

Gathering Song:**You Are the Light**

BB#468

- 1 You are the light that stands alone in depth of night and eye of storm.
Where shadows fall, you enter in; ignite with hope what dark has dimmed.
And though our eyes may fail to see, it is the heart that's given sight
through night and storm, to trust in you. Upon our path, you are the light.
- 2 You are the word that's written deep within the hearts of all who long
for endless days beyond the skies, for peace on earth, a kingdom come.
We sing the name that heals our souls, and share the way, the truth, the life.
For hearts that long, both lost and found, we speak the word; you are the light.

Gloria:

Glory to God
(Music card in pew pocket)

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 40: Here I Am, Lord*

Here I am, Lord, here I am. I come to do your will.
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Gospel Acclamation:**Gospel Alleluia**

BB#856

Preparation of Gifts:**Holy Spirit**

BB#200



Ho - ly____ Spir - it,____ come in - to____ our____ lives.
Ho - ly____ Spir - it,____ make us tru - ly____ wise.

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Mass:**Mass of Renewal**

Holy: BB#858

Memorial Acclamation: BB#859

Amen: BB#862

Curtis Stephan

Lamb of God: BB#863

Communion Song:**We, The Body of Christ**

Refrain: We, the body of Christ, taste and see your goodness.

Fill our hearts with the depth of your love; bind us together as one through your Son.

Closing Song:**The God of All Grace**

BB#317

Refrain: The God of all grace has blessed us this day; all of creation joins us in praise;

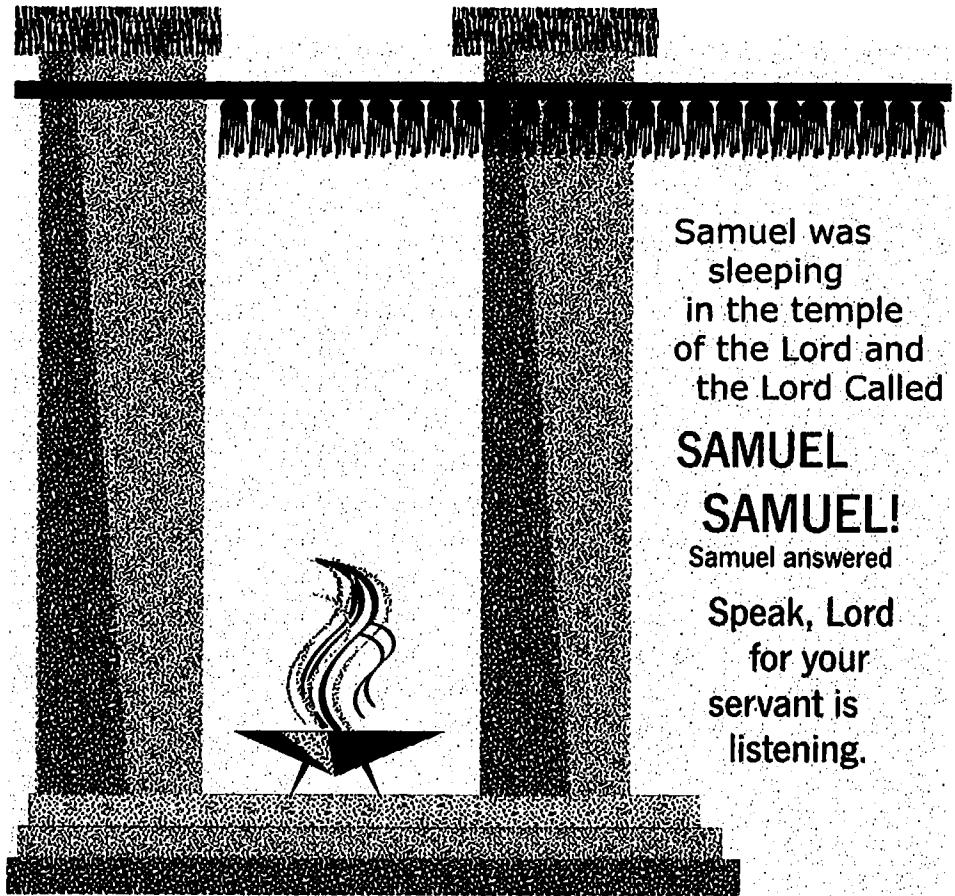
Lifting our voices, lifting our hearts to the glory of God forever!

