

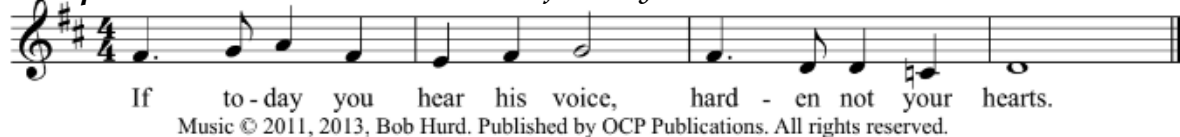
Gathering Song: *If Today*



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Gloria: *Glory to God (In the pew pocket)*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95: If Today You Hear His Voice



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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia



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Preparation of Gifts: *The Eyes and Hands of Christ* BB#521

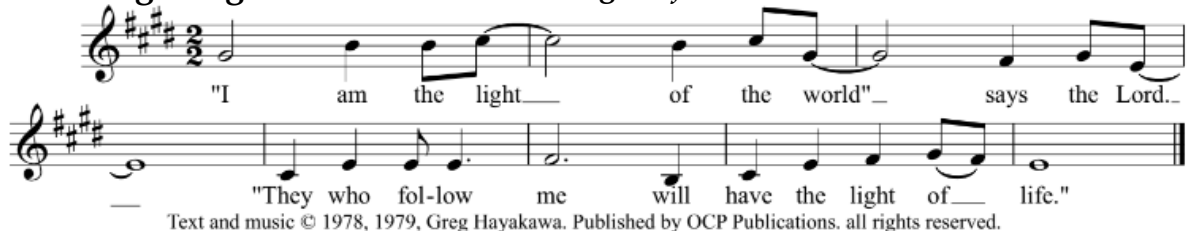
Refrain: *Where two or three are gathered in my name, love will be found, life will abound. By name we are called, from water we are sent: to become the eyes and hands of Christ.*

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

Communion Song: *There is a Longing* BB#405

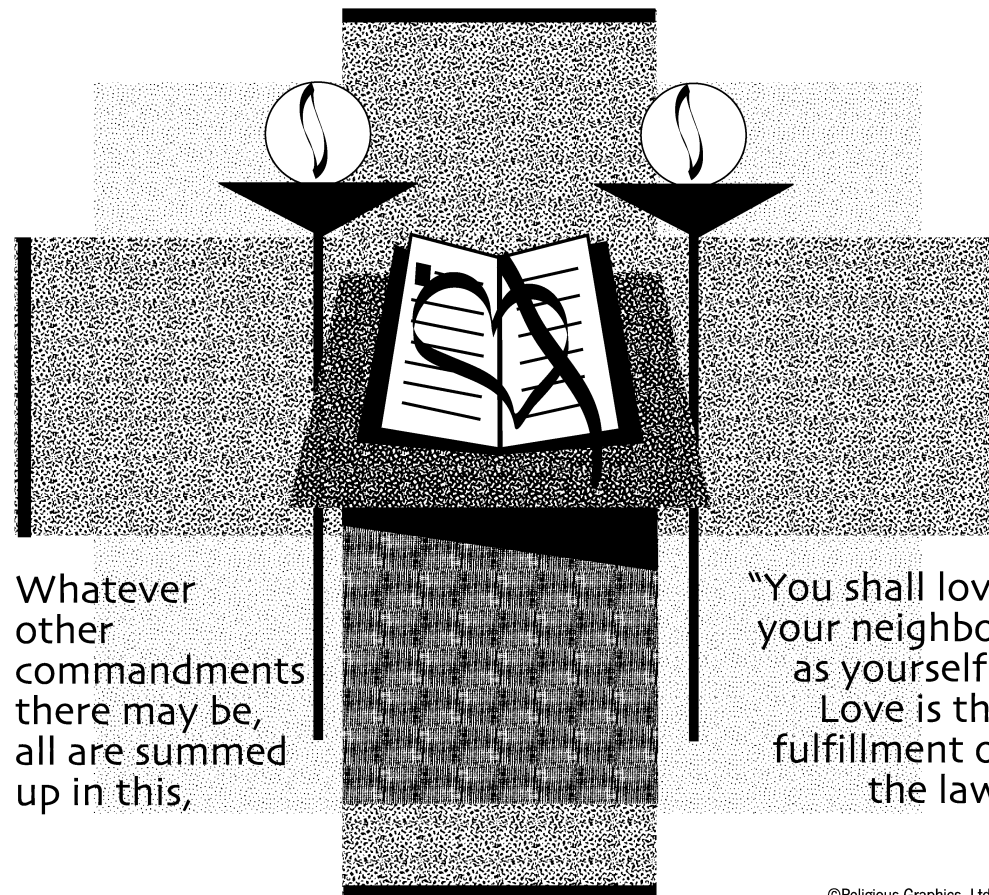
Refrain: *There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us. There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.*

