

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: October 10th – October 18th

Sat 10 5:00 p.m. Tomasa Deligcon †
Sun 11 9:30 a.m. Michael Tompkins †
& Felix C. Mapa †
Mon 12 8:30 a.m. Sim Valderueda †
Tues 13 **NO MASS**
Wed 14 8:30 a.m. Charlene Abeyta, Healing
& Gil Abeyta †
Thurs 15 8:30 a.m. Rita Shine †
Friday 16 8:30 a.m. Jim Haver †
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

FISCAL LOG October 3 / 4

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,276.
Development Fund: \$ 2,413.

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



WITH OPEN ARMS: Let's welcome Fr. Thomas N., 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. We are deeply appreciative of his generosity, time, and ministry during his stay. Kindly introduce yourself to him after Mass and keep him in your prayers as he serves our community.

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.

2nd COLLECTION NEXT 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR:

Saturday, December 5th from 10a.m. to 4p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 19355 Arnold Drive. Local crafters display a variety of handmade gifts, fashion accessories, and home goods. Free admission and parking.

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

SUPPORT OUR PARISH – Scan to Give.
Thank you for your continued generosity!



The North Galatian Theory

In my final year of theological studies at Catholic University – while still a seminarian – I was enrolled in a Scripture course taught by Fr. John Weisengoff – the faculty's holy terror. Students lived in fear of his eye selecting them out during class – and if you came up with a wrong answer or a personal opinion on a text, you would be ridiculed without mercy. It happened to me when I entered his class five minutes late one day. It seemed like I had to stand there an eternity before his bile ran dry.

And yet, when I wrote a paper on St. Paul's *Letter to the Galatians* I somehow found his favor. He summoned me to his quarters on campus, handed it back and said, "Wood, you write like an Anglican." He meant that as a compliment! By the way, our few daily Mass communicants are probably the only members of our parish who have been exposed to this powerful Letter this past week.

My paper dealt with who these Galatians were to whom Paul wrote around 48-50 AD. One theory is that they were Irishmen! Well maybe not Irish as we know it but they were indeed of the same stock: Celts who had migrated to the northern regions of Asia Minor, evangelized by Paul. My paper favored that theory, counter to alternative theories. Why? Because there were sound arguments in favor of it and (more influentially) because I'm half Irish (Celtic) and scholarship is not without its biases.

And what a letter! Paul seemed infuriated. He had passed through this region revealing God – through Christ – to be a God of Mercy, Grace – lifting the burden of humanity's constant paralysis of fear and guilt, releasing these once superstitious Celts to live graciously even as God lives. But Paul was followed up by other preachers who insisted these new converts had to embrace all the rules and regulations and often divine terror of the Old Testament, to worry about minute practices, to reinstitute circumcision. And these Celts, intimidated by such reactionary teachings, wobbled, allowing that the early Church might drift into becoming a sect within Judaism instead the New, Fresh Creation it was meant to be – risen from the deadliness of anything less than bigness of heart, the bigness of God. Listen to Paul:

I am amazed that you are so quickly forsaking the one who called you by grace for a different gospel (not that there is another). But there are some who are disturbing you and wish to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one that we preached to you, let that one be #@!%&! O stupid Galatians! Who has bewitched you, . . . did you receive the Spirit from works of the law, or from faith in what you heard? Are you so stupid? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? Did you experience so many things in vain? Before faith came, we were held in custody under law, confined for the faith that was to be revealed. Consequently, the law was our disciplinarian for Christ . . . But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a disciplinarian- For through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus- For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.- For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery-

That paper won me the favor of John Weisengoff, the faculty's holy terror. I became his gofer, his errand boy – a privileged status others envied.

(Reprint from 10/12/2014)

Geoff Wood

Gathering Song:

Table of Plenty

BB#312

Refrain: Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!

God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

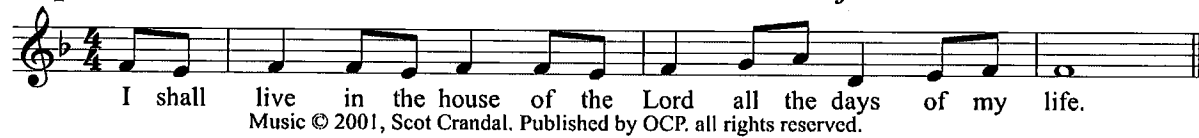
- 1 O come and sit at my tale where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.
- 2 O come and eat without money; come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.