1 God of power and might, come into our presence this day.

Strengthen us now with a spirit of faith; we gather in your name.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2026



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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: January 17th – Jan 25th

Sat 17 5:00 p.m. Jim & Cheryl Taylor,
Happy 5th Anniversary 

Sun 18 9:30 a.m. Shirley A. Macpherson †

Mon 19 8:30 a.m. Stella Pertigera †
& Florante Abelaida †

Tues 20 **NO MASS**

Wed 21 8:30 a.m. Donna J Lewis †

Thurs 22 8:30 a.m. the People of St. Leo's

Friday 23 8:30 a.m. Bob Gibson, Speedy Recovery

Sat 24 5:00 p.m. Bill Maffei †

Sun 25 9:30 a.m. Gasper & Caterina Cardinale †

FISCAL LOG: January 10 / 11

Sunday Collection: \$ 5,382.
Development Fund: \$ 3,391. Thank You

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Jan 17/18 2nd Collection – Church in Latin America

Jan 20 Men's Club Monthly Meeting, LSW, 6PM

Jan 28 SVDP Monthly meeting, 9AM, FINN

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

March 5 6th Annual Polenta Dinner, 5:30PM, LSW

April 5 Easter Sunday

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for January
In Loving Memory of
Edward McCahon



2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND for the Church in Latin America. Your support for this collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

To learn more, visit: usccb.org/latin-america.

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST: Celebrate and walk for life at the 22nd annual Walk for Life West Coast on Jan. 24, 2026. Rally begins at 12:30p.m. at Civic Center Plaza followed by walk along Market St. to the Embarcadero. More info at; walkforlife.com.

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

MENS CLUB MONTHLY DINNER MEETING: Tuesday, January 17th, doors open at 6p.m., dinner at 7p.m. All men of the parish are invited to attend. For more info contact Greg McSweeney, 415.238.5940.

MAD HATTERS NEED YOUR EXTRA YARN Happy colored yarn is needed for our Mad Hatters. If you have extra, please drop off at the Ushers Room or bring by the parish office.

YEAR END STATEMENTS: We are working on statements to send out before the end of January. If you want any funds, put in for 2025, please backdate your checks to reflect that. Any questions please contact the office, (707) 996-8422.

VALENTINES DINNER: No plans for February 14th? Come to the St. Leo's Sweetheart Dinner for couples only. Tickets go on sale next weekend. The cost per couple is \$80.

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS, CHOIR, COFFEE & DONUTS MINISTERS: Fr. Jojo and staff invite you to attend a special dinner in your honor on Friday night, January 30th. To those ministers who have already RSVPed thank you. If you haven't yet let us know please do so on the lists in the sacristy.

HOLD THE DATE: March 5th for the 6th Annual **Chicken & Polenta Dinner.** Tickets on sale 2/7/26. Cost of a ticket is \$30. This is usually a sell out so please buy your tickets early.

MINISTRY SIGN-UP WEEKEND: Interested in becoming a member of one of the many ministries here at St. Leo's? Well, you're in luck! Ministry Sign-up weekend will be Jan. 31st & Feb. 1st. Clip boards will be available with the different ministries to sign up on.

They left their nets and followed him

We link the birth of Christ with the winter solstice - when the sun begins to rise earlier each day, its light more enduring, its warmth (sooner or later!) guaranteed.

And so our liturgy for today plays upon that note, borrowing lines from the prophet Isaiah: *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.* The psalm for today also chimes in with *The Lord is my light and my salvation . . . of whom should I be afraid?*

Of course it's not so much the sun itself but the rays of the sun that do the brightening, the warming – the rays being none other than you and me in so far as we each carry some bit of that light and warmth of Christ into the circles within which we engage. As in keeping with that good old hymn: *This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine . . . let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

But moving on to the Gospel for today, it's one thing to read *about* the four fishermen of today's Gospel reading: Peter and Andrew, James and John. But what good will that do you – unless you think of them in relation to yourself, in what ways they may resemble you?

Think of anyone of them. May he not feel: well here I am within the confines of my boat again, the same old schedule, my everyday job, the limits of my workaday world, my little realm of responsibility. Here I am entangled in my nets (in every sense of entangled) – linking pieces that have become broken, that need mending again and again, worrying about the tides, the whereabouts of the fish, the pressure of competitors – which holds not only for my business but for my everyday life, patching up my relationships, worrying whether my accounts are in order, trying to hold my world together. Loose ends here and there always wearing upon my consciousness, tires needing fixing yesterday and here today we lose our electricity for several hours. Mending one thing or another week after week – like that inside door to my garage which refuses to close in cold weather!

It's like the fellow in the cartoon reclining in his backyard on a summer day while the house says "I need painting" or the dog says "I need to see the vet" or the lawn says "I need cutting" or the spouse says, "Dine in or dine out?"

By thus imagining the Gospel episode in ever-greater depth you begin to learn more about the four disciples – and what's even more – you begin to discover *how much they resemble you*, entangled as you are in the many demands of your survival. As a result, the little episode of only five verses begins to expand and deepen like the sea itself, awakens you to how shallowly you live your own life – so that when Jesus says, "Follow me; stop casting your net in any old direction only to come up empty, unfulfilled; go for the big fish, a bigness of mind and heart that resides among the bigger questions of why and what and who you are. Go deep," do you leave your nets and follow him?

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Geoff Wood