Closing Song: *I Am the Light of the World*



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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 2023



Whatever other commandments there may be, all are summed up in this,

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love is the fulfillment of the law.

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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

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 Sept. 9th – Sept. 17th

Sat 9 5:00 pm Virgilia Vargas Mapa †
And Richard Facciola †
Sun 10 9:30 am Joe Byrne †
and Frank Lynch †
Mon 11 8:30 am Bill Shrum †
Tues 12 **NO MASS**
Wed 13 8:30 am Patricia Ramirez †
And Kathleen Valim †
Thurs 14 8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Ron Foster †
Friday 15 8:30 am Margaret Butler †
Sat 16 5:00 pm Louis Casini †
Sun 17 9:30 am Margaret & Tom Kelly †

FISCAL LOG September 2 / 3

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,118.
Development Fund: \$ 2,114.
2023 APC– 114 have Pledged \$111,563.11 @ 77%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sept 10 2nd year RE kids, Sunday, Sept 10th
Sept 13 First year RE kids, Wednesday Sept 13th
Sept 24 12:30PM End of Summer Fiesta
Oct 4 HS Youth Ministry starts, 7PM
Oct 5 Jr High Confirmation classes, 6:30PM
Oct 6/7 Bocce Tournament
Oct 7 Adult Ed Presentation, 10:30AM, BR

SANCTUARY LAMP

Dedication for September
In memory of Bill Maffei &
The Levesque family



MAUI RELIEF SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY
Funds to help the victims of the devastating fire should be made out to “Diocese of Santa Rosa” with a notation “Maui Relief”. All donations collected will be forwarded to the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF). Any amount will be greatly accepted.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRESENTATION: On Tues., Sept. 26th from 3 – 5:00 p.m. at the Monsignor Fahey Parish center, 495 White Oak Dr. in Oakmont/Santa Rosa, the Star of the Valley Women’s Circle presents Elizabeth Quiroz and Lisa Diaz-McQuaid, two amazingly brave, former victims of abuse and human trafficking who, together, co-founded the Redemption House Of The Bay Area. All are invited to this free presentation.

SANTA ROSA DIOCESE NOTICE of DEADLINE FOR FILING CLAIMS: On March 13, 2023, The Roman Catholic Bishop of Santa Rosa aka Diocese of Santa Rosa (Debtor) filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, **you must file a claim so as to be received by October 20, 2023, or otherwise you will be forever barred, from asserting claim against the Debtor.** If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Diocese of Santa Rosa, please also visit the website at <https://srdiocese.org> and follow the links for Chapter 11 Reorganization.

ADULT EDUCATION INFORMATION: All are invited to join our Adult Ed e-mailing list. You will receive a weekly email with Fr. Jim’s homily and announcements about up-coming Adult Ed events such as “Building a Bridge” book club meetings. Occasionally, we also send out parish information when needed. Please send your request to join to VickiCastBorn@aol.com.

