

Gathering Song: *Alleluia! Raise the Gospel* BB#624

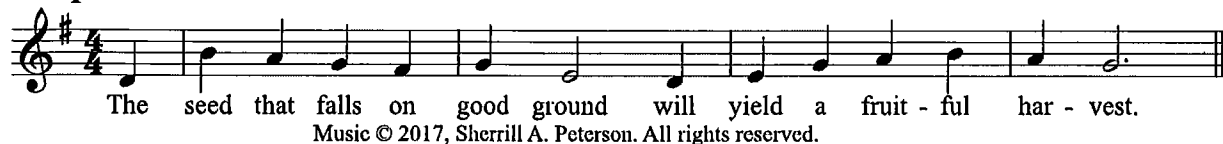
Refrain: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise the Gospel over the earth!*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Peace and justice bring to birth!

1. Blessed those whose hearts are gentle. Blessed those whose spirits are strong.
Blessed those who choose to bring forth right where there is wrong.
2. Blessed those who work for justice. Blessed those who answer the call.
Blessed those who dare to dream of lasting peace for all.

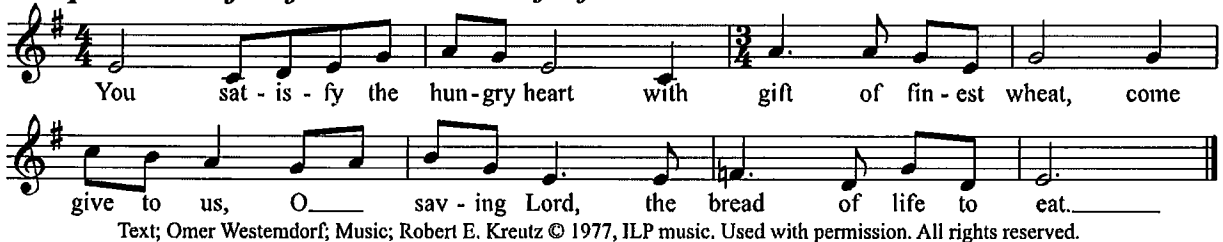
Gloria: *Glory to God*
(Music in the pew pocket)

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 65: The Seed That Falls on Good Ground*



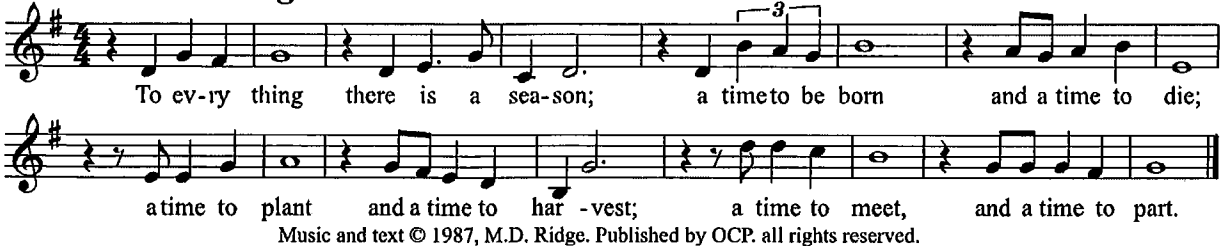
Gospel Acclamation: *Watson Alleluia*

Preparation of Gifts: *Gift of Finest Wheat* BB#345



Mass: *Mass of Creation* Marty Haugen
Holy: BB#865 Memorial Acclamation: BB#866 Amen: BB#867 Lamb of God: BB#868

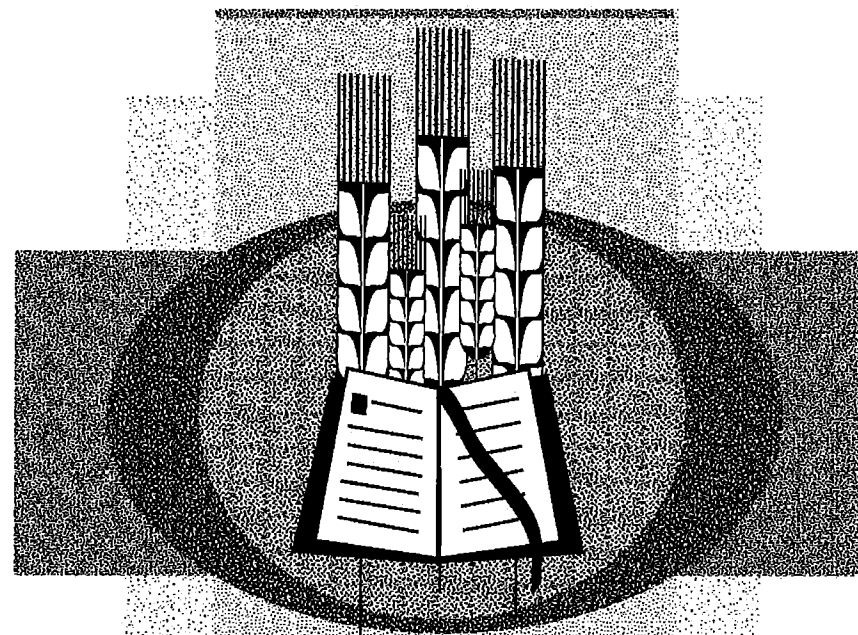
Communion Song: *Parable* BB#686



Closing Song: *Canticle of the Turning* BB#622
Refrain: *My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.*

