

Gathering Song: *At The Name of Jesus* **BB#730**

Refrain: *At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him:
King of glory now. Jesus is Lord, King of glory now!*

1. He emptied himself, as a slave, yet free,
came in human likeness for you and for me;
in human likeness for you and for me.
2. He humbled himself, and obeyed God's will.
On a cross he died on Calvary's hill;
for you and for me he obeyed God's will.

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

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 54: The Lord Upholds My Life*

The Lord up - holds my life, the Lord up - holds my life.

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



Preparation of Gifts: *Litany of Humility*

1. O Je - sus, meek and hum - ble heart - ed,
hear my prayer, hear my prayer.

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



Communion Song: *Servant Song* **BB#393**

Je - sus, Je - sus, you are the Lord.

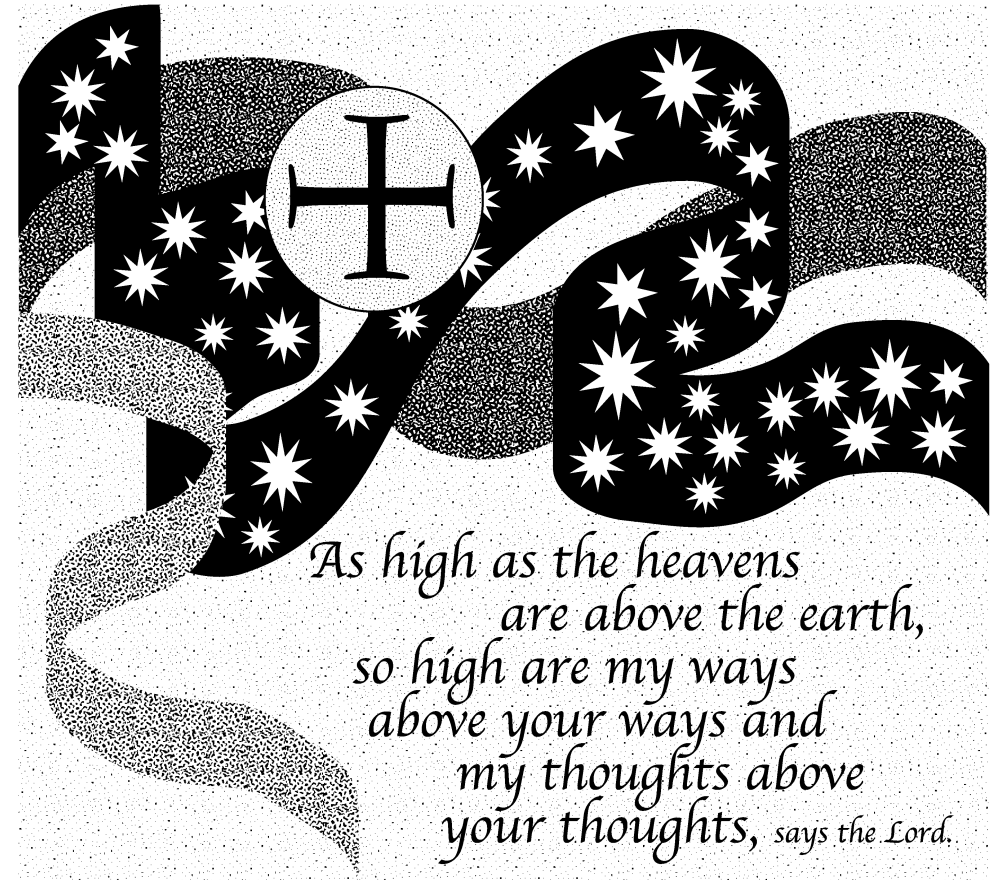
Je - sus, Je - sus, you are the way.

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Closing Song: *We Belong to You* **BB#642**

Refrain: *We belong to you, O Lord of our longing, we belong to you.
In our daily living, dying and rising we belong to you.*

*25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22, 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.stleesonoma.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. 21st – Sept. 29

Sat. 21 5:00 p.m. Louis Casini †
Zachary Zendran †
Sun. 22 9:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Byrne, Lynch, & Boyle Families
Mon. 23 8:30 a.m. Sally Lindberg †
Tues. 24 **NO MASS**
Wed. 25 8:30 a.m. Bill Maffei †
Sandra Mena †
Thurs. 26 8:30 a.m. Amanda Conti Haver †
Friday 27 8:30 a.m. Cosme Ramirez †
Sat. 28 5:00 p.m. Hugh Pendergast †
Anita Hines † & Richard Facciola †
Sun. 29 9:30 a.m. Paulette Louise Hruska † &
Barnard Bohumil Hruska †

FISCAL LOG September 14 / 15

Sunday Collection: \$3,321 .

