

## 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](http://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 Jan 28<sup>th</sup> – February 5<sup>th</sup>

Sat 28	5:00 pm	Robert (Bobby) Benziger †
Sun 29	9:30 am	Doris Peterson †
Mon 30	8:30 am	In appreciation of Mary Pat & Declan
Tues 31		<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>February</b>		
Wed 1	8:30 am	Ed Scanlon †
Thurs 2	8:30 am	Maria Ofelia Mapa †
Friday 3	8:30 am	Kathleen Valim †
Sat 4	5:00 pm	Mary & Renzo Antonini †
Sun 5	9:30 am	Virgilia Vargas Mapa † & Richard Facciola, speedy recovery

## FISCAL LOG January 21 / 22

**Sunday Collection:** \$ 3,490.  
**Church in Latin America:** \$ 1,206

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Feb 3 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration following Mass  
Feb 4/5 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection, St Leo Development Fund  
Feb 16 Italian Chicken & Polenta Dinner  
Feb 22 Ash Wednesday

## TODAY'S 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION FOR SVDP:

Your contribution to this very important collection helps to keep the Food Pantry stocked with staples for anyone in need of food.

- **SVDP needs your unwanted paper and plastic shopping bags. Please bring your bags to the parish office.**

**IT'S REALLY HAPPENING!** The postponed Italian Chicken and Polenta Parish Dinner is now set for **Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** in the LSW. The cost is \$25 per person. Tickets will be on sale following Mass or in the parish office. Buy your tickets early.

## ST. LEO'S BOCCE CLUB NEWS:

A work party for the Bocce area is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30a.m.

Opening Day Celebration is set for April 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.** To find out more about this and other upcoming events, take a **Jan. 2023 Bocce Club Newsletter** home today.

The Club is actively looking for players for the following days and times: Tuesdays at 10:30a.m., Fridays at 9:30a.m. and Thursday s at 5:30p.m. If interested contact Rick at (707) 217-9710.

**SV HOSPITAL INVITES COMMUNITY TO THINK TANK SESSIONS: NEW DATE: Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6 - 7:30pm at St. Leo's in the Lillian Wing.**

**RSVP:** To register call, (707) 935-5257 or email; [community@sonomavalleyhospital.org](mailto:community@sonomavalleyhospital.org).

**CELEBRATE MARRIAGE MASS:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Celebrate Marriage Mass" will be held Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St. Eugene. Couples celebrating "milestone anniversaries" that is, every 5-year anniversaries (5, 10, etc.) will be recognized.

**REQUEST FROM MAD HATTERS FOR YARN:** The Mad Hatters are looking for happy colored yarn in which to make hats for the valley homeless. Please drop your yarn at the office or in the Ushers room in the church.

## ADULT ED AT ST. LEO'S IS RESTARTING!

Contact; [vickicastborn@aol.com](mailto:vickicastborn@aol.com).  
For more information visit our website, under the **Faith Formation** tab click on ADULT EDUCATION.

*He said, "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how . . . Mark 4: 26-29*

A week ago my family and friends joined me to celebrate my 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. And strange things happened. One of our guests broke into the conversation and raised a question addressed to me: *What was the most significant, eventful person in your life?*

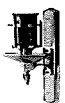
Now just prior to that my guest Larry Murphy had been talking about someone he knew whose first name was Theophane. And before I had time to think I said: *How odd! When I at age 15 had contacted a seminary in New York to express my desire to enter, the religious order sent its vocation director all the way down to Philadelphia to meet with me and my father.* In those days (1943) he came - collar and all - by train and then by trolley to my neighborhood. My father was reduced to silence by the presence of a priest in our living room. To make it short, I was accepted and thereafter spent the next twenty-three years of my life in the ambience of Franciscan spirituality.

But in the light of my party guest's question regarding the most significant person in my life, the name Theophane - raised suddenly out of nowhere by guest Larry Murphy - caused me to spout out (spontaneously) the name of that priest of old: Theophane (whose surname happened *also* to have been Murphy). I mean you could bet a million dollars that a name like Theophane would never emerge at a luncheon in The Girl and the Fig in 2023 AD – and yet it fell from Larry's lips and I did a double take! It seemed that Larry – unbeknownst to him – had carried me back not just to my first contact with that strange name of so many years ago – but also to the deeper meaning of that word Theophane . . . which my son evoked when he asked *What does the name mean – its etymology?* And I said: *It's like the word epiphany or the word theophany, meaning: an appearance of God – like you know old Moses startled by that vision of a burning bush that talks, that changed his life.*

And so this month, so many years later on my birthday a distant word, a name, came to the surface again that had been always present, never merely past, telling me a seed was sown back then, a name that God confirmed as a birthday present to me even now – a moment of divine presence, a theophany - like any parable that can change our lives if we could remain sensitive to such moments as seeds sown by Christ to make us grow.

And that's not all. For the guest who initiated this dynamic into our party then asked me: *What was the most artistic event that changed your life?* And immediately there came to mind myself as a sophomore in a high school music appreciation class that was all turmoil due to fidgety students and an exasperated teacher – when suddenly someone played that theme from Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony*. It struck me like the sound of silence. It resonates within me even now. And thanks to our guest's introducing his question, I now understand that event of old to have said to me that our lives are - and are *meant to be* - unfinished symphonies. Perpetual. Think about it. You are meant to be music.

**Geoff Wood**



**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
*Dedication for January*  
*St. Joseph*