

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

"Where all are Welcome"



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September 5, 2021 ~ Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR ST. LEO'S DEVELOPMENT FUND:

This weekend, Sept. 4/5 is the 1st Sunday of the month. The second collection will be for St. Leo's Development Fund. Money collected is for the upkeep of the parish grounds and buildings on site. The timing for the collection is perfect since we are replacing a furnace and AC system in the rectory.

SERVICE UPDATE FOR JOE BYRNE:

Long time parishioner, Joe Byrne passed away following a short illness. Services for Joe are as follows: **CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEKS BULLETIN: Wednesday, September 8th, 3:30pm, viewing, followed at 5:30pm with the Rosary and will TAKE PLACE AT ST. FRANCIS SOLANO.** The funeral Mass will be here at St. Leo's on Thursday, Sept. 9th at 11am. Please keep the Byrne and Lynch families in your prayers during their time of loss.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY of St. Leo's:

Anyone In need of food can call the office Wednesday thru Friday to order from the pantry. Clients must call the parish office to place an order by 11a.m. Pick up time is 11:30a.m. to 12noon. Clients may call to order food once a week, 996-8422. Every Tuesday, our SVDP and the Redwood Empire Food Bank distribute "Groceries to Go" in the parking lot from 8:45 – 10a.m. The food distribution is first come, first served. No need to call ahead, just show up.

ST. LEO'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

ALL CLASSES WILL BE VIRTUAL THIS YEAR. REGISTRATION for the coming year is closed. Inquiries or questions please call Rosa at 996-7503.

CONFESSION OFFERED: Fr. Jojo is available to hear confessions by appointment only. Call the office, 996-8422 to set up an appointment.

REMEMBER IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO DONATE TO OUR ANNUAL CAMPAIGN!

SANCTUARY LAMP

Dedication for September

In Memory of Judy Paolini



Mass Times

Saturday Mass:
5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:
9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Spanish

Sunday Masses are Live Streamed on Facebook, YouTube, or 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 and Adoration

✠ Sacraments ✠

Baptisms: Call the office, 996-8422

Weddings: Call the office, 996-8422

MASS INTENTIONS: September 4th – September 12th

Sat 4	5:00 p.m.	Marina V. Mapa, R.S.C.J. †
Sun 5	9:30 a.m.	Don & Clare Callejon † & Ashley Renee Lynn Pound †
Mon 6	8:30 a.m.	Gloria Durante †
Tues 7	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Wed 8	8:30 a.m.	Elaine & Paul Tompkins †
Thurs 9	8:30 a.m.	Virgilia Vargas Mapa †
Friday 10	8:30 a.m.	Salvador Diaz, Special Intention
Sat 11	5:00 p.m.	Rosito Correa †
Sun 12	9:30 a.m.	Bill Shrum †

FISCAL LOG August 14 / 15

Sunday Collection: \$ 2,423.

ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UNDATE:

149 Parishioners have pledged: \$127,866. ~ 88%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sept. 5	Development Fund, Second Collection
Sept. 6	Labor Day Holiday, OFFICE CLOSED
Sept. 9	Funeral Mass for Joe Byrne, 11AM
Sept. 18/19	Special 2 nd Collection for Haiti (D)
Sept. 19	RE classes resume
Sept. 21	Men's Club Monthly Meeting, 6PM, LSW

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EUCCHARIST TO THE SICK:

If you know of someone that is ill or is not able to attend Mass who would like to receive the Eucharist, please let us know by calling the rectory, 996-8422.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

The office staff is available Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Parish office phone number, 996-8422.

CREEK CLEAN UP SCHEDULED:

The Sonoma Ecology Center together with Good Riddance Hauling and Sonoma Rotary volunteers will be doing a clean-up on Saturday, Sept. 18th, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information check out the following website, sonomaecologysonoma.org.

A can do all things through HIM who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

If . . . you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," have you not made distinctions among yourselves? Letter of James 2: 3-4.

Having had to place my wife into Assisted Living recently, I am reminded of a story written by Eudora Welty about a Campfire Girl's visit to elderly people in such a facility – *one not to be compared to the one where Jane now resides*. The story is titled "A Visit of Charity". It's about a fourteen year old Campfire Girl named Marian who, bearing a potted plant, pays a visit to an Old Ladies Home upon a wintry day. The nurse who opened the door was also dressed in white – like the snow. "I'm a Campfire Girl," said Marian. "I have to pay a visit to some old lady." (The visit was worth three points toward a merit badge.)

The nurse asked if she were acquainted with any specific residents. "With any old ladies? . . . No - but any of them will do." The nurse took her down a corridor to one of the rooms, "There are two in each room." "Two what?" asked Marian. Suddenly Marian was alone with two old women. One was feeble but up and about. With a claw like hand she plucked off Marian's hat. "Did you come to be our little girl for awhile?" she asked - and then snatched the potted plant. The other woman was lying flat in bed, cranky. "Stinkweeds," she said, referring to the plant. And so it went, with the one being cloyingly sweet and the other irritable. The tension in the room made Marian go rigid.

The irritable woman summoned Marian to her side. "Come here!" Marian trembled. The other woman explained: "She's mad because it's her birthday." "It's not my birthday," screamed the woman in bed. "No one knows when that is but myself and will you please be quiet or I'll go straight out of my mind!" Marian wondered about her for a moment "as though there was nothing else in the world to wonder about." It was the first time she had ever experienced anything like this. Then the old face in the pillow slowly collapsed. "Soft whispers came out . . . she sounded like -- a little lamb." Surprised and embarrassed, Marian turned to the other woman and said, "She's crying!"

And with that she jumped up, grabbed her cap and, eluding the other lady's grasp, ran from the room, . . . past the nurse and out into the cold air. "Wait for me!" she shouted to a passing bus and jumped on; then sat down and took a bite of an apple she had hidden for herself.

We have all been somehow educated to repress our powers of perception, to shy away from pain. But to avoid intimate sharing, engagement with one another is to abort our capacity to become profound, fully human beings in the manner of Christ. Shared broken hearts have a way of becoming wonderfully open hearts. Of course, that's what a Church is meant to be - a place where, beneath the image of the crucified Christ, we may honestly exchange our pain and in the process discover ourselves to be not strangers at all but a family with so much in common.

Hopefully Marian will one day return to that Old Ladies Home with something more than a merit badge in mind.

Geoff Wood