

**Gathering Song:** *Tend the Ground* BB#623

We till the earth, and tend the ground, sow - ing hope and peace where none is found. In self-less love God's life a-bounds. We till the earth, we tend the ground.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 128: May the Lord Bless Us*

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives, all the days of our lives.

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**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia (card in the pew pocket)*

**Preparation of Gifts:** *For You Are My God* BB#449

For you are my God, you a - lone are my joy. De - fend me, O Lord.

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

**Communion Song:** *If You Love Me*

If you love me, keep my com-mand-ments. Love one an - oth - er as I've loved you. Live in the love that flows from the heart of God.

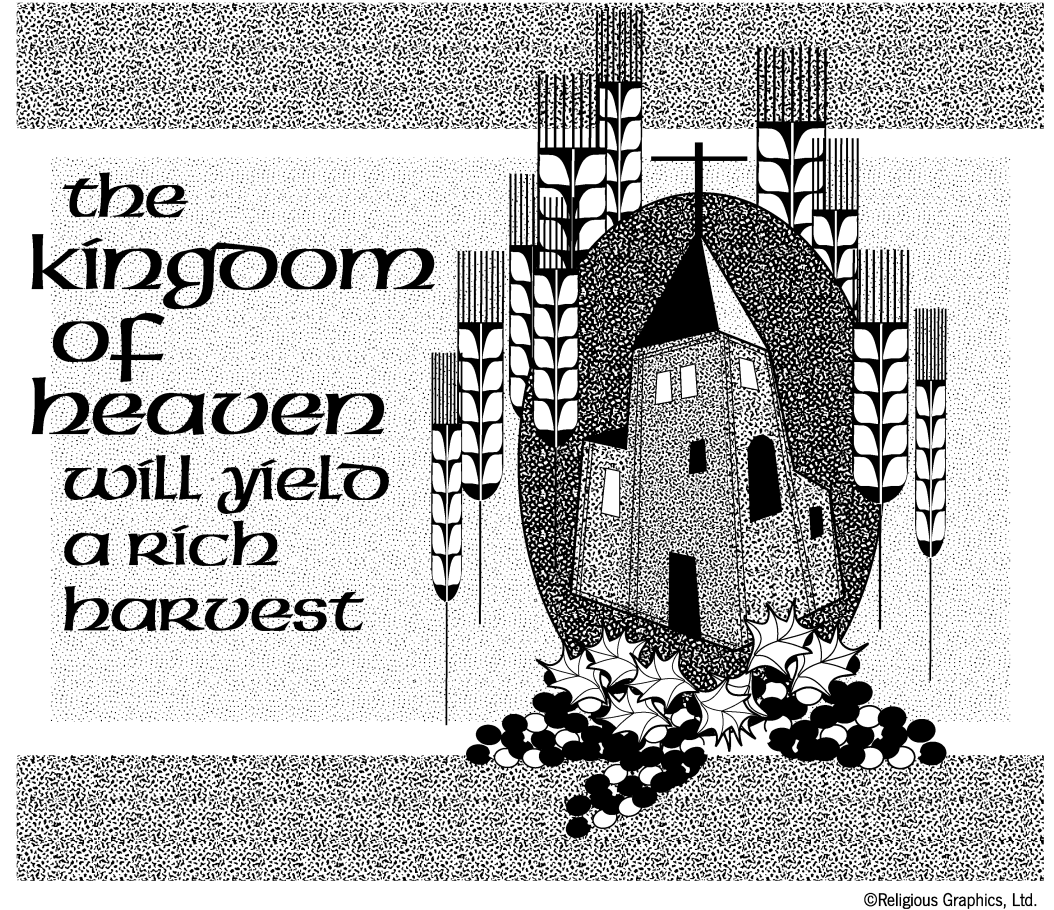
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**Closing Song:** *A Rightful Place* BB#741

**Refrain:** *Let us live our lives so that all might see that our hearts are restless till they rest in thee. Let us build your kingdom in truth and grace so that all might know they have a rightful place.*

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

## October 6, 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

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### 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 5<sup>th</sup> – Oct 13<sup>th</sup>

Sat. 5 5:00 p.m. Albert Celio †  
Sun. 6 9:30 a.m. Renan Dominguez †  
Mon. 7 8:30 a.m. Bob Keefe †  
Tues. 8 **NO MASS**  
Wed. 9 8:30 a.m. Edouard LeFevre †  
Thurs. 10 8:30 a.m. Lucy Barrera †  
Friday 11 8:30 a.m. Michael Tompkins †  
And Dr. Felix C. Mapa †  
Sat. 12 5:00 p.m. David Canevari †  
Sun. 13 9:30 a.m. Don & Barbara Carlson †  
And Paul & Rae Zraggen †

## FISCAL LOG September 28 / 29

**Sunday Collection:** \$3,643.

**NEW 2024 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UPDATE**  
118 Parishioners pledged: \$108,869.38 75%

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Oct. 5/6 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection, St. Leo's Development Fund  
Oct. 6 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Religious Ed., 9:30AM, FINN  
Oct. 9 1<sup>st</sup> Year Religious Ed., 5PM, FINN  
Oct. 9 High School Youth Group, 7PM, HH  
Oct. 13 Adult Ed. Book Club Meeting, 10:30AM, HH  
Oct. 15 Men's Club Monthly Dinner, LSW, 6PM  
Oct. 17 Jr. High Youth Group, 6:30PM, HH  
Oct. 19/20 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection, World Mission Sunday  
Oct. 23 SVDP Monthly Meeting, 9AM, FINN

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



**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND** St. Leo's Development Fund - All donations to the Development Fund stay at St. Leo's and help support the maintenance of our buildings and grounds.

