

Gathering Song: *Alleluia! Give the Glory* BB#304
Refrain: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Give the glory and the honor to the Lord.*
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Give the glory and the honor to the Lord.
1. Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

From the fullness
of the heart

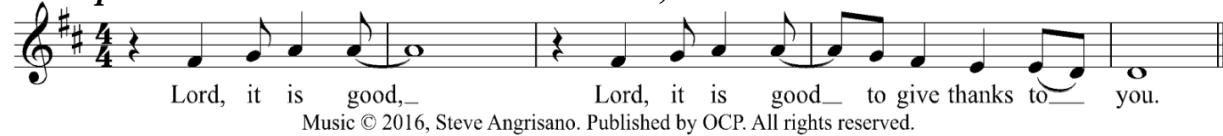


the mouth speaks

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Gloria: *Glory to God* BB#858

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 92: Lord, it is Good*



Gospel Acclamation: *Watson Alleluia*

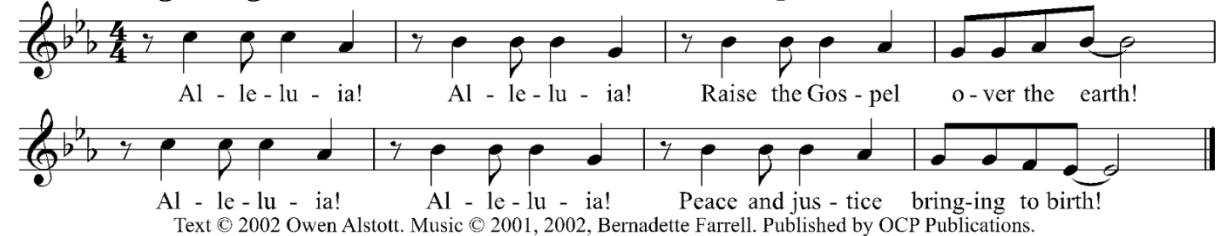
Preparation of Gifts: *You Are the Healing* BB#492

Mass: *May We Be One*
(Mass card is in the pew pocket)

Communion Song: *Taste and See* BB#358

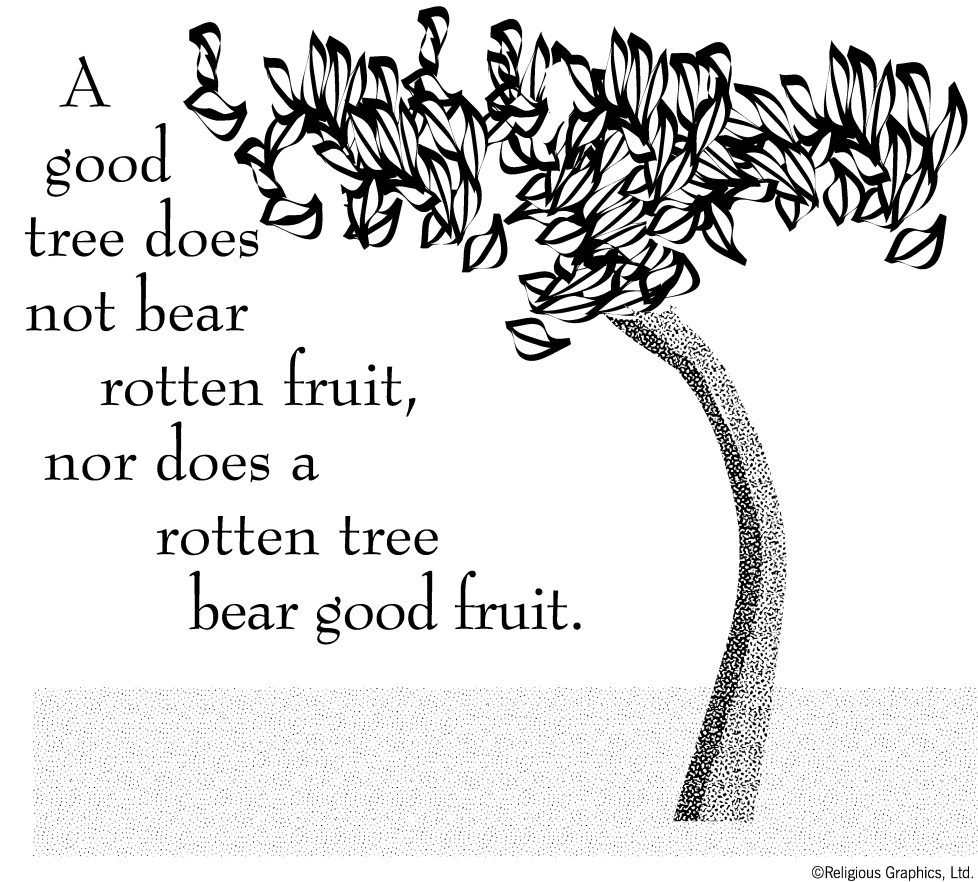


Closing Song: *Alleluia! Raise the Gospel* BB#623



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 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: March 1st – March 9th

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| Sat. 1 | 5:00 p.m. Richard Facciola † |
| Sun. 2 | 9:30 a.m. Fides Bernard † |
| Mon. 3 | 8:30 a.m. Mark Holbrook † and Michael Sanchez † |
| Tues. 4 | NO MASS |
| Wed. 5 | 8:30 a.m. Maria Cucci † (Ash Wednesday) |
| Thurs. 6 | 8:30 a.m. Catalina Protosoff, Speedy recovery |
| Fri. 7 | 8:30 a.m. the People of St. Leo's |
| Sat. 8 | 5:00 p.m. Gregory Ingrassia † |
| Sun. 9 | 9:30 a.m. Vanessa Wardwell, Special intention |

FISCAL LOG: February 22/ 23


Sunday Collection: \$ 4,293.