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026



*The seed is the Word of God
and Christ is the sower.*

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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: July 11th – July 19th

Sat 11 5:00 p.m. James Gater †
Sun 12 9:30 a.m. Patricia Ramirez †
Mon 13 8:30 a.m. Agnes Lucy †
Tues 14 **NO MASS**
Wed 15 8:30 a.m. Ann Solomon †
Thurs 16 8:30 a.m. Lillian Sanders †, Jim Haver †
Friday 17 8:30 a.m. Pauly Balanca †,
Greg Wardwell, Happy B-day
Sat 18 5:00 p.m. Rich Facciola †
& Byron Alvarez †
Sun 19 9:30 a.m. Joan Polan †

FISCAL LOG July 4 / 5

Sunday Collection: \$ 4,753.
Development Fund: \$ 2,714. Thank You!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

July 15 OCIA Application deadline
July 18/19 2nd Collection- Priest Benefit & Welfare
July 19 Confirmation Registration, 10AM – 2PM
July 21 Men's Club Monthly Dinner Meeting
July 25 First Communion Registration, 9AM-12noon

SANCTUARY LAMP

Dedication for July
In Loving Memory of
James Gater



2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND is for Priest Benefits and Welfare. This collection aims to provide the necessary care and support for healthcare and retirement of priests who have dedicated their lives to serving the community. Parishioners are encouraged to give generously to honor the service of priests and support their welfare. Funds collected not only aid in financial stability but also expresses gratitude for their lifelong commitment to the church.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Long time parishioner, Ann Solomon passed away last week. Please keep her family in your prayers. The family plans to have Mass at a later date.

NO COFFEE & DONUTS DURING LSW DEMO
We will keep you posted.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: With the parish office now closed on Friday's our regular pantry days are Wednesday and Thursday, plus serving clients on Wednesday evenings before the Spanish language Mass at 7:00p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT: NEXT Sunday, July 19th from 10a.m. to 2p.m. Nancy and her core team will be accepting applications for Confirmation candidates in the Benziger Room. Space is limited. First Come, First Served. Requirements are:

- Baptized and have received First Communion.
- Registration fee of \$70. for 8th grade students.
- Registration fee of \$120. for High School (retreat included).

Questions, contact Nancy, (707) 291-1916.

LET US HELP YOU FIND THE WAY:

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) 2026 – 27
If you are 18 years or older and you are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation **registrations has begun.**

Weekly classes start in September and run through April 2027 here at St. Leo's. Evening classes are Tuesday's at 6:00 p.m.

Applications may be picked up in the parish office, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Deadline for applications is July 15th.

Classes are being offered in Spanish and English.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION: There will be a one-day registration for First Communion Classes, **Saturday, July 25th, 9a.m. – 12noon.** This is for 2nd year First Communion candidates and first year students. Only 45 students will be accepted.

My Life as a Pinball

At the close of my eighth grade in parochial school I was surprised to learn that I had been selected among some other boys to test for a scholarship at the two private Catholic high schools of the diocese, one run by the Christian Brothers and the other by the Jesuits. I was surprised because I never took school too seriously as other than a place that had a playground for recess antics. Nevertheless, I crossed town twice to take the scholarship exam at LaSalle High in a then somewhat suburban location and at St. Joseph's Prep (originating out of St. Joseph's parish founded in 1733). Being that old and also *Jesuit* made it an honor even to cross Saint Joseph's threshold.

I first took the LaSalle test – impressed by its gothic architecture and pleasant neighborhood and later took the St. Joe's test – situated in the noisy inner city. The environment put me off right away but it was the half-eaten hamburger I found in my desk while taking the exam that made me skip the test and catch the trolley. The result? I won a half scholarship to LaSalle – and guess what was the half tuition my parents had to pay back in 1941? Twelve dollars a month!

What would have happened had I gone to St. Joseph's to undergo the influence of the elite Jesuits? I can't even imagine. But it would have taken me far afield from the direction my life took after attending LaSalle. Indeed it wasn't a matter of *what* I would become but *who*. I mean of course we have genetic characteristics that chart our path in many ways but it's the incidents, the turns, the detours, the confrontations, the people we meet once we are launched that bring us to where we *are*. As I look back I am surprised at the meandering, the unexpected, the disappointments, the treasurable people I have encountered – surprised even in retrospect. The same can be said of you.

As people of faith we accept that something more than our reason and choices pulsate our growth – every life is a novel co-authored in some way by a dynamo somewhere beneath our soles (souls). The Hebrew and Christian traditions demonstrate this by the directionless ways its characters chose to advance only to wind up always focused on "a promised land" – each a metaphor of every human experience. What would *you* be and *who* would you be today, if . . .

In today's first reading Amos serves as an example. After all he had settled into being an anonymous, forgettable fellow defined as a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores – when something diverted him to confront the priests of Bethel and wind up - his oracles, his poetry, his insights echoing down the corridors of time forevermore. So that we now know *who* and not just *what* Amos was!

Today's Gospel spells it all out. Hang loose. Travel light. Go with the flow. Food, baggage, money, wardrobe – don't make them a weight that burdens your mental mobility. Don't trivialize your life. If you find hospitality along the way, enjoy it. If you experience rejection, let it go. Just stay open to the oncoming summons that may arrive from where you least expect it. Stay open-minded, openhearted. As the Gospel parables put it: stay awake to the Spirit's lure; don't bury your gift of life simply to keep it intact, unwrapped.

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Geoff Wood