

Gathering Song:
*Refrain: Give us your peace, O God; give us your peace, your peace.
Danos tu paz, oh Dios; danos tu paz, tu paz.*

Give Us Your Peace
BB#478

1. When we're afraid, running from truth, gather us back to you.
Take every fear and fill our hearts. Give us your peace, O God.

2. When we are tired, weary, and worn, take us into your arms.
Where there is no need, there is no want. Give us your peace, O God.

3. Lord, we belong to you alone; show us the way back home
Into your light, into your love. Give us your peace, O God.

Gloria:
(Music in the pew pocket)

Glory to God

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful



The Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger and rich in com-pas-sion.
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Gospel Acclamation:
Watson Alleluia

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Preparation of Gifts:
*Refrain: You alone are holy, you alone are Lord. You alone are worthy to be honored and adored.
Mercy you have given, kindness you have shown. Love is you alone.*

You Alone
BB#666

Mass:
Holy: BB#865

Mass of Creation
Memorial Acclamation: BB#866

Marty Haugen
Amen: BB#867

Lamb of God: BB#868

Communion Song:

Ubi Caritas
BB#354



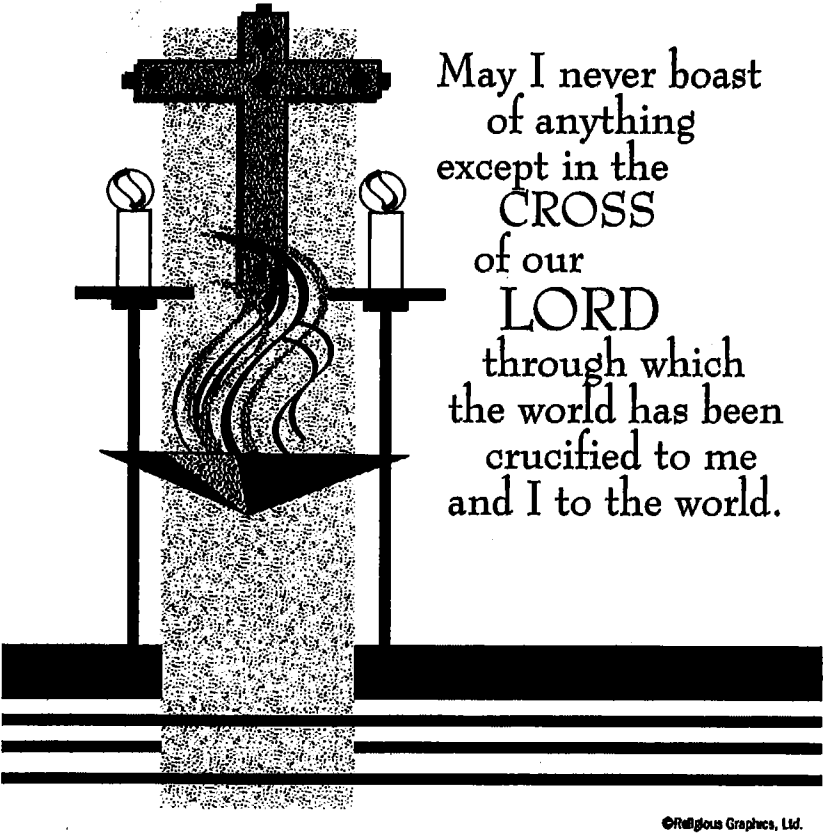
*U -bi ca - ri - tas est ve - ra, est ve - ra; De - us i - bi est, De - us i - bi est.
*Where there is true charity, God is present. Donde hay caridad verdadera, alli esta Dios.
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Closing Song:
1. Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep! A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light. The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.
*Refrain: Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!*

City of God
BB#382

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2026



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UPDATED Parish Office Hours

Monday – Thursday, 9AM to 6:30PM
Parish Office is Closed on Fridays

Mass Times

Saturday Mass: **Sunday Masses:**
5:00 p.m. **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: September 12th – Sept. 20th

Sat 12 5:00 p.m. Louis Casini †
Sun 13 9:30 a.m. Patricia Ramirez †
& Dennis Donnelly †
Mon 14 8:30 a.m. Joe Byrne †, Frank Lynch †
Deceased members: Byrne, Lynch, & Boyle families
Tues 15 **NO MASS**
Wed 16 8:30 a.m. Margaret & Thomas Kelly †
And Jim Haver †
Thurs 17 8:30 a.m. Joan Polan †
Friday 18 8:30 a.m. Virginia Slevin †
Sat 19 5:00 p.m. Richard Facciola †
Sun 20 9:30 a.m. Kay Adams †

FISCAL LOG September 5 / 6

Sunday Collection: \$4,762.
Development Fund: \$2,497.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sept 15 Men's Club Monthly Meeting, 6PM, LSW
Sept 26/27 2nd Collection – Church in Africa
Sept 28 SVDP Monthly Meeting, 5PM, BR

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



IN LOVING MEMORY: Please keep Declan Cunniff and Mary Pat Manning in your prayers. Declan passed away on Fri., Sept. 10th. A beloved St. Leo's parishioner, he faithfully served as a lector and Eucharistic minister, helped count the weekly collection, and helped establish and manage our parish library during its active years. May he rest in peace, and may God comfort Mary Pat and all his family and loved ones. Memorial service information will be shared with the parish community when available.

