

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

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 March 5th – March 13th

Sat 5	5:00 pm	Rosito Correa †
Sun 6	9:30 am	Jean Mellinger †
Mon 7	8:30 am	Pat O'Grady †
Tues 8	8:30 am	NO MASS
Wed 9	8:30 am	Gillian Burgess, healing
Thurs 10	8:30 am	Lorraine O'Hern †
Friday 11	8:30 am	Stephen W. Dane †
Sat 12	5:00 pm	Kristin Scoma †
Sun 13	9:30 am	Frank Lynch † and Joe Byrne †

FISCAL LOG February 26 / 27

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,563.

ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN '21 UNDATE:
158 Parishioners have pledged: \$146,416.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Mar 5/6	2 nd Collection – St Leo's Dev. Fund
Mar 13	Daylight Saving begins, set your clocks ahead 1 hour
Mar 15	Men's Club Dinner Meeting, 6PM, LSW
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 19/20	CA. Relief Service & CA. Camp. For Human Development
March 20	Spring Begins
April 2/3	2 nd Collection – St Leo's Dev. Fund
April 10	Palm Sunday
April 15	Good Friday – Office Closed
April 17	EASTER SUNDAY

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

LENTEN STONES

As you enter the church, you will notice a basket of stones: please take one as you leave. The stone represents the problems, sinfulness, and challenges that you may carry. During Lent, place them in the stone. Think of the stone as if it were a sponge soaking up all the things that worry you. On Good Friday, when you come to venerate the Cross, bring the stone with you. Put it in the basket at the foot of the Cross of Christ, and leave it there, giving the stone and all it holds in the care of Jesus on the Cross. Know that with his suffering, Jesus has redeemed you and given you the love and strength you need to face each day

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Every Friday
during lent following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT
On Saturdays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass
or by appointment.

MEN'S CLUB BOCCE BALL COURT UPDATE:

Thank you to all the donors who contributed towards the benches and picnic tables to be placed on the St. Leo's Bocce Courts. Forms have been emailed out to all those who have signed up and an email was available. Please return the forms with your check payable to St. Leo's Men's Club as soon as possible. If you've not received a form or wish to purchase a personalized 2" x 4" plaque with your special message, there are still many spaces available. Plaques can be purchased for \$125, and all proceeds go to benefit the Bocce Court construction fund. These plaques will be offered until sold out and there is still a need for additional funding for the gardens and grounds. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and your personal message of love, appreciation or remembrance will be seen by all for many years to come. For more information, please contact Rick Schuhriemen 707-217-9710 or rick.sch@comcast.net

SANCTUARY LAMP

Dedication for March
Deceased Members of the Mapa Family



Thank you for your contribution to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. As a parish we collected \$ 1,860.

One day as he was teaching the people in the temple area and proclaiming the good news, the chief priests and scribes, together with the elders, approached him and said to him, "Tell us, by what authority are you doing these things? Or who is the one who gave you this authority?"

Thus the Temple priests and rabbis confronted Jesus in Luke's Gospel. And even after the death of Jesus that same doubt lingered among the many who questioned his credentials as truly in line with the Moses of old – who led Israel out of Egypt into the future and set God's Law in stone on Mount Sinai.

In response to that doubt the Gospels of Matthew and Luke begin with overtures whereby the features of Jesus's early life are matched artfully by allusions to features of Moses's beginnings. I say artfully, even rhetorically, because that's the way people wrote history back then – as history with a halo effect. And let's face it. Isn't that true of so much modern history? Doesn't a researched biography of Winston Churchill present him as "canonized"?

And so there is a legend about a star heralding the birth of Moses that infiltrates the birth story of Jesus. The infant Moses escaped Pharaoh's decree to kill all Hebrew infant males; even as the infant Jesus escapes King Herod's massacre of Bethlehem's infant boys.

Moses leads Israelites out of the Red Sea and into a desert sojourn of forty years. Jesus rises out of the waters of the Jordan River and next we find him sojourning for forty days and nights in a desert. It is a highly imaginative "match" which in those days could very well credential Jesus as a new Moses or at least cause doubters to wonder.

Also notice how in today's Temptation story Jesus in responding to the devil always quotes directly from the writings of Moses, in which Jesus was obviously well versed.

Nor is this Temptation scene without its parallel to modern times. Who is the devil or diabolos? He is a trickster. He throws curveballs. He too can quote Scripture but in a perverted way. And his temptations fit our times: make and spend money, sometimes called bread, billions and trillions enough to keep up with the rapid production of ever new things "you need", to keep the arsenals thriving; bow down to the idols of the day; acquire enough power to last you a million years - beyond your demise when you won't need it; go to the extreme, high dive off the Temple wall, behave ever more dangerously, technology unbridled, test this new bomb; reduce travel to a split second – which of course is what a digital culture does.

And here's the more ominous of Jesus's replies echoing Moses: *Don't put God to a test* which finds an echo in *Don't tempt fate* or *Don't push too far* - to where even angels won't be able to save you.

Geoff Wood

SPARE CHANGE FUNDRAISER FOR LENT:

The funds collected will go towards the completion of the children's residence at the orphanage in India that Fr. Jojo visits. Jars are available in the Ushers Room.

DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD on Saturday, March 12th before lights out.