2024 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN UPDATE
130 Parishioners pledged: \$124,919.38 86%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:


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| March 1/2 | 2 nd Collection-St Leo's Development Fund |
| March 5 | ASH WEDNESDAY Collection for Central & Eastern Europe |
| March 6 | Confirmation Meeting, 6:30 – 8PM |
| March 9 | First Sunday of Lent |
| March 16 | St Patrick's Day Dinner |

SANCTUARY LAMP
Dedication for March
Familia Veloz



2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:
The 2nd Collection this weekend is for St. Leo's Development Fund. Donations to this very important collection pay for the upkeep of the church, rectory, classrooms, and general landscaping for the parish compound.

SPARE CHANGE LENTEN FUNDRAISER: This year the funds will support the construction of a chapel at the orphanage served by the Missionaries of Faith. Currently, two classrooms are being used for Mass, limiting space for education. By relocating the chapel, these classrooms can be repurposed to accommodate more students or even serve as a library. Jars are available at the entrance of church.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

When: Sunday, March 16th

Time: Doors open at 5:00p.m.

Open wine and beer bar with appetizers

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$45 per person, (sit down)
\$25 per take out order


Tickets: Available after Masses and in the office

Menu: Corn beef, Cabbage, Potatoes and Carrots,
Salad, Soda Bread, Dessert, and Irish Coffee

Take out will be available by advance order only

Pick-up: 4-5 p.m.


Delivery: For our homebound parishioners, we will offer free delivery.



This is a fundraiser for the parish put on by members of the parish. We're asking the congregation for help with ticket sales, set up, decorating, and clean-up. If you're able to help in any way please call the office, (707) 996-8422. Thank you!


ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 5, 2025



8:30 a.m. Mass in English
12:00 p.m. Liturgy / Ashes
5:00 p.m. Liturgy / Ashes
7:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Ash Wednesday's collection is for Central & Eastern Europe.



SATURDAY CONFESSION OFFERED: Fr. Jojo is available to hear confessions in the church on Saturdays from 4:30 – 4:45 p.m.

Food for thought

If the tempter in today's Gospel was asking a hungry Jesus to turn stones into loaves of bread *literally* – that would have indeed been a miracle. But actually there is nothing miraculous (although indeed marvelous) about human beings changing stones into buildings and bridges and aqueducts and vegetation into wheat, rice, produce such as you find in the market place and matter into fuel such as coal, oil, gas, even nuclear energy to heat, cook our food, propel our mobility . . . into steel to produce rails for high speed trains, and pots and pans, flying machines and military hardware. . . .

There is something about us as *simply human beings* that knows how to turn the whole of our globe – once dormant with possibilities – into almost anything we want – including loaves of bread. And, of course, once we started exchanging the things we produce and invented money to facilitate such exchanges, then *money* becomes for many the main attraction and people crave it more than the products themselves. In other words money becomes the “bread” we long for – to be accumulated by what we used to call millionaires but now billionaires! – without the performance of any miracle but just shrewd business skills. So the key line in today's Gospel is *not* the tempter's: *If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.* Any energized human being can do that – industrially. No, the key line in today's reading is the one spoken by Jesus: *One does not live by bread alone* . . .

None of the material things we consume, none of the “bread” we invest in the stock market, that we store not only in barns but in banks, will satisfy what makes us truly human. *We hunger for so much more than that.* What is it Jesus says in the Gospel of John? *I have a food to eat which you know not of* . . . and elsewhere in Matthew: *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice* . . . Jesus is speaking of a hunger we all have aside from material comfort – a hunger to become saints! To be deep, caring, awake to the wonder of nature and its Source, to draw on an energy that issues from our very Creator, making us creative and not just belabored from day to day.

The whole Sermon on the Mount makes that clear. *If someone presses you to go a mile with him, go with him two miles; if someone takes you to court over your shirt, give him your coat as well. You have been told to love your neighbor and hate your enemy? But I say to you: love your enemies, pray for your persecutors.* Rather than live as if you have to clutch everything close to your breast for fear of losing it – Jesus challenges you to live to excess – instead of consume, overflow. Why? Because that's what makes your truly human! Generosity, eagerness to learn, to BE and not just exist.

Pharisees criticize Jesus for healing people on the Sabbath. They would restrain the grace in us that can make us saints. But Jesus cures people on the Sabbath anyway; what better time to do good than on the holiest day of the week??

Don't shortchange your life – before it's over – for as *a human being you were made by God to live not on bread alone but by every word, every invitation to grow, all the poetry that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

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Geoff Wood

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