COFFEE & DONUTS: Enjoy your coffee and donuts in the Lillian Wing and if the weather permits, under the outside awning of the wing.

MEN'S CLUB DINNER MEETING: Tuesday, September 15th in the Lillian Wing. Cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Greg McSweeney, (415) 238-5940.

YOUTH MINISTRY / CONFIRMATION: Our 8th grade class and wait list are full. There is still available space in the High School program. To sign up or have any questions, contact Nancy Gibson, (707) 291-1916.

High School 1st day is Wed., Sept. 16th, 7-8 p.m.
Jr. High 1st day is Thurs., Sept. 17th, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS ED. / FIRST COMMUNION INFO:
Second-year students: Classes begin Sunday, September 20th, from 9:30–11:00 a.m.
First-year students: Classes begin on Wednesday, September 23rd, from 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Info: Call Rosa Chavez at (707) 996-7503.

SUPPORT ST. LEO'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Shop at Sonoma Market / Nugget Market and support St. Leo's Religious Education through the Community Scrip Program. Participation is free, with no cost to you or the parish. To get your Community Scrip Card, contact Michelle in the parish office at (707) 996-8422, Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS: To accommodate working members, our meeting is now held on the 4th Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. Our next meeting is Monday, September 28th in the Benziger Room.

Are you home today?

Today's Gospel reading presents us with a parable in which the master of a house is very strict about closing time. He required that his residents return home by – let's say – 7 pm. Arrive a minute later and go find someplace else to stay for the night. And no amount of chatter about it –like: but I was delayed by traffic or saw something in a shop window . . . Time's up, door's closed. This is one way Jesus had of impressing upon his audiences (and us) the urgency of his message, to change their lives, to stop finding excuses to remain half-baked in their belief in – say – his Sermon on the Mount, his call to extravagant caring for others, caring for all the created world that lies around us. Don't waste your time delaying your commitment to gracious, authentic being.

But the New Testament contains reversals of such divine sternness – other parables in which it is *Jesus* who arrives at *your* door and expects access to the deepest levels of your lives and minds. Like in the Book of Revelation where we read: *Behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him and dine with him and he with me.* In such cases it is we who are expected to *open up* to Christ's arrival – whatever the hour of the day or night that may be.

One poet who died a half century ago – Walter de la Mare – wrote of such an occasion. The title is "The Listeners". In it we are the householders – holed up in our familiar, closed environments, and a Traveller arrives – to persistently knock on our locked doors. *"Is there anybody there?" said the Traveller, / Knocking on the moonlit door; / And his horse in the silence champ'd the grasses / of the forest's ferny floor.* No answer. So a second time the Traveller asks: *"Is there anybody there?" / But no one descended, / No head from the leaf-fringed sill / Leaned over and looked into his grey eyes, / Where he stood perplexed and still.*

Now the Traveller knew very well that the house was full of silent listeners *thronging the faint moonbeams on the dark stair, / That goes down to the empty hall, / Harkening in an air stirred and shaken / By the lonely Traveller's call.* So the Traveller finally smote upon the door even louder: *"Tell them I came, and no one answered, / That I kept my word,"* he said. But still to no avail. *Never the least stir made the listeners, / Though every word he spake / Fell echoing through the shadowiness of the still house / From the one man left awake.*

From the one man left awake! What an appropriate description of the Risen Christ himself. This Risen Christ comes to us from beyond the shadow of death; beyond the grip of this nightmare we call "the news"; beyond the narcotic effect of things we call "entertainment"! He comes to us as the one man who has ever been fully awake in this world and who would invite us, even as he invited doubting Thomas, to touch him and discover how much more real he is (and all that he stands for) compared to what a weary, godless version of the world has to offer.

Nor do his invitations ever really cease. The Traveller of de la Mare's poem rides off never to be seen again but that can never be said of Christ. Christ stands perpetually at our door and knocks - be it by way of a friend's concern or a good homily or a blue sky or a gentle rain or the chalice of his blood or those California poppies waving to us from a roadside ditch. In infinite ways Christ is never late for an appointment with us.

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Geoff Wood