

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: October 18th – Oct. 26th

Sat. 18 5:00 p.m. Sr. Julianna Vagnozzi †
& Richard Facciola †
Sun. 19 9:30 a.m. Joe Byrne † & Frank Lynch †
Deceased members of Byrne, Lynch & Boyle Families
Mon. 20 8:30 a.m. Russ Montgomery †
Tues. 21 **NO MASS**
Wed. 22 8:30 a.m. Rita & John Shine †
Thurs. 23 8:30 a.m. Donna June Lewis †
Friday 24 8:30 a.m. Bill Maffei †
Sat. 25 5:00 p.m. Mary Rose & Bob Donohue †
Sun. 26 9:30 a.m. Amanda Conti Haver †
& Michael Mullaney †

FISCAL LOG: October 11 / 12

Sunday Collection: \$ 4,171.
Spare Change Fundraiser: \$27,048.95

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Oct 18/19 2nd Collection – World Mission Sunday
Oct. 19 FREE Flu Clinic, after 8am & 9:30am Masses
Oct 21 Men's Club Dinner Meeting, 6PM, LSW
Oct 26 Adult Ed, 10:30AM, Benziger Rm.
Oct 29 SVdP Monthly Meeting, 9AM, FINN
Nov 1/2 2nd Collection: St Leo Development Fund

SANCTUARY LAMP

Dedication for October

In Memory of the

Tellez & Ferreyra Families



2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: Oct. 18/19, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. Funds collected support the pastoral and evangelizing work of the Church, including building churches, providing healthcare, education and training future priests and religious.

FLU VACCINE CLINIC BEING OFFERED, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th: Sonoma Valley Hospital will offer **free** Flu vaccines after the 8a.m. and 9:30a.m. Masses.

ROSARY & MARIAN CROWNING at the Carmelite House of Prayer on Sunday, October 19th at 2:00p.m. Following the rosary, there will be a Crowning of Mary with Adoration & Benediction in the chapel. Refreshments will follow on Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Center. Location: 20 Mt Carmel Dr. off Oakville Grade Rd. Oakville is on Hwy 29, between St. Helena & Napa.

MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY MEETING: The Men's Club invites all the men of the parish to the monthly dinner and **meeting on Tuesday, October 21st.** Cocktails start at 6:00pm and dinner is at 7pm.

WE'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE INVOLVED with our Autumn Festival last Sunday. It was a huge success.

ST. FRANCIS SOLANO CHURCH cordially invites you to attend a "Beyond Measure" concert featuring the acclaimed Filipino singing group **4th Impact**, scheduled for Saturday, October 25th at 7 PM, to be held at Cardinal Newman High School. **4th Impact's** strong vocals have been showcased on UK's X-Factor and other international competitions. Call St. Francis parish office for more information, (707) 996-6759.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: October's meeting has changed to the 5th Wednesday, October 29th, 9:00a.m., in the FINN Center. Contact Mary Swisher, 707-935-9725 or Patti England, 707-938-9126 for additional information.

CEMETERY TOUR "MEMENTO MORI" - the Diocese of Santa Rosa's annual walk for loved ones on October 31st. Take this historic cemetery pilgrimage through Santa Rosa and conclude at Calvary Catholic Cemetery on the hill. Contact Stephen Morris to RSVP and for more info: dsryouth@srdiocese.org or call (310) 849-2342.

ADULT EDUCATION: All God's People - the parish group that discusses LGBTQ+ issues will be meeting on Sunday, October 26th at 10:30AM in the Benziger Room. All are welcome

I wish I were a celluloid hero like Errol Flynn! (a boyhood fantasy)

How thickheaded could the apostles of Jesus have been? Three times – while enroute to Jerusalem – he tells them that when he arrives there the chief priests and scribes (experts in the Law of Moses) will have him arrested, condemned to death and hand him over to the Romans who will mock, spit upon, scourge and execute him! And yet each prediction fails to register with them.

After the *first* prediction Peter actually takes Jesus aside and chides him for having such morbid thoughts. After the *second* prediction the disciples are still arguing over rank, over who should have seniority over whom. Then, after the *third* and most detailed prediction of his violent death, we read today's Gospel where the disciples James and John (much to the indignation of the other disciples) ask for high places in Jesus' administration.

It's as if any negative conclusion to Jesus' mission must be brushed away like some annoying fly, a nuisance more than a real probability. They imagine they are on some glory road, destined to be better off than they were when struggling fishermen, able to lord it over others instead of being lorded over. They have made a fantasy of Jesus, imposed their own fantasies upon him. They are blinded by such fantasies more so than the actually blind beggar Jesus will heal in next Sunday's Gospel.

They are like the character in the James Thurber story "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty." Mitty is driving his wife to the hairdresser but somewhere in his head he is flying an eight engine Navy seaplane through a winter storm, revving up the engines while the crew trusts that the "Old Man" will get them through. The daydream breaks up when the wife says, "You're driving too fast!" Then once he lets her off, he is driving past a hospital and soon he is a world-class surgeon working on the ductal tract of a millionaire and friend of the President, worried specialists allowing him to take over the operation. Until somebody shouts, "Look out for that Buick!" and Mitty returns to the real world.

Which makes me wonder, in this early season of our presidential campaign, what kind of daydreams our candidates are having. Or should I say utopias, right or left? Do they have any inkling that political success is too often but prelude to an agony of conflict often to an extreme degree – even crucifixion? Do they hear the predictions of the Gospel that service (as in the case of Jesus) entails more suffering than glory? The one president I can think of who did anticipate such suffering was Abraham Lincoln – who knew his Scripture – and he persevered to the end – a very Christ-like figure.

I still remember the thought that crossed my mind when – after 22 years in monastic life (from the age of 15 to 38) – the Church permitted me to return to the lay state and marry. I thought: "I'm letting myself in for a lot of grief." By that I meant, after so long a bachelorhood, I was engaging myself to people so intimately, so dependent on me, children, spouse . . . economically on my own, competing for jobs, possible rejection, having no "entitlement" to respect any more. Grief, vulnerability, my own journey to Jerusalem without illusions. And yet amid such uncertainties, such heartbreak (as with the death of a son), such demands that offered no convenient escape . . . was I not in fact experiencing simultaneously (as Jesus also predicted) a resurrection from the dead, from the deadliness of daydreams, from a world unfamiliar with flesh and blood, the stuff that makes lovers of us all?

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Geoff Wood