

Gathering Song: *God of Mercy* BB#501

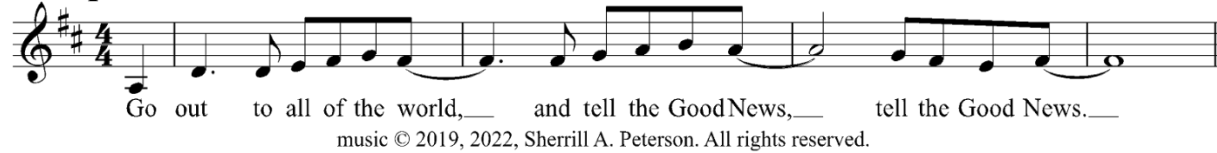
*Refrain: God of mercy, holy mystery, ever faithful one,
you have pitched your tent among us, reconciling love.*

Heart and mind of Christ, live within our lives. Form us into people of mercy and grace.

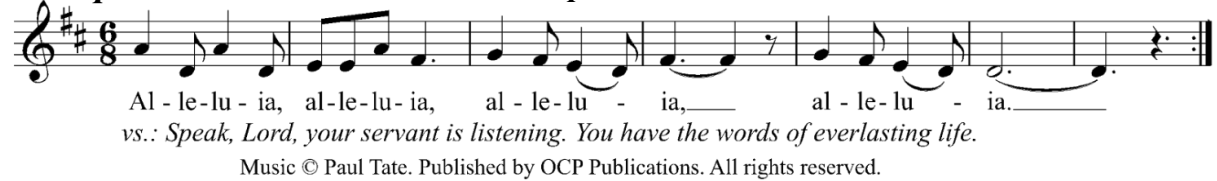
1. You have called us each by name in your great compassion,
encompassing our failings with mercy. God of mercy, lead us.
4. Reaching out to those in pain, wounded and abandoned,
may we create safe havens for healing. God of mercy, lead us.

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

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 117: Tell the Good News*



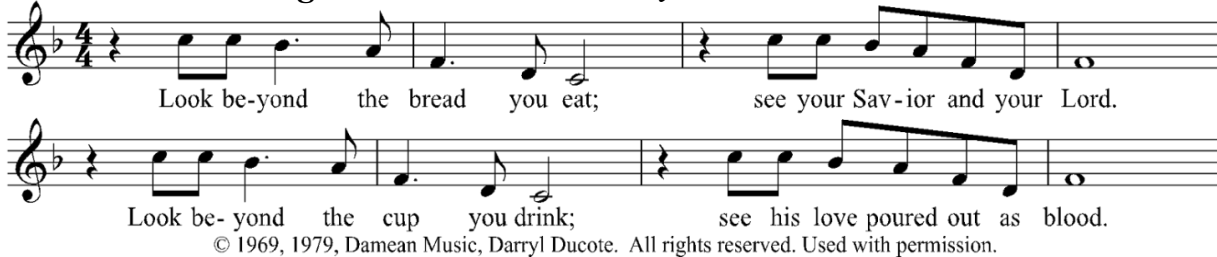
Gospel Acclamation: *Gospel Acclamation*



Preparation of Gifts: *O God, You Search Me* BB#566

Mass: *Mass of St. Joseph*
(Music card is in the pew pocket)

Communion Song: *Look Beyond* BB#330



Closing Song: *We Will Follow*
*Refrain: You're the way, you're the truth, you're the life, we will follow;
Every word, every deed that you do.
You're the way, you're the truth, you're the life, we will follow;
Lead us Lord, we will follow you.*

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Thank you to Fr. Thomas and Fr. Alvin and Fr. Jim for covering Masses this weekend while Father Jojo is away on a Missionary Appeal for Missionaries of Faith.

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: August 23rd – August 31st

Sat. 23 5:00 p.m. Rich Facciola & Sherry & Doreen Hodai
Sun. 24 9:30 a.m. Bill Maffei & Timothy Shea
Mon. 25 8:30 a.m. Mai, Lydia & Ed McCarter
Tues. 26 NO MASS
Wed. 27 8:30 a.m. Amanda Conti Haver
Thurs. 28 8:30 a.m. Rosito & Celestina Correa
Friday 29 8:30 a.m. Rosito & Celestina Correa
Sat. 30 5:00 p.m. Edna O'Hara
Sun. 31 9:30 a.m. Hea Sook Lounibos

FISCAL LOG: Aug 16 / Aug 17

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,917.
Spare Change Fundraiser: \$27,048.95
Diocesan Seminarians: \$ 1,594. Thank you

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Aug 23 Friends & Family Dinner, 6PM, LSW
Aug 24 Adult Ed w/Fr. Fredericks, 10:30 AM, BR
Aug 31 2nd Collection – St Vincent de Paul
Oct 3/4 SLBC Tournament & Banquet

