

Gathering Song: *10,000 Reasons* BB#544




Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; wor-ship his ho - ly name...

Sing like nev - er be-fore, O my soul I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name...

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

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 138: He On the Day I Called*



Lord, on the day I called for help, you an-swered me, you an-swered me.

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Gospel Acclamation: *Gospel Acclamation*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Preparation of Gifts: *Drawn to You* BB#408

Refrain: *Drawn to you, Lord, we are drawn to you, to the beauty of your presence in this place.*
Here for you, God, we are here for you as the gifts we bring become a feast of grace.
We are drawn to you.

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

Communion Song: *With the Lord There is Mercy* BB#798



With the Lord there is mer - cy, and full - ness of re - demp-tion.

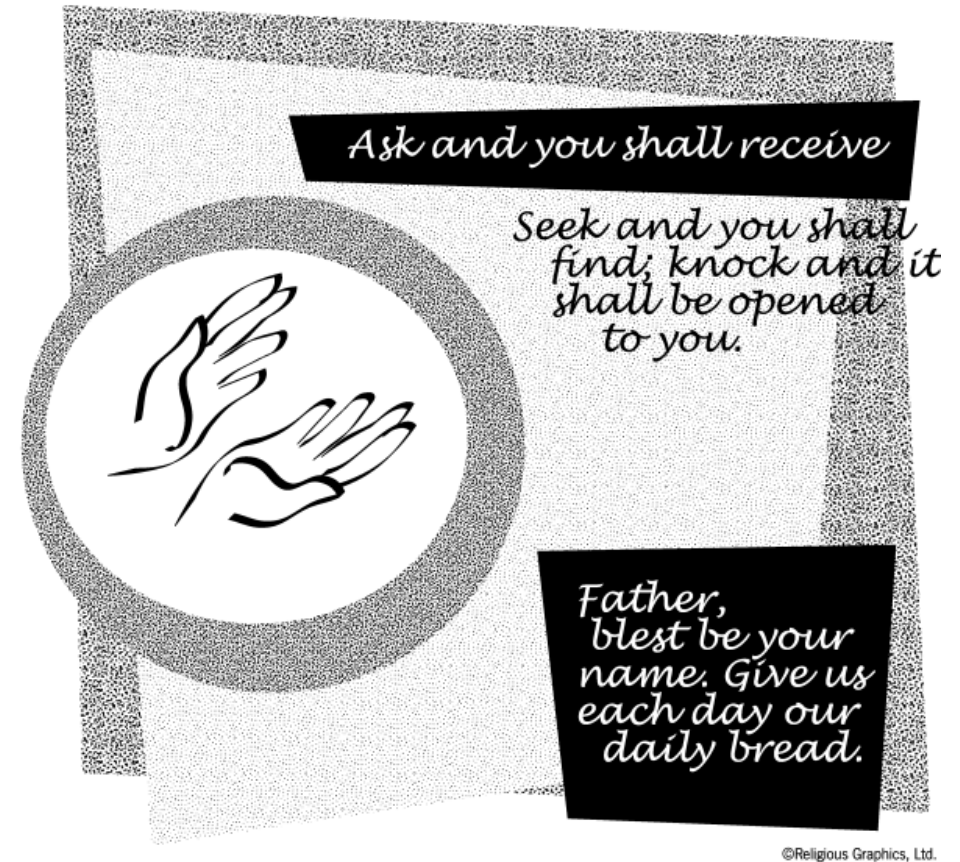
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Closing Song: *A Rightful Place* BB#728

Refrain:
Let us live our lives so that all might see that our hearts are restless till they rest in thee.
Let us build your kingdom in truth and grace so that all might know they have a rightful place.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 2025



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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: July 26th – August 3rd

Sat. 26 5:00 p.m. Claire Peterson, happy 99th b-day
& Amanda Conti Haver ✠
Sun. 27 9:30 a.m. Joe Byrne ✠ & Frank Lynch ✠
Deceased members of the Boyle, Byrne & Lynch families
Mon. 28 8:30 a.m. Mike Brocco ✠
Tues. 29 NO MASS
Wed. 30 8:30 a.m. Raymond J. Mapa ✠
Thurs. 31 8:30 a.m. Edouard Le Fevre ✠
August
Friday 1 8:30 a.m. Virgilia Vargas Mapa ✠
Sat. 2 5:00 p.m. Mary & Ralph Pujolar ✠
Sun. 3 9:30 a.m. Larry Carolan, Happy Birthday


FISCAL LOG: July 19 / 20

Sunday Collection: \$3,921.
Spare Change Fundraiser: \$27,048.95

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

July 26/27 Visiting Dominican Priest
July 27 Adult Ed. Meeting, 10:30AM, BR
Aug 2/3 2nd Collection, St Leo's Development Fund
Aug 6 /7 Confirmation Reg. for HS & 8th grade, FINN

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for July
In Memory of
James Gater



OUR ST VINCENT De PAUL NEEDS BAGS:
Please drop your extra paper or plastic shopping
bags at the pantry or in the parish office.

