

Gathering Song:

Rain Down

BB#589

Refrain: Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.

- 1 Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God's works are so worthy of trust.
God's mercy falls on the just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.
- 2 We who revere and find hope in our God live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.
God will protect us from darkness and death; God will not leave us to starve.

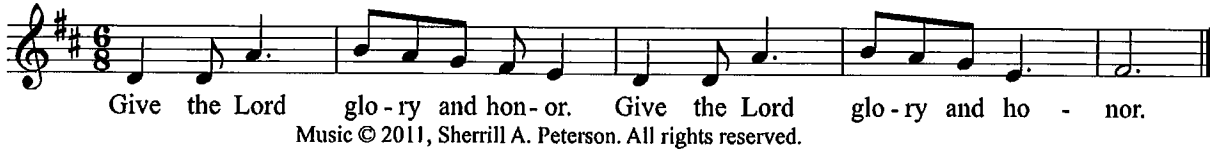
Gloria:

Glory to God

(Music in the pew pocket)

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 96: Glory and Honor



Gospel Acclamation:

Watson Alleluia

Preparation of Gifts:

As Christ is For Us

BB#506

Refrain: So we rise with him each morning, and we work, as work we must,

To be Christ for others as Christ is for us, to be Christ for others as Christ is for us.

Mass:

Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

Holy: BB#865

Memorial Acclamation: BB#866

Amen: BB#867

Lamb of God: BB#868

Communion Song:

Petition

BB#429



Give to the LORD
you families of nations
the GLORY due his NAME!

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Closing Song:

In The Day of the Lord

BB#600

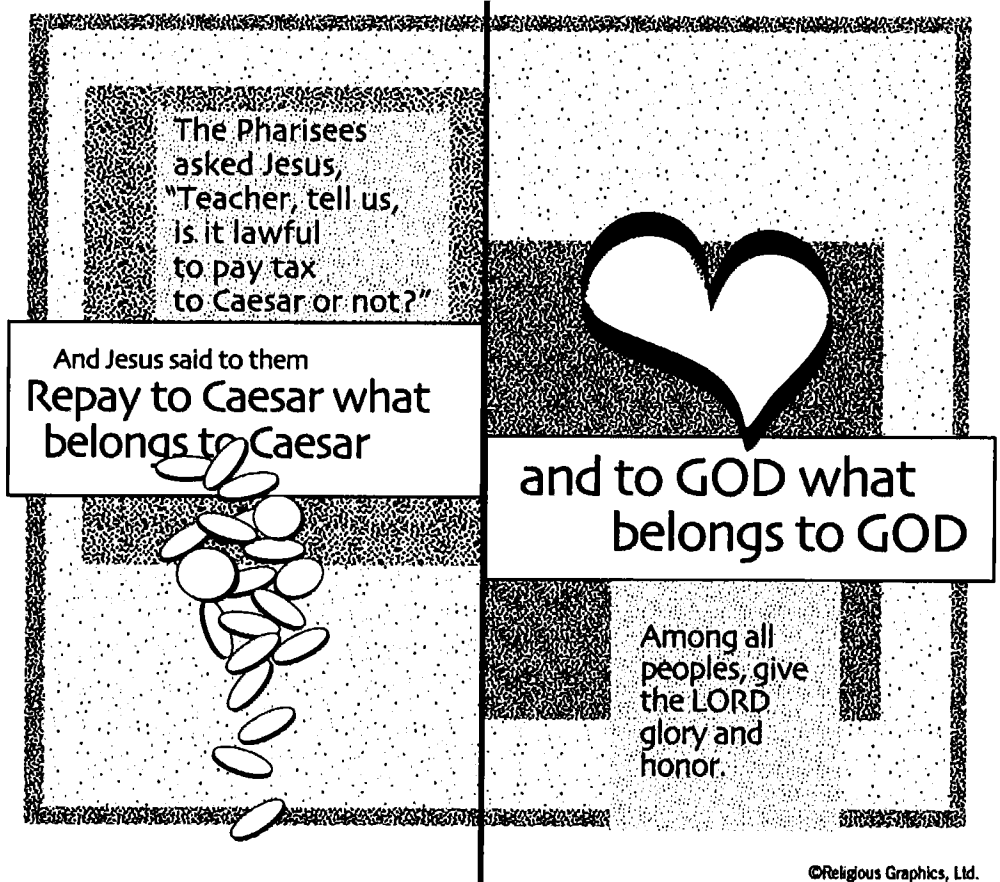
Refrain: In the day of the Lord the sun will shine like the dawn of eternal day.

