

## 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](http://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. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

Sat 2	5:00 pm	Yolanda Celio †
Sun 3	9:30 am	Erwin G. Tompkins † and Joe McDermott †
Mon 4	8:30 am	Marina V. Mapa, R.S.C.J. † and Ashley Renee Lynn Pound †
Tues 5		<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed 6	8:30 am	Gloria Durante †
Thurs 7	8:30 am	John P. Wason †
Friday 8	8:30 am	Elaine & Paul Tompkins †
Sat 9	5:00 pm	Virgilia Vargas Mapa † And Richard Facciola †
Sun 10	9:30 am	Joe Byrne † and Frank Lynch †

## FISCAL LOG August 26 / 27

**Sunday Collection:** \$ 2,858.  
**Visiting Missionary** \$ 3,451.  
**2023 APC– 114 have Pledged \$111,563.11 @ 77%**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sept 4	Labor Day Holiday, Office will be closed
Sept 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> year RE kids, Sunday, Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>
Sept 13	First year RE kids, Wednesday Sept 13 <sup>th</sup>
Oct 4	HS Youth Ministry starts, 7PM
Oct 5	Jr High Confirmation classes, 6:30PM

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



2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – St. Leo's Development Fund. Donations to the **Development Fund** help support the maintenance of our buildings and grounds.

AN INVITATION FROM S.R. DIOCESE to attend the Religious Education Congress on Saturday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. This event is free. For more information check out the diocesan website @ [www.srdiocese.org](http://www.srdiocese.org).

**MAUI RELIEF SPECIAL COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>/ 10<sup>TH</sup>** Many want to know how they can help the victims of the devastating fire on the island of Maui, Hawaii. Funds to help this cause 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 to aid in the Maui relief effort.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRESENTATION: On Tues., Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 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: October 20, 2023

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](mailto:VickiCastBorn@aol.com).

**ST. LEO'S MEN'S CLUB 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL ALL OPEN BOCCIE TOURNAMENT:** Friday & Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Thank you Colman wherever you are

Many years ago I was present at the First Mass of a newly ordained priest. This was in the 1950's, prior to Vatican II. And the priest chosen to deliver the homily at that Mass was Fr. Colman Gallacher, a Franciscan, a ruddy Scotsman – a belated vocation who had worked until he was about 35 in the shipyards of Glasgow. Had he been a Protestant fundamentalist he could have made a fortune. By that I mean he could hold audiences in sway, was an extrovert, indeed a real showman. Before he was even ordained I watched him as a seminarian serve Mass at a special event and in his mere shifting the Missal from one side of the altar to the other and bearing the cruets and genuflecting – he upstaged the celebrant; his movements were equivalent to a ballet.

And yet he was quite virile, spoke a Scots brogue – which he could modulate depending on his audience. Even as a seminarian he founded the St. Margaret of Scotland Guild as a fundraiser for his seminary education and other good works. I have heard descriptions of his arrival at train stations where the Guild was having meetings greeted by skirling bagpipes and striding majestically down the railroad platform amid scores of Scots/Irish admirers.

And I still remember his sermon on that day of the young priest's First Mass. In his Scot's accent he spoke of a day and night on the Western Front in the First World War. A Scots company had advanced into No Man's Land – too far; and found itself cut off from its own lines. Encirclement was imminent; aggravated by the fact that the company's portable telephone went dead. They could send no call for help. Volunteers tried to make their way back but never returned.

Finally an old sergeant offered to trace the broken wire to splice it. He crawled out of the company's perimeter. Minutes went by, a half hour, an hour; suddenly the phone came alive. The company was able to gain help, was recovered and saved. And as the officer in charge followed his survivors across the battlefield he saw the old sergeant, dead in a shell hole, pinching between his forefinger and thumb the broken ends of the wire.

Colman brought his story to an end saying, "That's what a priest does; keeps alive the line between a bewildered human race and a God of grace - in the midst of a world that too often is very much like No Mans Land."

The image held everyone's attention – so much so that one might forget what it means liturgically. It means that when you are confused by a biblical image such as Jonah's being swallowed by a whale, it is the preacher's role to reconnect you to the applicable sense of that story, to reveal that Jonah is you! and that you should consider in what ways you have been swallowed by a whale, by fear, prejudice, obstinacy, a reluctance to engage in life, to flee from a crisis. It means applying the images of Scripture to your life and society's life, delivering you from a suffocating existence to life regained.

Aside from oneself, might not one even say that our own nation, our world has been swallowed by a whale? It's the role of the Church's ministry to awaken us to that predicament and deposit us upon a shore whence we can begin to breathe again – as the Christ-like beings God meant us to BE.

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**Geoff Wood**