

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: January 3rd – Jan 11th

Sat 3 5:00 p.m. Ina Petty †
& Marilyn Hampton †
Sun 4 9:30 a.m. Jim McNamee, Improved health
Mon 5 8:30 a.m. Robert Tompkins †,
Maria Reyes Ramirez †, & Edward McCahon †
Tues 6 **NO MASS**
Wed 7 8:30 a.m. Kim Hynes, Special intention
Thurs 8 8:30 a.m. Joan Polan †
Friday 9 8:30 a.m. Mark Jinanni †
Sat 10 5:00 p.m. the People of St Leo's
Sun 11 9:30 a.m. Edward McCahon †

FISCAL LOG: December 27 / 28

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,264.
Christmas collection: \$14,703. Thank you all!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Jan 5 OFFICE Re-opens
Jan 5 Funeral for Kenneth Del Monte, 10:30AM
Jan 17/18 2nd Collection – Church in Latin America
Jan 20 Men's Club Monthly Meeting, LSW, 6PM
Feb 7 Memorial for Bobbie Scanlon, 11AM
Feb 7/8 2nd Collection – St Leo's Development Fund
Feb 18 Ash Wednesday
Feb 18 2nd Collection - Central & Eastern Europe
April 5 Easter Sunday

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for January
In Loving Memory of
Edward McCahon



2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – The first weekend of the month is dedicated to the St. Leo's Development Fund. Donations to this very important collection support the maintenance of our buildings and grounds.

COFFEE AND PASTRIES THIS WEEKEND in the LSW following 9:30a.m. Mass.

HOLD THE DATE: The Memorial Mass for Bobbie Scanlon will be on Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 11a.m. Please keep Bobbie and her family in your prayers.

POINSETTIAS IN MEMORIAM: St. Leo's Ladies Guild wishes to thank everyone who has donated to the Poinsettias in Memoriam fundraiser. It is always a special way to remember loved ones who are no longer with us. Because of your donations our altar looks beautiful. With the generosity shown we were able to purchase more poinsettias than ever before. The list of names of those will be included in this weekend's bulletin. We would also like to thank those that decorated the altar so beautifully during this holiday season.

YEAR END NEWS: Our Annual Parish Campaign 25/26 ends in February 2026. If you have not completed your pledged amount, now is the time to do so. To date this year's APC is at 85%, with \$123,395.38 pledged. Any questions regarding the amount owed please contact the office, (707) 996-8422.

Looking for a Tax break? Make a tax-deductible donation to St. Leo's. Even if your donation is received in January, but is dated in December, we will back date it for you.

THE SANTA ROSA DIOCESE MEN'S CONFERENCE, March 20th – 21st at St. Eugene's Cathedral. Fathers and sons (18+ years) are invited to learn along with others at a time for increased purpose, challenge, and fraternity. The Diocese Men's Conference will offer ways of improving on a "Man's prayer toolbox" and fraternity. You can join them for a session or all twenty-four hours. For more Information & Registration: www.srcatholicmen.org

2026 CALANDERS ARE AVAILABLE: This year's bi-lingual calendar is on the shelf at the back of church. You may also look in the usher's room for a copy.

Looking for a lost Jesus

On the Sunday after Christmas we read about the Holy Family making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem – Jesus being twelve years old, the bar mitzvah age. On their return to Nazareth Mary and Joseph panic: Jesus is lost and they begin to search for him. Which raises the question: have we ever lost Jesus and been searching for him ever since?

Where have we looked for him? It seems that very early in the history of the Church we began looking for him – vertically, upwardly as though he were lost in the stratosphere or beyond – as if we had reversed the Incarnation, pedestalled him, emphasized his divinity, forgotten his humanity. And thus, he seemed always beyond our reach so that we had to resort to Mary and the saints as intermediaries to his favor. It's as if we had to take some yellow brick escalator to an emerald city to tremble before some Wizard of Oz. And yet all the while all we had to do to find him was look sideways and discover him (by way the four Gospels) right there beside us all the time.

For Jesus far from being the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, far from being the goal of our lives, was himself a searcher like us, a seeker more than a destination. And as such he presented us with a role model of how our lives should be led, not as some vertical ascent into space but as searchers, seekers of truth, of meaning from one day to another, from one experience to another. I mean, what was Jesus doing when his parents found him? Asking questions, questing, seeking to know what the scholars thought even as he stretched their thoughts with his own answers.

How does he describe the characters he admires? He tells of a woman *searching diligently*, intensely for a lost coin, of a shepherd risking all his other sheep *to search* for a lost one. He speaks of himself as the Way, the Road, not the goal. He is ever on the road, followed by his often winded disciples. When they want him to settle down in one town he says, "Let's move on to the country towns in the neighborhood". His disciples couldn't keep up with him. So what was he doing? After his resurrection he seems to have disappeared but only to materialize side by side with two disciples on the road to Emmaus – and then there is St. Paul's unexpected meeting with him on the road to Damascus.

So where to find Jesus? Not up in the clouds (except that often clouds are so beautiful) but right along the path you are walking, your daily journey through life - but only if you are vitally interested in where you are going, only if your daily journey is – everyday – a quest for meaning that teases your soul to rise early every day to journey on forever – insatiably. Which is why I'm glad to recall a hymn by Grayson Brown:

God be in my head, God be in my heart, / God be in my mind, God be in my soul.
God be in my eyes, so that I may see your face; / God be on my lips, God be in my life.

God be in my work, God be in my play. / God be in my home, God be in my prayer.
God be in my song, so that I may sing your praise; / God be in my night, God be in my day.

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Geoff Wood