Gloria:

Glory to God

(Music in the pew pocket)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23: I Shall Live in the House of the Lord



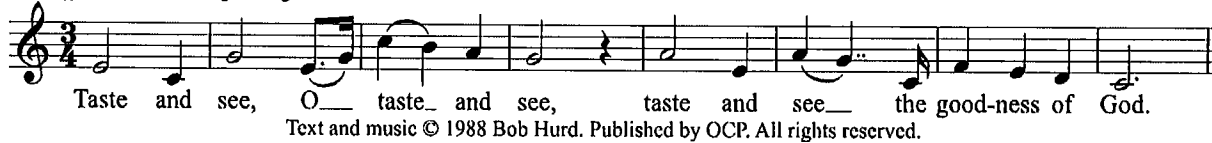
Gospel Acclamation:

Watson Alleluia

Preparation of Gifts:

Taste and See

BB#332



Mass:

Mass of Creation

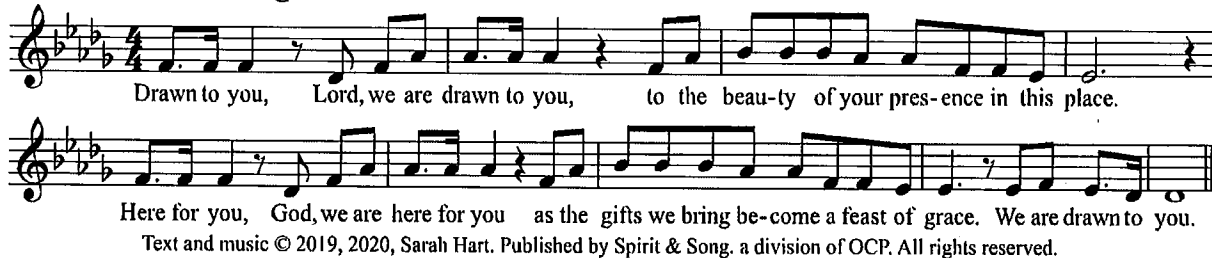
Marty Haugen

Holy: BB#865 Memorial Acclamation: BB#866 Amen: BB#867 Lamb of God: BB#868

Communion Song:

Drawn to You

BB#419



Closing Song:

We Belong to You

BB#645

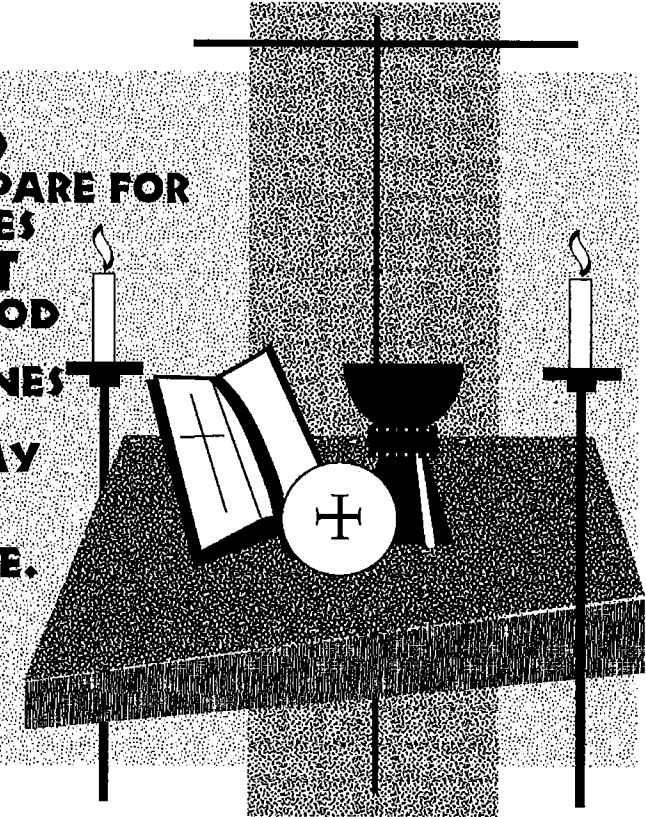
Refrain: We belong to you, O Lord of our longing, we belong to you.
In our daily living, dying and rising we belong to you.

- 1 In the waters of your mercy, when the old becomes the new,
Souls united in the mystery: We belong to you.
- 2 We are called to share your word, Lord, in all we say and all we do.
As our journey moves us onward, we belong to you.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2026

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