VISITING DOMINICAN PRIEST THIS WEEKEND, Rev. Benjamin Kwaghgba, OP

Dominicans in Africa are currently located in some 25 countries. Our Dominican Province of Nigeria & Ghana is the largest entity on the African continent. We are engaged in a diversity of ministries. Our efforts are very much concentrated in the areas of basic formation and training for the priesthood and religious life; primary evangelization in rural parts of Africa; on-going Christian formation in the faith through parish ministries; ministry among Muslims; social justice ministries, and health care delivery; chaplaincies and education ministries at all levels. We are committed to bringing Christ in a relevant way to all the people that we minister unto. We would greatly appreciate your support and encouragement for a successful appeal.

ADULT ED. MEETING, Sunday, July 27 at 10:30AM in the Benziger Room, to continue our discussion of the relationship between the Church and its LGBTQ+ members. We are calling this discussion group “*All God's People.*”

2nd COLLECTION: Next weekend's collection will support St. Leo's Development Fund, which helps maintain our parish buildings and grounds. As an example, a leak was discovered this week on the sprinkler riser at the parish office, and funds from this collection will help cover necessary repairs.

HIGH SCHOOL & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION will be on August 6th & 7th, from 11a.m. to 3p.m. Each class size is limited to 25 students. Priority to families registered at St. Leo's.

A NIGHT OF CAROLE KING: Jon Foreman has secured tickets at the Transcendence ticket office for St. Leo Parish, Men's Club and the St Leo Bocce Club for the August 14th production of “It's Beautiful; A Night of Carole King”.

Here is the link to purchase tickets for August 14th:
https://transcendencetheatre.org/event-details/?event_id=bck
Your savings Code is: STLEOS
30% Discount on Pink Seats. Normal Ticket price \$65.
With Code you save \$15.90 per ticket. Total group price \$49.10 with all fees and discount.
The performance will be at Mario Fazio field at the Field of Dreams, First St. West in Sonoma (behind Sonoma Police station).

The parents eat sour grapes and [what happens?] the children's teeth are set on edge.
Ezekiel 18:2

How true that proverb seems to be even within our last couple of centuries. Since our founding fathers failed explicitly to include African slave laborers within the Bill of Rights, our teeth have been set on edge ever since. Or when you think of 18th to 20th century European imperialism built upon colonization, exploitation, the subordination of native populations, were not those nations eating sour grapes without knowing it? Until competition among them broke out into the World Wars of the 20th century – bequeathing Europe a landscape of shell holes and ruined cities – and now the people of those former colonies are coming home to roost by the millions, which has set the teeth of many a European on edge today.

The proverb is a warning. Watch out – what you are doing (however justifiable it may seem) may amount to eating sour grapes that will leave a bad taste in the mouths, the lives of generations yet to come. Of course, the proverb is fatalistic, and we don't believe in fatalism. We believe we can fashion our lives and futures rationally, justly, wholesomely – with the help of God. And so, we hear God saying in that same Book of Ezekiel: *As I live, I swear that none of you will ever repeat this proverb in Israel! If a man is just, if he oppresses no one, gives food to the hungry, clothes the naked – he shall surely live!*

In other words, you don't have to follow the crowd, the tainted, even ignorant practices of your forefathers. You can change things for the better. You don't have to be a lemming. You have the God-given capacity to be a responsible person, whatever your society may do. Personal responsibility is a possibility, indeed a *must* because, like ignorance, it too can be contagious.

Today's first reading from Genesis is an illustration of that ideal. Sodom and Gomorrah are on the verge of destruction because of their predatory, insatiable lifestyle (look up a mentoring business called *Lifestyles Unlimited* on the Internet). Caught up in unbridled consumption they are about to consume their very selves.

But Abraham intercedes with God. And note he doesn't ask God to save only the good people in those cities (few though they be). He asks God to save both cities, whole and entire, good and bad, *on the basis of those few good people* – be they only 50 or 45 or 40 . . . or 10. Destruction need not be inevitable, if (as the Marines say) a few good men and women can stand up to imminent disaster.

Whatever may have been the behavior of prior generations, in that same chapter 18 of Ezekiel we hear God conclude: *Cast away from you all the crimes you have committed and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. Why should you die, house of Israel? I find no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies, says the Lord. Get yourself turned around and begin to live.*

In the aftermath of the Luftwaffe's attempt to bomb Britain out of the war in the autumn of 1940 – which failed, Winston Churchill, referring to the courage of the Royal Air Force, said: *Never . . . was so much owed by so many to so few.* Formidable though it may seem, we few who try to live like Christ, can save the world. It's a matter of faith.

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Geoff Wood