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for August
In Memory of
Pat & Bill Ramirez



ADULT EDUCATION PRESENTATION TODAY
Just three months ago, Robert Prevost was elected Pope Leo XIV. Fr. Jim has prepared a presentation on what we can expect from Pope Leo, the first American pope. The title of Fr. Jim's presentation is "What's in a Name?"
Time: 10:30 am
Place: Benziger Room in the Finnegan Center
Coffee and Donuts will be available at the presentation. The talk will be live streamed and recorded. You can view at <https://www.youtube.com/@stleoschurchsonoma539/streams>. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!
CHANGE OF VENUE FOR COFFEE & DONUTS: This Sunday coffee & Donuts will be in the Finnegan Center after the 9:30a.m. Mass.

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: The 5th Sunday of the month 2nd Collection is for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your donations go toward the Pantry Food Supplies. In addition to our regular pantry days of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, we are now serving clients on Wednesday evenings before the Spanish language Mass at 7:00p.m.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS, I'm so excited to share some wonderful news with you. I will be leaving for India on the 1st of September to join my parents, Pappu and Theresa who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on the 8th of September. They have been a beautiful example of faith and enduring love, and I would be so honored if you could join us in celebrating this incredible milestone. Even if you cannot be there in person, it would mean the world to them to be remembered in prayer by the community of St. Leo's.

SAVE THE DATE:
Summer is a wonderful time to celebrate the blessings in our lives and to enjoy fellowship together with food, music and fun. I invite you to our annual Summer Fiesta on Sun., Oct.12th starting at 12:00pm at the East wing Parking lot. A feast like this is a chance for us to gather as a family, but it takes many hands to make it a success. If you can help with setting up, serving, or cleaning up, we would be so grateful for your assistance. Your time and talent is what makes our parish so special. If you can volunteer, contact the Parish office and please attend the first planning meeting next Sunday, Aug. 31st, 12:30 in Lillian Wing.

Fr. Jojo Puthussery

Jesus claimed, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They kept saying: "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph?"

A friend of mine who runs a business that produces rivets and related products returned recently from the annual Oshkosh airshow in Wisconsin. The show assembles old and the latest aircraft from around the world – including famous warplanes from WW II. My friend attends this event because he makes the rivets and repair kits that continue to hold planes together.

While he was there this year he met a ninety-five year old former fighter pilot who flew a P 51 over Japan on the last air assault made before the war ended. He had other adventures as well, like getting shot down twice. When he heard my friend made rivets, this old pilot, who spent his career amid the strictly scientific terminology of aviation technology, surprisingly began to raise rivets to a much higher level of meaning.

From his advanced age he began to lament the discord that makes our world uncertain of its future. It's as if the world has been falling apart and needs some riveting. Rivets hold things together, keep the fuselage and wings of a plane from flying apart due to the vibrations of its violent engines and its constant collision with the wind. And what with the way our world is constantly under stress – with groups like ISIS for one example and even the racial tensions in our own country or even the tensions within the church – it feels like the rivets: the good will, the tolerance, the guidance of reason and faith are coming loose. We're heading for a crash

Well I was amazed. I never thought a guy so familiar with technology, aerodynamics, the practical world of fasteners could have the imagination to turn a rivet into a metaphor! Suddenly it wasn't just a thing, a fastener applied to the fabric of an airplane to hold the plane together; it was a word that could be applied to anything that contributed to human solidarity: kindness, understanding, honest communication, friendly gestures, all ways of keeping us intact, united, aloft. Indeed riveting as a verb began to mean more than just applying a fastening tool to metal bolts inserted into aligned holes to link up pieces of metal (in the manner of Rosie the Riveter). Riveting, as a word, could be used to describe the effect of eloquent speech upon an audience – unifying their hearts and minds – as in Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Or it could be used to describe the effect of a movie on fascinated viewers.

We are so used to ordinary speech, words meaning simply what they practically or logically describe. But that doesn't stop us human beings from finding in ordinary words a capacity to say so much more than we think they can. For instance, a morning star is not uncommonly seen if you get up early enough. But to us kids who used to recite the Litany of Loreto – the morning star was the Virgin Mary, herald of a new day! Gertrude Stein is famous for saying "A rose is a rose is a rose is a rose" – meaning that's all it is! But that's not all the word rose meant to that Irish balladeer who wrote *Oh no, 'twas the truth in her eyes ever dawning, / That made me love Mary, the Rose of Tralee.*

And now, after all that, if words can mean more than they literally say – may that not suggest that you and I, despite what physics, biology, genetics, race or IQ may say, are so much more than all that? Even as Jesus in today's Gospel may describe himself, whole and entire, as bread, celestial nourishment – in the manner of William Blake who found infinity in a grain of sand and in every passing hour the lure of eternity.

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Geoff Wood