

Gathering Song:

Take Up Your Cross

BB#715

Refrain:

Take up your cross, take up your cross. Take up your cross and fol - low me.

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Gloria:

Glory to God (card is in the pew pocket)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116: I Will Walk Before the Lord

I will walk be fore the Lord, in the land of_ the liv - ing, in the land of_ the liv - ing.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia (card in the pew pocket)

Preparation of Gifts:

I Will Choose Christ

BB#516

I will choose Christ, I will choose love, I choose to serve.

I give_ my heart, I give_ my life, I give_ my all_ to you.

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Mass:

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

Communion Song:

Our Life is Hidden with Christ

BB#521

Our life is hid - den with Christ. Once cru - ci - fied, in glo - ry now, he holds all things, the whole cre - a - tion, with - in the heart of God.

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Closing Song:

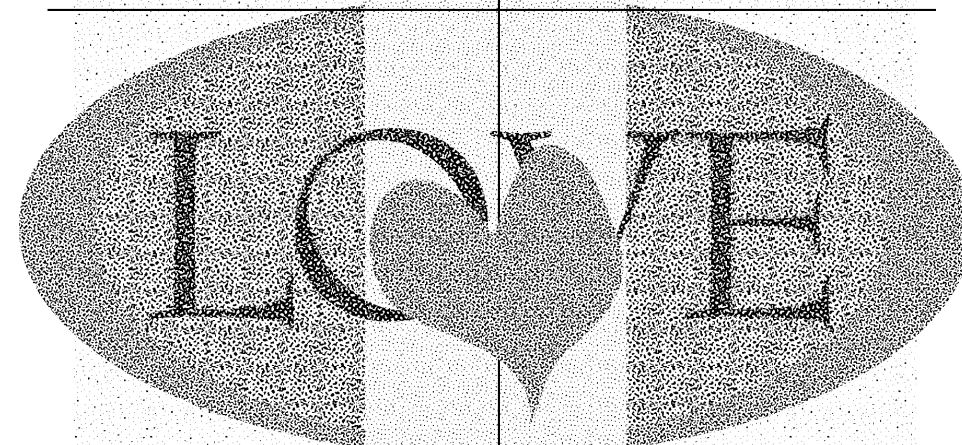
High Above Our Way

BB#503

Refrain: High above our way is the mind of God, love much greater than my own. Into your hand I commend my life; true love is found in Christ alone.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15, 2024

As far as the east is from the west



so far has the Lord
put our transgressions from us

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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. 14th – Sept. 22

Sat. 14 5:00 p.m. Yolanda Celio †
Sun. 15 9:30 a.m. Felix Mapa †
Dennis Donnelly †
Mon. 16 8:30 a.m. Margaret & Thomas Kelly †
Tues. 17 **NO MASS**
Wed. 18 8:30 a.m. Donna June Lewis †
Thurs. 19 8:30 a.m. Kai Rego †
Friday 20 8:30 a.m. Margarita Ramos †
Sat. 21 5:00 p.m. Louis Casini †
Zachary Zendran †
Sun. 22 9:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Byrne, Lynch, & Boyle Families

FISCAL LOG September 7 / 8

Sunday Collection: \$ 4,035.
St. Leo's Parish Fiesta \$ 12,289.

NEW 2024 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UPDATE
118 Parishioners pledged: \$108,769.38 75%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sept 17 Men's Club Monthly Meeting, 6PM, LSW
Sept 25 SVDP Monthly Meeting, 9AM, BR
Sept 25 R.E. Classes Begin, 1st Year, 5PM, BR
Sept 26 St. Leo's Oktoberfest Ladies Dinner, 6PM, LSW
Sept 28/29 2nd Collection, St. Vincent de Paul
Sept 29 R.E. Classes Begin, 2nd Year, 9AM, BR

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for September
In Memory of
Bill Maffei
Ray & Andre Levesque



“GRATEFUL FOR OUR COMMUNITY”

St. Leo's Parish Fiesta was a big success thanks to our wonderful community who donated their time, energy, enthusiasm, cooking and much more! We are glad to announce that all your hard work paid off and that together we raised **\$12,289!**

As previously mentioned, proceeds from this year's fiesta will benefit the Lillian Wing floor project. In the coming months all the floor Lillian Wing will be replaced including the small storage closet to the side.

