

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

Sunday Masses are Live Streamed
on Facebook, YouTube, or
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: Call the office, (707) 996-8422

Weddings: Call the office, (707) 996-8422

MASS INTENTIONS Feb 11th – February 19th

Sat 11	5:00 pm	Joseph Vagnozzi †
Sun 12	9:30 am	Joe Byrne † & Frank Lynch †
Mon 13	8:30 am	Rosalio Tinoco †
Tues 14		NO MASS
Wed 15	8:30 am	Bob Keefe †
Thurs 16	8:30 am	Glenna Kelly †
Friday 17	8:30 am	Ed Scanlon † & Kathy Manning Glasner †
Sat 18	5:00 pm	Margarita Ramos † & Richard Facciola, Improved health
Sun 19	9:30 am	Martin Hession †

BISCAL LOG February 4 / 5

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,118.
Development Fund: \$ 2,618. *Thank you!*

2022 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UPDATE
128 Parishioners pledged: \$131,097. 90%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Feb 16 Italian Chicken & Polenta Dinner(SOLD OUT)
Feb 21 Men's Club Dinner Meeting, 6PM, LSW
Feb 22 Ash Wednesday
Feb 22 Collection for Churches in Central & Eastern Europe (D)



SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for February
Ellie Dossee † and Family

SVDP NEEDS PAPER AND PLASTIC BAGS:
Our SVDP needs your unwanted paper and plastic shopping bags for their Tuesday, "Groceries to Go" program. Please bring your bags to the parish office.

ITALIEN & POLENTA DINNER:

ST. LEO'S BOCCCE CLUB NEWS:

Opening Day Celebration is set for April 29th. Join us for an afternoon of clinics, an evening of Open Play and the **Picazo Food Truck** from 5 – 7 p.m. Tickets for food are \$25 per person. BYOB.

MEN'S CLUB DINNER MEETING:

Tuesday, February 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the LSW. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT:

February 18th at 5:00p.m. at the Sonoma Seventh-day Adventist Church. The quest speaker will be Angela Fusilier, who will be speaking on how we can practice: "Uplifting One Another". There will be a light supper and parting gift for each woman attending. Flyer in back.

CarePartners INITIATIVE EVENT:

New Support Groups for Caregivers of loved ones with dementia in Sonoma Valley, the second Monday of each month, 11:00a.m. to 12noon via ZOOM, starting February 13th. The primary focus is sharing solutions to each one's unique challenges and proving learning opportunities about dementia and ways to mitigate those challenges. Trained facilitators lead these support groups. They encourage members to be open in sharing their needs and asking for help. These monthly meetings are confidential and positive. They plan to meet on Zoom and in-person for special activities. To register for the second Monday event call (707) 732-9436. To join one of their support groups please call, (707) 940-0169. Flyers on this event are in the back of church.

SAD NEWS FOR THE PARISH: With a very heavy heart I bring sad news that Ellie Dossee passed away on the morning of Friday, February 10th. The family has informed us that Ellie's service will be here at St. Leo's. The date for Ellie's service has not yet been decided. We will keep you informed. Please keep Ellie and her family in your prayers.

The Ethics of Jesus: Goin' whole hog.

While Huckleberry Finn and his companion Jim drifted down the Mississippi River, Jim had been able to avoid capture by bounty hunters. Then one day, after Huck had left Jim alone on the raft by the riverbank, Jim was caught for possible transfer to the deep South. When Huck found out, he was filled with remorse. He began to regret he had helped Jim escape from Miss Watson up in Missouri in the first place, because she certainly would have treated Jim better than whoever else might get hold of him.

It just went to show (he thought): it doesn't pay to break the law. Missouri law said Jim was Miss Watson's property and helping Jim escape to the free states was simply stealing somebody's property - and stealing was an offense against God. The more I studied about this, he mused, the more my conscience went grinding me . . . Here was the plain hand of Providence slapping me in the face and letting me know my wickedness was being watched all the time from up there in heaven. Finally he tried to relieve his guilt by writing a note to Miss Watson telling her where she could retrieve Jim. This made him feel a lot better. It's never too late to obey the law and avoid hell!

Obviously Huck must have somehow heard of Matthew's Jesus saying: Do not think I have come to abolish the law . . . I have come not to abolish but to fulfill and whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments . . . will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. And indeed the early Jewish Christians, who were Matthew's initial audience, would have fully agreed with Jesus on this affirmation of Israel's ancient Law with its many do's and don'ts and "or elses" – for their Law signaled their superior status within an idolatrous world. But let's admit that Matthew's version of the teaching of Jesus, taken as a whole, does contribute to some confusion because along with this strong support for the old Law, Matthew has Jesus also advocating an ethic of extravagant graciousness that could render the Law obsolete by our living far beyond its limits.

So which is which, because Jesus ultimately meant our becoming gracious beings to an excess: to love your enemies, to turn your cheek, to go the extra mile, never to turn your back on anyone . . . to be so much more than you have been. St. Luke's version is so much clearer: . . . love your enemies, do good to those who hate you . . . Stop judging . . . Stop condemning . . . Forgive . . . Give and gifts will be given to you . . . overflowing . . . for the measure you give will be measured out to you. Or as Luke sums up: Be merciful [viscerally compassionate] , just as your Father is merciful [viscerally compassionate]!

. . . then Huck got to thinking about Jim. He thought of their conversation, their singing and laughing. He thought of how *I'd see him standing my watch 'stead of calling me, so I could go on sleeping; and see how glad he was when I came back out of the fog; . . .* And Huck then looked at that note and wondered, should he send it, should he do the right thing or the wrong thing by Missouri law. He held his breath and then said, *All right, then, I'll go to hell* - and he tore up the note. He figured that if caring about Jim's freedom was wicked by Missouri standards, then *I would take up wickedness again, . . . And for a starter, I would go to work and steal Jim out of slavery again; and if I could think up anything worse, I would do that, too; because as long as I was in, and in for good, I might as well go the whole hog.*

Geoff Wood