UPCOMING ADULT ED PRESENTATION:
Fr. Jim Fredericks will share insights about the upcoming Church Synod at a meeting here on Saturday, October 7th at 10:30a.m. in the Benziger Rm. This could be the most important synod since the Second Vatican Council. All are welcome to attend.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our “End of Summer Fiesta” on Sunday, Sept. 24. More info. to follow.

ST. LEO’S MEN’S CLUB 2nd ANNUAL ALL OPEN BOCCE TOURNAMENT: Friday & Saturday, October 6th – 7th, hosted by SLBC. The financial goal is to furnish a campus wide AED unit. For information, please contact Steve Rogers, (707) 771-9290 or Rick, (707) 217-9710.

Watch your wallet

I remember a student telling me of how suddenly lost he felt when – traveling across country - his wallet was gone. He had no way of identifying himself, purchasing things, gaining access to shelter. The situation didn’t last long but while it did he felt a subtle terror. I mean that wallet contained not only money and credit cards but all the basic data that proved his citizenship, residence, occupation – his location in society. Without it he’d have to prove to increasingly suspicious strangers just who he was.

I later had a similar experience myself. I was commuting home from work on a bus in Washington D.C. – standing room only. I was trying to keep my balance near the center exit when the bus took a sharp turn and we all swayed on our feet and two fellows in shabby clothes leaned especially hard against me. They apologized and got off the bus at the next stop – and my wallet was gone! I panicked. All those credit cards! Those fellows could gain access to my bank accounts; misuse my driver’s license, my gas cards. I could feel my whole infrastructure eroding beneath my feet. Of course I reacted immediately. I called all the credit companies, the DMV. And what happened? The mailman returned my wallet two days later with everything in order except for the cash (seven dollars). And suddenly I felt: these fellows were a decent sort after all. Incidentally, I don’t know if you’ve ever seen the 1959 Robert Bresson film *Pickpocket*, in which close-ups reveal how deft a professional pickpocket can be, the stealth, the agile hands sliding into a stranger’s jacket. I remember a bishop on a bus in Rome many years ago who found a huge patch cut out of the back of his long coat – cash gone. It’s an art!

Have you ever been pick pocketed? Have you ever thought of Christ as a pickpocket – or at least a thief? If not, then you did not pay attention to the Gospel story in which Christ describes his arrival in this world and into your life as a *thief in the night*. In St. Mark’s Gospel he reveals his *modus operandi* in terms like: *No one can enter a strong man’s house unless he first bind the strong man; then he may indeed plunder his house.* Satan is the strong man, the tough guy who holds this world in thrall, who possesses us as if we were his property to squeeze, con, beguile, waste. And Jesus identifies his mission as one of burglary. By way of his exorcisms, miracles, parables he binds the hands of Satan so that he may run off with us; rescue us as his precious booty – to lodge us in a new household where faith, hope and love may thrive. Beware of Jesus. He’s a thief, a pickpocket. He’s got his eyes on your wallet with all the false identification whereby we make our way through life. He’s going to lift that identity but only to reveal to you your true identity as a child of God – the only credentials that count.

Robert Southwell, the Jesuit martyr of the 1500’s appreciated Jesus as a thief. In his lovely Christmas poem he wrote: *This little Babe so few days old, / Is come to rifle Satan’s fold; / All hell doth at his presence quake, / Though he himself for cold do shake; / For in this weak unarmed wise / The gates of hell he will surprise. / With tears he fights and wins the field, / His naked breast stands for a shield; / His battering shot are babish cries, / His arrows looks of weeping eyes . . . / His camp is pitched in a stall, / His bulwark but a broken wall; / The crib his trench, haystacks his stakes; / Of shepherds he his muster makes . . . / My soul, with Christ join thou in fight; / Stick to the tents that he hath plight. / Within his crib is surest ward; / This little Babe will be thy guard. / If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy, / Then flit not from this heavenly Boy.*

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Geoff Wood