

**Gathering Song:**

**Our God is Here**

BB#301

And we cry "Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly are you!" We cry:  
 "Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly and  
 true!" A - men, we do be - lieve our God is here. Our God is here.

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**Gloria:**

**Glory to God (card is in the pew pocket)**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126: The Lord Has Done Grear Things**

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia**

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**Preparation of Gifts:**

**High Above Our Way**

BB#503

High a - b - o - v - e our way is the mind of God, love much great - er than my own.

In - to your hands I com - mend my life; true love is found in Christ a - lone.

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**Mass:**

**Mass of St. Joseph**

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**Communion Song:**

**Open My Eyes, Lord**

BB#405

- 1 Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.
- 2 Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice. Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.
- 3 Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.
- 4 I live within you. Deep in your heart, O Love. I live within you. Rest now in me.

**Closing Song:**

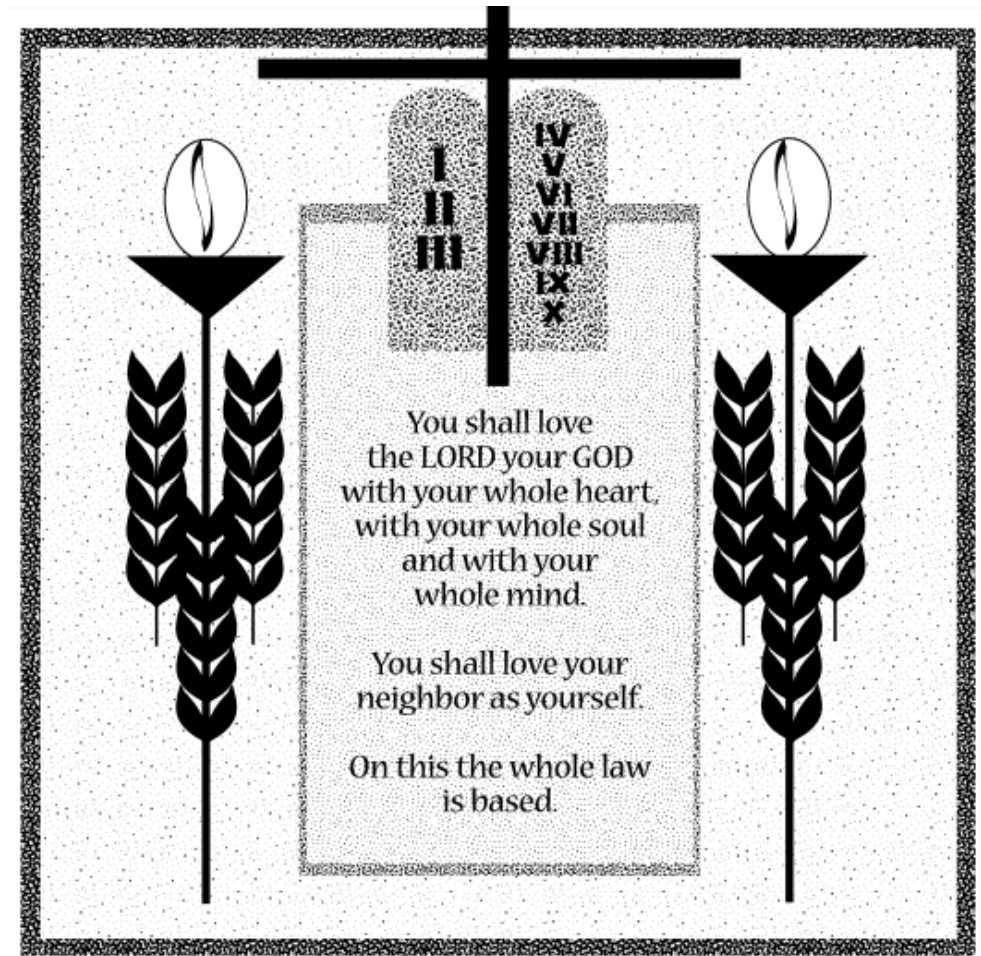
**You Are the Healing**

BB#519

- 1 Jesus, you are the healing, you came to make us whole again.  
 Jesus, you are the healing, come show us how to live.  
 Jesus, you are the healing Jesus, you are the healing  
 Jesus, you are the healing, come show us how to live.