OKTOBERFEST LADIES' DINNER: On Thursday, September 26th we will have our next Ladies Dinner. Doors will open at 5:30p.m. and Dinner will be at 6:00p.m. Tickets will be on sale for \$20 per person this weekend, after Masses. This dinner will benefit the parking lot project.
Menu: Brats (sausage), Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage, Spätzle Noodles, Dessert, Wine included.

ST. LEO'S UPCOMING PROJECTS: In the coming weeks, there will be projects happening that we would like to make our community aware of.

- The SVDP shed/concession building, located by the bocce courts, will be replaced with a larger storage unit. This storage unit will be used by SVDP, Bocce Club, and for grounds maintenance equipment.
- The enclosed East parking will be demolished and replaced. The rest of the parking lot will be resurfaced and re-stripped.
- The lawn area right outside Lillian Wing will be replaced with a hard clean surface.
- We are working on replacing the round heavy tables in Lillian Wing with hard-density polyethylene (plastic) tables. If anyone is interested in purchasing a table in memory of a loved one, please contact the parish office to get on the list.

SVDP MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, September 25th at 9:00 a.m. in the Finnegan Center.

BOCCE NEWS: 3rd Annual Grande Festa Della Bocce, Friday & Sat., October 4th & 5th. Registration deadline: September 15th. Forms are available in the Bocce pocket out in front of church or online: www.stleosbocceclub.org.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Long time parishioner, Carol Hanna, passed away on Friday, Sept. 13th. Please keep Carole, Richard and family in your prayers. Service to be arranged.

MEN'S CLUB DINNER MEETING: Tuesday, September 17th in Lillian Wing. Cocktails at 6p.m. and dinner at 6:30p.m. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. Contact Steve Rogers, (707) 771-9290.

What God creates is . . . miraculous and we don't wonder about it. Once there was nothing and now there is a world.

The above is a quote from Saint Caesarius. He was a bishop of the French city of Arles around 500 AD. He was also a sign of the times for he was part Roman (Latin) and part German, resulting from the old, now shaky Roman Empire's inundation by German tribes from the forests east of the Rhine River. And Caesarius' job was to Christianize and civilize these pagan newcomers.

And one major thing he had to worry about was the newcomers' fascination with biblical miracle stories. There was the danger that they might be so fascinated by the miraculous in the Gospels (Jesus walking on water or raising a dead man to life) that they might miss the Gospel miracles' *more radical intent* upon human beings in general. So Saint Caesarius wrote copiously about that deeper sense of such episodes, namely that they were not just marvelous deeds of long ago but relevant far beyond their factual description.

For instance, in dealing with the episode where Jesus changes water into wine, Caesarius says Jesus didn't just displace the water with wine – rather he *let the water stay but changed its quality* – which is what Christ came to do in relation to everything in this world. Until Christ, people lived on some watery kind of superstition or philosophy, insipid, stale – even the old Law of Moses. Nor did Christ come to displace those traditions, to pour humanity's prior heritages down the drain – but to improve their quality. As Caesarius said, *The measure remains the same in quantity, but grace is added in quality . . . that waters retain their fullness* [there is much that is rich in old traditions] *but by a secret infusion they receive another kind of power.* In other words, the Church did not exist to puritanically annihilate the values of prior cultures and certainly not the Hebrew Testament, but baptized them in the belief that nothing human is without the potential to become divine.

Or to take another example in reference to Old Testament prophecies – when after his resurrection Jesus (unrecognized) was having dinner at Emmaus with two sad disciples. They expressed their disappointment over Jesus' crucifixion. They had read the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah and the liberation of Israel literally – in other words had imbibed them as if they were water, as if they were purely political in intent, back to the good old days of King David. But Jesus then walked them through the Old Testament and as he did so those prophecies became wine. He unfolded their deeper, universal reach beyond Israel's political hopes. And Caesarius goes on to say that after Jesus had changed their watery sense of prophecy into something as sparkling as wine they themselves were no longer cold or lukewarm but aglow with the Holy Spirit – “For now,” says Caesarius, “through the grace of Christ who had interpreted the Scripture for them, they had drunk spiritual wine.”

Christians nowadays bemoan the changing times, the secularization of our world, the seeming decline of Church influence, the attraction of other cultures than the one we have known. Our times are not unlike those of Caesarius' day – but he rather than moan was convinced of the universal reach of our Judeo-Christian heritage, its capacity to include all that was good in every culture – in other words its catholicity in other than the parochial sense of the word catholic. Where we as believers may still see in the expanding world around us only tasteless water, there may be plentiful wine.

Geoff Wood

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