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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
Oct 3/4 3rd Annual Grande Festa Della Bocce

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for September
In Memory of
Bill Maffei



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

MEMORIAL SERVICE Long time parishioner, Carol Hanna, passed away on Friday, Sept. 13th. Service has been scheduled for Friday, September 27th at 11:00 a.m. Please keep Carole, Richard and family in your prayers.

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 NEWS

5th SUNDAY OF THE MONTH NEXT WEEKEND – 2nd Collection is for 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

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

REMINDER The 3rd Annual Grande Festa Della Bocce is set for Friday & Sat., October 4th & 5th.

FREE FLU VACCINES In partnership with Sonoma Valley Hospital, we will offer free flu vaccines on Sunday, Sept. 29th after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Mass.

KOLBE-TRINITY, a K-12 school, will host its 6th Annual International Food Festival on the school grounds of 2055 Redwood Rd. in Napa on Saturday, Oct. 5th from 11a.m. - 5p.m. Admission and parking are free. Tickets are available for purchase for food, drinks, bouncy house, and carnival games.

Taking a child . . . he said . . . , "Whoever receives one child such as this . . . receives me . . ."
Mark 9:37

Elsewhere in Mark's Gospel we meet a similar expression: *Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.* And then there is Matthew's Gospel's version of the same statement: *Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.* What can Christ mean by those words The Kingdom of God or The Kingdom of Heaven? Where lies this Kingdom of Heaven into which only a child can enter? Well think back to your childhood because if a child can enter the Kingdom of Heaven and, of course, you were once a child, you must at times have stumbled into it back then.

Old age, increasingly bewildered by the disarray of current times, tends to recall those earlier stages of one's life. And so I remember when – as the Great Depression came to a close – my parents chose to leave the inner city with all its brick, mortar and asphalt (we had two trees on our street of sixty face to face houses) and overnight I found myself in a suburb of some development but where still there were woodlands, abandoned farms with fields gone fallow and fruit trees growing wild; there were rose arbors, creeks, swimming holes – a region reached only by Toonerville trolleys. It was a new world where I could wander wide, discover snakes and jump at the sudden flight of a pheasant . . . a Garden of Eden [on the verge of urbanization]. The Kingdom of Heaven!

Children do have this knack – un-introduced as yet to the lethal silliness of adults – to see things fresh. Maybe it's because it's their imaginations more than that enlarged walnut in our craniums that directs their vision. I have mentioned in the past Kenneth Grahame's stories describing the way a family of British children – appalled at the way adults had to live – found an illustrated story book whose pages in their eyes became three dimensional – where they saw meadows set with flowers, blue and red, like gems and a white road looping up a steep hill crowned with towers, and belfries – and knights riding two by two . . . a ship in port with an odd sort of crow's-nest at the top . . . *a world wherein a story lay hidden.* Grahame titled that story "The Walls Were Made of Jasper" – like those of St. John's heavenly Jerusalem in the Book of Revelation descending upon our earth.

May not the Kingdom of Heaven be this very world into which we are born – which can be turned into a hell on earth by adults who have eyes to see but do not see – or are conditioned to see only production lines that transform nature into stuff – useful stuff – but no more pheasants? Old John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892) – a poet whom I have quoted before – envied any child who still inhabited that Kingdom of Heaven:

Blessings on thee, little man, / Barefoot boy, with cheek of tan! / . . . With thy red lip, redder still / Kissed by strawberries on the hill; / With the sunshine on thy face, / . . . From my heart I give thee joy, — / I was once a barefoot boy! // Prince thou art, — the grown-up man / Only is republican. / Let the million-dollar ride! / Barefoot, trudging at his side, / Thou hast more than he can buy / In the reach of ear and eye, — / Outward sunshine, inward joy: / Blessings on thee, barefoot boy!

Geoff Wood

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