19	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Wed 20	8:30 a.m.	Elma Radosevich †
Thurs 21	8:30 a.m.	Kathleen Valim †
Friday 22	8:30 a.m.	Anne McGlade †
Sat 23	5:00 p.m.	Walter & Olive Cousineau †
Sun 24	9:30 a.m.	Bill Maffei †

FISCAL LOG October 9 / 10

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,462.

ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Oct. 16/17 Second Collection, World Mission Sunday
Oct. 17 IIBA to address the 11:30AM Mass
Oct. 19 Men's Club Dinner Meeting, 6PM, LSW
Oct. 30/31 Second Collection, our St Vincent de Paul

Staff

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ST. LEO'S YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

In person meetings are in Hunt Hall

High School – Wednesdays, 7 – 8 p.m.

Jr. High - Thursday, Oct. 21st, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Questions? Call Nancy Gibson at (707) 291-1916.

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

EUCCHARIST TO THE SICK:

If you know of someone that is ill or is not able to attend Mass who would like to receive the Eucharist, please let us know by calling the rectory, 996-8422.

... *from infancy* you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in CHRIST JESUS.

2 TIMOTHY 3:15

Estragon: Let's go. / *Vladimir:* We can't. / *Estragon:* Why not? / *Vladimir:* We're waiting for Godot . . . / *Estragon:* And if he doesn't come? / *Vladimir:* We'll come back to-morrow. / *Estragon:* And then the day after to-morrow? / *Vladimir:* Possibly.

Estragon and Vladimir are middle-aged men who in Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot* seem to have spent their lives by a rural roadside waiting for this character Godot to arrive. Now we human beings have ever tried to make sense of who we are and what this world is all about. To that end we have produced stories, philosophical systems, scientific theories to explain it all. For many, such explanations may satisfy, but not Beckett. Beckett wonders whether all our myths and theories are games we play to deceive ourselves. From Beckett's point of view - we don't know where we came from nor what value a life can have that must end in death. And yet we still keep waiting for Godot; we retain within us this perpetual expectation for some meaningful answer - which expectation compels even Beckett to keep writing despite his skepticism.

Throughout the play Vladimir and Estragon waver between hope and despair and otherwise behave the way we all do during this interval between birth and death. They eat, argue, get involved in long discussions about discrepancies in the Bible. When a passing blind man collapses in front of them, they discuss endlessly what they should do about it (the way Congress endlessly discusses whether people should be guaranteed health care). Vladimir concludes by saying, *Let us do something, while we have the chance. It is not every day that we are needed . . .* Mutual compassion and assistance are at least a wholesome way to pass the time!

But then there is this boy who twice arrives from off stage to keep their hopes alive. He always comes with a message from Godot, never very elaborate but simply: *Mr. Godot told me to tell you he won't come this evening but surely tomorrow.* And so as the sun sets for the billionth time, they and the human race wait. They may want really to go, to leave this planetary stage they're on, to say to hell with this crazy waiting game called life. Indeed, the play's dialogue ends with Vladimir saying, *Well? Shall we go?* to which Estragon says, *Yes, let's go.* But as the final curtain falls, the stage directions say: *They do not move.* Expectation remains a perpetual human characteristic.

To paraphrase the late George Steiner we live out a Saturday that follows a Good Friday which has taught us about *injustice, of the interminable suffering, of the waste . . . of history and the everyday fabric of our personal lives. We know . . . of the pain, the failure of love, of the solitude which are our history and private fate.* We also know about Sunday . . . *an intimation . . . of resurrection, of a justice and a love that have conquered death . . . We look to resolutions, be they therapeutic or political, social or messianic. The lineaments of that Sunday carry the name of hope . . . But ours is a long day's journey of Saturday. Between suffering, aloneness, unutterable waste on the one hand and the dream of liberation on the other.* During which Saturday Godot *does* sacramentally arrive by way of every liturgy we attend and every insight we acquire. And so we do move after all.

Geoff Wood