

Gathering Song: *Light of Christ*
Refrain: *Be the light of Christ in the world. Bring the nations God's own love.
Set a blaze in the night, make the earth shine bright.
Be the light of Christ to the world.*
1. As the stars that shine in the heavens, so our light will shine on the earth.
Risen Jesus has conquered the night and freed us from death with this light.

Gloria: *Glory to God*
(Music in the pew pocket)

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 80: The Vineyard of the Lord*

The vine-yard of the Lord is the house of Is - ra - el.
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Gospel Acclamation: *Watson Alleluia*

*we share
one cup,
one Bread*
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BB#437

Preparation of Gifts: *For You Are My God* BB#437

For you are my God, you a - lone are my joy. De - fend me, O Lord.
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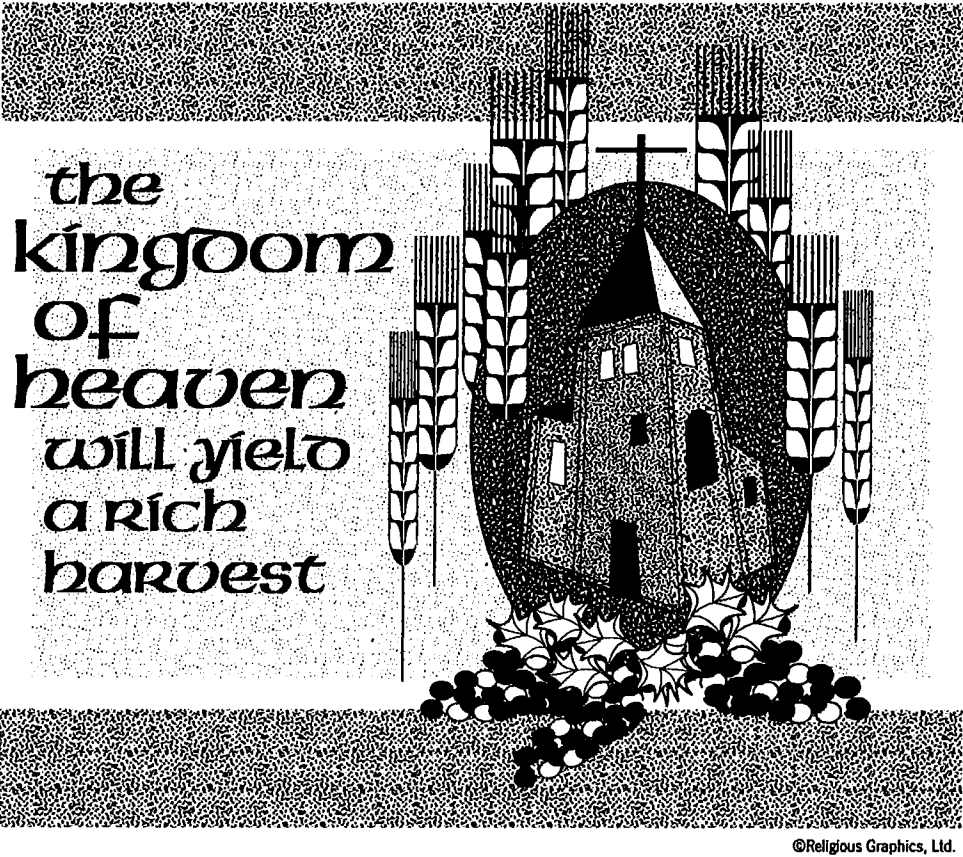
Mass: *Mass of Creation* Marty Haugen
Holy: BB#865 Memorial Acclamation: BB#866 Amen: BB#867 Lamb of God: BB#868

Communion Song: *In the Breaking of the Bread* BB#173

In the break - ing of the bread, we knew him, Lord
Je - sus. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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Closing Song: *I Will Choose Christ* BB#514
Refrain: *I will choose Christ, I will choose love, I choose to serve.
I give my heart, I give my life, I give my all to you.*
1. How many times must he call my name and show to me that he is God?
And as a servant he calls to me, "You must serve too."

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 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.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 3rd – October 11th

Sat 3	5:00 p.m. Albert Celio †
Sun 4	9:30 a.m. Mertxe Halzuet † and Myrtle McGinty †
Mon 5	8:30 a.m. Maria De Martini †
Tues 6	NO MASS
Wed 7	8:30 a.m. the Wardwell Family
Thurs 8	8:30 a.m. Joan Polan †
Friday 9	8:30 a.m. Lillian Brunton †
Sat 10	5:00 p.m. Tomasa Deligcon †
Sun 11	9:30 a.m. Michael Tompkins † & Felix C. Mapa †

FISCAL LOG September 26 / 27

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,190.
African Missionary: \$ 4,111. Thank You

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Oct 3/4	2 nd Collection – St Leo's Development Fund
Oct 7	Memorial Mass for Ann Solomon, 11AM
Oct 9	Funeral Mass for Lillian Brunton, 11AM
Oct 10	Funeral Mass for Declan Cuniff, 11AM
Oct 17/18	2 nd Collection – World Mission Sunday
Oct 20	Men's Club Monthly Meeting, 6PM, LSW

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



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:

This Sunday following the 11:30a.m. Mass (approx. 12:45p.m.), Fr. Jojo will be in front of the church to do a *Blessing of the Animals*.

