

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

"Where all are Welcome"



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October 3, 2021 ~ Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY –

ST. LEO'S DEVELOPMENT FUND: The Development Fund goes to the maintenance of the grounds and buildings on site.

VIRTUAL CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP: On November 10th, 3 – 7:00 p.m. the Immigration Institute of the Bay Area is holding a virtual Citizenship Workshop. A representative from IIBA will be here on Sunday, October 17th to address the 11:30 a.m. Mass goers. Please call the Immigration Institute at (707) 320-0033 for more information.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Long time parishioner and friend to many, Jerry Shafer passed away this last week. Please keep Jerry and his family in your prayers. No date for his funeral has been set yet. Jerry was the contractor / builder of St. Leo's rectory and had lent the use of his tractor and trailer to clear the front field where the orchard is now located.

OUR WEBSITE HAS WHAT YOU NEED: You will find Geoff Wood's notes from his Lectionary talks as well as the weekly Sunday bulletin essays. Visit us at www.stleosonoma.org for the parish calendar, coming events, First Communion, Confirmation, and general parish information.

LECTIONARY TALK BY GEOFF WOOD:

Geoff has added to his recorded Lectionary Talks which can be found on our website. Go to the Resources tab for the dropdown list. Hover over Geoff Wood's name and click the Year and either Essay or Lectionary title you want to see. The most recent talk is titled "Sacrament September 2021 Talk" under the **2021 Lectionary Talks**. You can even click the link to watch Geoff deliver his talk.

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.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Dedication for October

Is to end Abortions



Mass Times

Saturday Mass:

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

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, 996-8422

Weddings: Call the office, 996-8422

MASS INTENTIONS: October 2nd - October 10th

Sat 2	5:00 p.m.	Byron Alvarez, Sr. †
Sun 3	9:30 a.m.	Sarah Lynch †
Mon 4	8:30 a.m.	Nancy Nielson †
Tues 5	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Wed 6	8:30 a.m.	Lorraine O'Hern †
Thurs 7	8:30 a.m.	Doreen Hodai †
Friday 8	8:30 a.m.	Carol Torresan † & John Shine †
Sat 9	5:00 p.m.	Maxie Daligcon †
Sun 10	9:30 a.m.	Ken Brant †

FISCAL LOG September 25 / 26

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,246.

ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UNDATE:

151 Parishioners have pledged: \$130,466. ~ 90%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Oct. 2/3	2 nd Collection, St. Leo's Development Fund
Oct. 6	Virtual High School /SLYM meeting, 7-8PM
Oct. 7	Virtual Jr. High meeting, 6:30 – 7:30PM
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

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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 help your self to.

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.

Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls them each by name. 

Isaiah 40:26

A Trend Emerging

The New Testament comes across as a very male production. It proclaims the advance of a Jesus and his male disciples – with women in occasionally mentioned support roles. And the conflicts throughout are between men – pro or con. Even the mother of Jesus only emerges as a prominent female in the opening chapters of Luke's Gospel *late* in the first century. In the New Testament's earliest writings Saint Paul mentions Mary only once in connection with the birth of Jesus: "When the time was right, God sent forth his son, *born of a woman*." Mark mentions her as "standing outside a meeting pleading with Jesus to come home." And Matthew's birth narrative is all about Joseph and Herod and the Magi – Mary cast in a bit part at best. Only late in the first century does Luke bring her to the fore as prominent in Christ's origin as well as Elizabeth, her cousin, and the elderly prophetess Anna.

The Old Testament also comes across as a drama about men operating within a man's world: about Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and his twelve sons and then about Moses, Joshua, the twelve Judges of Israel, Saul, David, Solomon . . . carrying the destiny of a people meant to redeem the world. But a closer look reveals that at almost every critical moment in biblical history where the male characters would prefer a detour from their destiny, a daring woman saves the day. There's Rebecca diverting Isaac's blessing from Esau to Jacob; there's Pharaoh's daughter saving Moses from infanticide; there's Naomi and Ruth compelling Boaz to marry Ruth, without whom there would have been no David (and without Bathsheba, no Solomon). Then there's Tamar seducing Judah; then come Rahab, Deborah, Judith, Esther, each equivalent to an early Joan of Arc.

In every case the men folk are fatalistic; it's the women who have the imagination to perpetuate destiny (as did Eve?). And in every case the women save the situation by not "adhering to the book," but by using their imaginations to the point where their interventions become morally questionable - as in that case of Rebecca's disguising her son Jacob as his elder brother Esau and diverting their father's irreversible blessing to fall upon the younger son from whom would arise the Israel of subsequent history. It's like Rebecca saying: "If I have to lie to save the world, I'll lie, I'll take on the responsibility!" Today we might call that: thinking outside the box.

Which brings us back to the New Testament and Luke's birth narrative. An angel announces to the over aged priest Zachary his equally aged wife's conception of John the Baptist. He can't believe it; he brings up all the reasons it's impossible – and he ends up mute. The same angel announces to Mary her immediate pregnancy of dimensions beyond belief – she wonders *how* but nevertheless says: So be it! Men seem to insist on knowing the facts (in conventional terms) before deciding anything; biblical women seem willing to take a chance; to believe in miracles.

As I view television news nowadays, how different from the old days when it was mostly men who spoke with authority, pundits, broadcasters, peopling politics, arguing, complacent in their role of leadership. Today? Men seem to be fading from such venues – it's women who speak up with authority. An emerging trend but biblically an old one.

Geoff Wood