All creation will rise to dance and sing the glory of the Lord.

- 1 And on that day will justice triumph, on that day will all be free:
Free from want, free from fear, free to live!
- 2 Then shall the nations throng together to the mountain of the Lord:
They shall walk in the light of the Lord!

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 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: 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: October 17th – October 25th

Sat 17 5:00 p.m. Sr. Julianna Vagnozzi †
& Richard Facciola †
Sun 18 9:30 a.m. Don & Barbara Carlson †
Paul & Rae Zraggen †
& Allysa Goodacre, Happy 21st bday
Mon 19 8:30 a.m. Celestina & Rosito Correa †
& Bob Fuentes †
Tues 20 **NO MASS**
Wed 21 8:30 a.m. Herman & Semiona Daligcon †
Thurs 22 8:30 a.m. Correa & Daligcon Families †
Friday 23 8:30 a.m. Declan Cuniff †
Sat 24 5:00 p.m. Louise Canevari Celio †
& Bill Maffei †
Sun 25 9:30 a.m. Joe Byrne †, Frank Lynch †
Deceased members of the Byrne, Lynch & Boyle families

FISCAL LOG October 10 / 11

Sunday Collection: \$ 4,953. Thank You!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Oct 17/18 2nd Collection – World Mission Sunday
Oct 20 Men's Club Monthly Meeting, 6PM, LSW
Nov 8 Adult Ed, 10:30AM, BR

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for October
In Loving Memory of
Ashley Renee Lynn Pound



2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

The second collection we take up for **World Mission Sunday** helps extend the Church's missionary work to places where the Church barely exists, where the Gospel has never been heard before, and where the Church is too young, too persecuted, or too poor to sustain itself. Last year donations help form 41% of seminarians worldwide, build 751 new churches, sustain 1,130 mission dioceses, and support 50% of all religious sisters worldwide.

PLEASE WELCOME Fr. Thomas, who will be providing pastoral care and celebrating the Sacraments with us for the upcoming month while Fr. Jojo is on vacation. Fr. Thomas hails from India and is making his first visit to the United States. He is also a member of the same religious congregation as Fr. Jojo, the Missionaries of Faith. Kindly introduce yourself to him after Mass and keep him in your prayers as he serves our community.

THE FRANCISCAN MONTH: The year 2026 is especially meaningful as we commemorate the 800th Anniversary of the Transitus of St. Francis and reflect on how he embraced Sister Death with joy and love. The Franciscan Month is the month of October. Each week has a theme. See the website, franciscanmonth.org to see what is offered.

MEN'S CLUB DINNER MEETING:

Tuesday, October 20th in the Lillian Wing. Cocktails at 6p.m. and dinner at 6:30p.m. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Greg McSweeney, (415) 238-5940.

ADULT EDUCATION: The "All God's People" our LGBTQ+ study group, will meet **Sunday, November 8th at 10:30a.m. in the Benziger Room.** We'll discuss *LGBTQ Catholics, A Guide to Inclusive Ministry* by Yunuen Trujillo... read it and bring a friend.

COFFEE & DONUTS: Enjoy your coffee and donuts inside the hall or under the outside awning.

HOLD THE DATE: Sunday, December 6th for a Sonoma Valley Chorale Concert at St. Leo's.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH – Scan to Give.
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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 en route 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