

Gathering Song: *10,000 Reasons* **BB#560**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; wor-ship his ho - ly name...
Sing like nev - er be-fore, O my soul I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name...
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Gloria: *Glory to God (card is in the pew pocket)*

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 33: Lord, Let Your Mercy*

Lord, let your mer - cy be on us as we place our trust in you...
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Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia (card in the pew pocket)*

Preparation of Gifts: *As Christ is For Us* **BB#529**
Refrain: *So, we rise with him each morning, and we work as work we must
 To be Christ for others as Christ is for us.
 To be Christ for others as Christ is for us.*

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

Communion Song: *Only This I Want* **BB#505**

On - ly this I want: but to know the Lord,
and to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore.
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Closing Song: *Christ in Me Arise* **BB#525**

Christ in me a-rise and dis - pel all the dark-ness. Christ in me a-rise with your pow er and your strength.
Christ in me pour out your bless-ing and heal-ing. Christ in me a-rise and I shall rise with you
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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 20, 2024

The Pharisees asked Jesus, "Teacher, tell us, is it lawful to pay tax to Caesar or not?"

And Jesus said to them
Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar

and to GOD what belongs to GOD

Among all peoples, give the LORD glory and honor.

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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.stleesonoma.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 19th – Oct. 27th

Sat. 19 5:00 p.m. Richard Facciola †
and Raymond Hines †
Sun. 20 9:30 a.m. Deceased members of the
Byrne, Lynch, and Boyle families †
Mon. 21 8:30 a.m. Maria Holdridge †
Sudesh Bhalla †
Tues. 22 **NO MASS**
Wed. 23 8:30 a.m. **NO MASS THIS WEEK**
Thurs. 24 8:30 a.m. **NO MASS THIS WEEK**
Friday 25 8:30 a.m. **NO MASS THIS WEEK**
Sat. 26 5:00 p.m. Mary Rose & Bob Donahue †
and Amanda Conti Haver †
Sun. 27 9:30 a.m. Joanne & Al Meillon †

FISCAL LOG: October 12th / 13th

Sunday Collection: \$ 4,035.
NEW 2024 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UPDATE
119 Parishioners pledged: \$109,219.38 75%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Oct. 19/20 2nd Collection, World Mission Sunday
Oct. 23 SVDP Monthly Meeting, 9AM, FINN

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for October
In Memory of
John Fanucchi



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO DONATE:
With the end of the year fast approaching, it's not too late to make your Tax-Deductible donation to our Annual Parish Campaign. Look for an envelope at the back of church.

COFFEE & DONUTS IN LILLIAN WING: The floor in the Lillian has been installed and looks great. Following Mass, donuts are back in the wing for your enjoyment.

2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – World Mission Sunday. This is a unique opportunity for us to support the Church's mission work in over 1,150 territories worldwide. Our contributions help build churches, train clergy, and provide essential services to those in need. Please give generously.

SVDP MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, October 23rd at 9:00a.m. in the Finnegan Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

NEW - ST. LEO'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: St. Leo's will be hosting a Grief Support Group beginning November 14th - January 16th. It includes 8 sessions, on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. here at St. Leo's. Marie Hall, LCSW, will be the group leader. It doesn't matter whether your loved one passed recently or many years ago. If you are interested or have questions, please contact the parish office, 707-996-8422.

WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY MORNING MASS CANCELLED NEXT WEEK: Due to work being done on the main parking and for safety reasons it has been decided to cancel morning Mass Wednesday – Friday next week. Thank you for your understanding.

PARKING DURING CONSTRUCTION: While the parking lot is under construction, we ask that you park in the field on the west side of the property (closest to Arnold Drive). Please walk through the marked gate to get to the office, church or food pantry.

A "THANK YOU" SHOUT OUT:

We'd like to thank Marcus Myers of FlooringFX for doing a fantastic job with the vinyl flooring install in the Lillian Wing. The job was done efficiently and professionally. Thank you to Rick Schuhriemen for scheduling this and many of the other projects going on in the parish.



PLEASE GIVE FR. TOM A WARM WELCOME: Fr. Tom, who visited us about 2 years ago, has traveled from India to help cover during Fr. Jojo's absence. We pray Fr. Jojo has safe travels as he goes back home and are thankful to have Fr. Tom with us.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION: 10/27/2024

"COVERED SONOMA" On Sunday, October 27th, 12noon to 2:00p.m. in the LSW. Learn about health coverage for you and your family. Topics include – Health Coverage Eligibility, Where to Obtain Assistance, Medical Expansions and more. Presentation is **FREE** and will be in English and Spanish.

Whoever hesitates is lost (an old essay)

Alice was bewildered. After falling down that rabbit hole, nothing she experienced conformed to the norms she knew. Animals talked and were ill-mannered; four times five equaled twelve; London was the capital of Paris. Caterpillars were condescending. She felt lost and wished desperately to find her way back to her familiar world of Victorian absolutes. So when she saw a Cheshire Cat perched in a tree, she asked: "Could you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?" The Cat said, "That depends a good deal on where you want to get to?" Alice replied: "I don't care much where!" "Then it doesn't matter which way you go," said the Cat.

Sometimes we feel lost like Alice. We're so dependent on familiar guidelines, things like road maps, catechisms, words that mean this and not that. We like to know precisely where we are and where we're headed. Yet Jesus says in Matthew: "He who loses his life will find it." And in this Jesus was but an echo of the God who said to Abraham, "Leave your country and your kin and your father's house and go to the land I will show you." He didn't say where.

St. Francis reflected that same sense of abandon. You know the story of how, whenever Francis came to a crossroad, he had Brother Masseo whirl round and round until he fell flat on his face! That's the direction Francis took.

Perhaps it was the spirit of St. Francis that induced me to exercise such abandon on a long-ago trip to Umbria. I, too, am a worrier like Alice. I've been taught to follow a map to feel secure. And so, approaching the Italian town of Perugia, I became nervous - because Perugia is a mountain town, its narrow streets ascending to its center by twists and turns that resemble a plate of linguini. Our hotel was at its apex and before ascending, I closely consulted Perugia's map and then ventured up what seemed the right street - and made a wrong turn. Now I had no idea where I was. And when my meandering led me to a tunnel (which looked to me like the mouth of hell), panic struck. Despite the honking of cars behind me, I backed off and returned to the maze behind me. Only when Jane saw a sign saying *Centro* did I yield to its enticement and let the car make its roller coaster way up and down and around - until, by golly, we exited into Perugia's top piazza - right outside our hotel!

For two more days I went through a similar trepidation negotiating Perugia's labyrinth, yet always by *totally different twists and turns* reached our hotel. Then it hit me: God was teaching me to wing it! "Throw the map away," he said. "Go with the flow." And thereafter, approaching Perugia, I'd laughingly say, "I wonder which route the car will take this time?" Instead of a nightmare, driving into Perugia had become fun.

In today's Gospel a scribe, who was possibly confused by all the major and minor do's and don'ts of the Torah, asks Jesus to help him sort them out. And in effect Jesus says, "Lay that map aside! Live with abandon! Simply love God and your neighbor with all your heart and mind and soul and you'll find your way. Indeed, you will become a Way for all the world to follow"

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Geoff Wood