# 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## October 27, 2024



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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](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: October 26<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sat. 26 5:00 p.m. Mary Rose & Bob Donahue †  
and Amanda Conti Haver †

Sun. 27 9:30 a.m. Joanne & Al Meillon †

Mon. 28 8:30 a.m. Cathy O'Grady †

Tues. 29 **NO MASS**

Wed. 30 8:30 a.m. Pat Westerman †

Thurs. 31 8:30 a.m. Jean Tompkins †

### November

Friday 1 9:30 a.m. Steven Woodward †  
and Joseph Lederer, Improved Health  
and Ernest Lederer, Blessings

Sat. 2 9:30 a.m. Louise Canevari †  
Pete Repetto †

and Deceased Members of Legion of Mary  
Sun. 3 5:00 p.m. Carol Hanna †

## FISCAL LOG: October 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday Collection:** \$ 3,664.

**NEW 2024 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UPDATE**  
119 Parishioners pledged: \$109,219.38 75%

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Nov. 27 "Covered Sonoma", LSW. 12noon – 2PM

Nov. 1 All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation

Nov. 2 All Souls Day

Nov. 2 Daylight Savings Time, fall back 1 hour

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
*Dedication for October*  
*In Memory of*  
**John Fanucchi**



**COFFEE & DONUTS BACK IN LILLIAN WING:**  
Following Mass, donuts are back in the wing for your enjoyment.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER PRESENTATION "COVERED SONOMA"** Today, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### ALL SAINTS DAY:

Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation. Morning Mass will be at 9:30a.m. in English and 7p.m. in Spanish.

### ALL SOULS DAY:

Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, English Mass will be at 9:30a.m. and 11:30a.m. in Spanish. The morning Mass on Saturday do not count for the Sunday Mass.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** – St. Leo's Development Fund. Donations to the fund help offset some of the costs for resent work being done. This collection also goes toward the maintenance and upkeep of the church and outbuildings.

**NEW - ST. LEO'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:** St. Leo's will be hosting a Grief Support Group beginning November 14<sup>th</sup> - January 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### 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.



**PARKING LOT UPATE:** The Parking lot project is almost complete. The enclosed parking lot and parking along the creek are inaccessible, but all other parking areas are open. Masses resume as usual.

**FREE FLU VACCINES:** In partnership with Sonoma Valley Hospital, there will be free flu vaccines during the Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> Food drive from 8:00a.m. – 10:00p.m.

*The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal; nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds. Sirach 35:21*

Last weekend our pastor's homily on Prayer carried over into our coffee hour. The question came up: does the prayer of petition really work? It referred to that kind of prayer that asks for something specific: the health of a relative, the passing of an exam, the relief of a worry, the repose of someone's soul, down to a request I once received from an elderly person – her dog's cure of the mange. It's the kind of prayer we often find in the Gospels where people ask Jesus to cure their paralytic friend or a synagogue official asks Jesus to save his dying daughter. Of course, not all problems are as likely to be answered as easily as that of our canine friend, since a trip to the veterinarian might be God's advice to the petitioner. But take a problem like a close relative's addiction to drugs or alcohol (a son or a parent). That's a hard nut to crack, judging by how long we may pray for the victim with no ready result. The worry goes on for years with our prayers degenerating at times into shouting at God to *do something*. And to what end? Nothing. The same old stress!

I speak from experience. I entered monastic life at fifteen and was spared the stress of my mother and sister in dealing with my father's ever-increasing addiction to alcohol – until he needed a lot of handling on the least notice. I blame it on the effect upon his self-esteem by the Great Depression of the 1930's. In the meantime, I pursued my vocation and teaching career over the next 22 years relatively free of exposure to the problem – until my conscience compelled me to do my share. I therefore brought him to Washington D.C., where I taught at both a seminary and university, to place him in an apartment where I could oversee his behavior. Soon the tension between teaching at a university and continuing my responsibilities at my seminary while handling my father's problems became difficult. Anybody could have told me that, but I thought I could tight rope my way back and forth between both demands. I began to pray, to plead with God for my father's recovery in the manner of Moses in last Sunday's first reading, asking God to hold up my arms lest they sag under the weight of the worry.

And he answered my prayer – *not in terms* of my father's recovery but in my having to request permission to share his apartment for closer supervision of his behavior. That meant of course that I was excused from the regulated lifestyle of a friar among friars. No more set times to pray, eat, study, sleep and so on. I was relatively free to handle my days as I saw fit. Within a short time, my father died – and there I was in an apartment of my own. And I couldn't give it up, go back to institutional living. Soon I gained gracious permission to return to civilian life. My future was mine to create or suffer however it turned out. What I'm trying to say is: my prayers for my father were not answered but I experienced a different answer. My father's alcoholism changed my own life and situation. I was presented with a wider world. It was like I had been praying before, say, a statue of St. Francis to relieve my father's problem when suddenly a voice issued from the chapel, let's say, of St. Teresa of Avila situated all the way across the other side of the church with an answer I would never have dreamed of.

The point of my story? Prayers of petition do work but not always in the way you want. God whose wisdom is infinite often has other ideas as to what your real problem and situation is. As Scripture says: *the day of the Lord will come like a thief and then the heavens [of your current confinement] will pass away with a mighty roar.*

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