Please have all dogs on a leash and all cats contained in a carrier. We don't want to have dogs and cats gone wild. All are welcome.

2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

St Leo's Development Fund. On the first weekend of the month, we take up this important collection. Funds collected go towards the maintenance and upkeep of the grounds and facilities.

LONG TIME FRIEND AND PARISHIONER: On September 10th our friend and parishioner Declan Cuniff passed. A funeral Mass and reception will be on **Saturday, October 10th at 11a.m.** Please keep Declan's family and Mary Pat in your prayers.

MEMORIAL MASS for Ann Solomon will be this **Wednesday at 11a.m.** Ann served as a Eucharistic Minister and Minister to the Homebound and was also a longtime member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please keep Ann and her family in your prayers. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 7th, at 11:00 a.m. There will be no reception following the Mass.

MASTER CAKE DECORATOR AND LONG TIME PARRISHIONER, Lillian Brunton passed away on August 26, 2026. A Funeral Mass and reception will take place here on Friday, **October 9th at 11:00a.m.** Lillian taught cake decorating at the Pool Mart on Hwy. 12 for many years. She also would make cakes for our First Communion celebrations. Please keep Lillian and her family in your prayers.

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

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.

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AUTUMN FESTIVAL – GRAN KERMES was a beautiful success. We'd like to thank our Hispanic Community for all their hard work and wonderful food and entertainment. It takes a village to put this all together. Approximately \$9,700. was taken in for the day.

Meditations from a Life Raft

A long time ago I picked up Thomas Helm's *Ordeal at Sea* about the sinking of the *USS Indianapolis* in World War II. It was July 1945. The war in the Pacific would be over in two weeks. But that was not foreseen by the cruiser's 1,196 officers and men who, after their unescorted departure from Tinian en route to the Philippines, were either on watch or trying to sleep - when at one minute after midnight on July 30 two torpedoes struck, sinking the ship in less than twenty minutes. For five days and nights the survivors floated in life jackets and rafts over a ten-mile stretch of the ocean without water or food, subject to frequent shark attacks - until on the fifth day 317 were left.

Besides the agony of their ordeal, what especially impressed me were the fantasies that set in among the men. One thought the ship was only twenty feet below and that the cooks were still in the galley dishing out meals. Another thought he felt a fresh water river welling up from the bottom of the ocean. Others believed an island was only thirty miles away and kept paddling against the wind toward a vision of its sun drenched beach and coconut palms. In other words, I was struck by how active human faith becomes in situations of distress. These men were now reaching out with hyperactive imaginations in every direction to anticipate a happy ending to their plight.

And I thought: what a perfect metaphor of our own collective situation on this tiny globe (which is little more than a life raft adrift within a vast ocean of space) subject as we are, if not to frequent shark attacks, then to disease, war, accident, confusion. And what have we humans been doing down through the ages but envisioning scenarios of rescue. I mean, what are the works of Homer or Chaucer or Dickens or Flannery O'Connor or so many poets but aspirations of a positive outcome to our mortal existence? And what, especially, is the Bible but a heritage of creative faith telling us, by way of the story of Noah and the Exodus and Jonah and Christ's resurrection that, far from our being hopelessly lost in time and space, we are enveloped by grace and that ultimately Christ will come walking toward us upon the water?

Of course many practical people consider our biblical interpretation of life of no scientific validity, no more than a hallucination. But such nihilists would have never been as welcome at later reunions of the Indianapolis survivors as was Lieutenant Wilbur Gwinn, the pilot who finally spotted them and initiated their rescue - who said on one of these occasions: "What were the chances you would be found? . . . What were the chances that Wilbur Gwinn would fly a course that would take him directly over you? . . . The odds . . . were one in a million. Yet somehow he was chosen as the instrument to overcome these astronomical odds. Some of my reflections have been so startling as to make me think of miracles. Sometimes I believe we are living in a world of miracles."

Still one may ask, "What about the other 879 whom Gwinn came too late to save?" But to ask that is to underestimate the full scope of Christian faith and hope as expressed, for example, in the closing verses of the *Apocalypse* where the poet says: "Then I saw the heavens opened and there was a white horse; its rider was called Faithful and True . . . And the earth and the sky fled from his presence - and the sea gave up its dead. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth. For the former heaven and the former earth had passed away. And there was no more sea."

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