## ST. LEO'S ADULT EDUCATION BOOK CLUB

The group will meet at 10:30a.m. on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> in Hunt Hall to discuss Fr. Martin's book and how we can respond to it. Please come share your ideas and concerns. Consider inviting a friend!

## NEW - ST. LEO'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

St. Leo's will be hosting a Grief Support Group beginning November 14<sup>th</sup> and running through January 16<sup>th</sup>. It includes 8 sessions on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. The location will be here on church grounds.

Marie Hall, LCSW, will be the group leader. She has experience leading this group in many different venues. 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 at 707-996-8422.

## LILLIAN WING FLOOR UPDATE

The Lillian Wing floor project will begin on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and will continue through the weekend. Please note that restrooms will not be accessible from the hall.

## KEEP PARISHIONER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioner, Pat Westerman, passed away on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> in Mississippi. Please keep Pat in your prayers.

## SVDP PANTRY EXPANSION

Pantry hours have expanded to include Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. No registration required. Volunteer help is needed on Weds., either 1-2p.m. or 6:30-8pm. If you have time and are interested, please call Patti England at 707-217-8481

## INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN

**BLUE MASS** For 90 years, Catholics have celebrated a Blue Mass to honor service and offer special intentions and petitions for the safety of Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Paramedics, and even Military Service Personnel. This is an opportunity for us to be reminded of the sacrifices involved in serving others. You are invited to this year's Blue Mass which will be celebrated on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30am at St. Eugene's Cathedral.

*If someone turns from wickedness . . . and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life.*

*Ezekiel 18*

One adventure of Huckleberry Finn (Mark Twain's creation) located him separate from his friend, the runaway slave Jim, and wandering around at night on the swampy shore of the Mississippi below Cairo. A family offered him shelter in a log cabin whose interior was well furnished and showed a bit of culture. The man of the house was a stern fellow, suspicious of Huck, as were his two adult sons – until the mother showed concern for his wet condition and appetite. A younger son Huck's age (13-14) named Buck was introduced.

Huck noticed a certain wariness about the family – whose name was *Grangerford* (suggesting a farming background). They were concerned that he might be a member of the *Shepherdson* family. (You can see what's building up: the age-old hostility over land use: sod busting fence building farmers versus cowboys who wanted a wide-open range for grazing, e.g. Cain versus Abel or the bloody movie *Shane* all over again!). The feud cast a pall over the home. Nobody remembered when or why it had started. Huckleberry asked Buck what was the trouble about – land? "I reckon maybe – I don't know." "Well, who done the shooting?" asked Huck. "Laws, how do I know? It was so long ago."

The Grangerford daughter Emmeline thus grew up fascinated by death. She wrote poems like "Shall I Never See Thee More Alas" and one about a dead bird titled "I Shall Never Hear Thy Sweet Chirrup More Alas." Every time someone died, she always got there before the undertaker to write a "tribute". Hearing she herself had died, Huck "reckoned, that with her disposition, she was having a better time in the graveyard."

It wasn't long before the feud erupted while Huck was there and the menfolk of the Grangerford family, including young Buck, as well as several Shepherdson's, were slain! Huck immediately took off to reunite with Jim on the raft, saying "I was powerful glad to get away from the swamp . . . Other places do seem so cramped up and smothery, but a raft don't. You feel mighty free and easy and comfortable on a raft."

Huck wasn't a churchgoer. I doubt if he ever heard of the prophet Ezekiel (of our first reading today) but he would have agreed with him, because Ezekiel introduced our consciences to the idea of individual responsibility. Back in Ezekiel's day a popular proverb went: *Parents eat sour grapes, but the children's teeth are set on edge*. In other words, the current generation is trapped in the consequences of the prejudices of earlier ones and there's nothing you can do about. The past rules your destiny. Wars then? Wars tomorrow – always for more or less the same reasons! We yielded to the "wisdom" (for instance) of the framers of the Treaty of Versailles just one hundred years ago – and look what we've been through ever since.

But not so, says Ezekiel! And he warns: never let this proverb be repeated among you! For new generations need not succumb to the misguided biases of their ancestors; they can change, they have the right, the obligation to change and live in accord with the principles of God's commandments and – I add – the Sermon on the Mount, which I can safely say hardly influence the ideologies of most modern political pundits. In other words, we can be free of the ways of the failed cycles of history and start a more godly way of behaving and being - if we dare. Or can we? Is there a raft nearby? Could it even be the Church?

**Geoff Wood**

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