From the Desk of Fr. Leo

There are over half a billion Catholics in the world today. How many give a positive witness to Christ and his Gospel-message by their words and actions? It is like lighting a candle. One little candle might not give much light, but from that one little candle many others can be lit. The light that shines forth from the one who

really bears witness to Christ is the Light that is Christ himself. Let that half a billion Catholics light their candle today, and it would soon light up the whole world.

During his lifetime, Jesus often had to reveal the stark truth of Christian realities behind closed doors to an intimate circle of disciples, because the majority of the people were not prepared to accept it. But once the fact of his resurrection became known and accepted, because borne witness to by many honest people, and Christ was accepted as Messiah and Lord, the Christian message began to spread like wildfire and to enlighten the whole then-known world. The Good News gave meaning to the Jew burdened hopelessly under the Law and Pharisaic additions. It gave courage to the pagan, deep in the labyrinths of superstition and sin. It gave hope to young and old alike for it opened up entirely new horizons for mankind with a glorious destiny for each individual who accepted it.

Courageously the Apostles faced the leaders in Israel and bore witness to the person and message of Christ, though it meant putting those very leaders on the spot. They had the Apostles scourged, and forbade them to speak again about the name of Jesus. Undaunted, the apostles never stopped preaching the Good News, full of joy that they had been judged worthy of ill treatment for the sake of Jesus. St. Paul the apostle first had persecuted the young Christian community, but once converted, his zeal knew no bounds. His missionary journey took him to the four corners of the Roman Empire, and everywhere he bore witness to the "Son of God who loved him and gave himself for him." (Galatians 2:20)

But today, a great cloud of darkness threatens to snuff out that Light. Everywhere there are forces at work to undermine the Christian faith and morals. It is necessary that everyone bear witness to Christ with renewed zeal. The Church is missionary in her very essence, and each member of the Church has the potential to make Christ the Light shine around him. Parents by professing openly their staunch Christian faith and bringing up their children in solid Catholic teaching. Educators, especially of the youth, have a tremendous responsibility to keep continuity with those who have taught the genuine message of Christian faith and morals before them.

The early Christians preferred martyrdom to giving up their faith. Our martyrdom today may consist rather in living up to our Catholic ideals, and deviating neither to the right nor to the left, living the Catholic life to which we committed ourselves in baptism, and which we proudly profess as adults.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	**June 27**	**11:00AM**
Lena McCrossen †		Gina
Wed.	**June 28**	**11:00AM**
Thanksgiving		Chua Family
Thur.	**June 29**	**11:00AM**
Elaine Villanueva (birthday)		Lily Militar
Fri.	**June 30**	**11:00AM**
Marcelina Morales †		Your Children
Sat.	**July 1**	**4:30PM**
Joey Ochinero †		Mike & Linda Radcliff
Sun.	**June 2**	**9:00AM**
Francisco Sr. †& Socorro S. Marcos †		Pena Family
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
People of the Parish		

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Sunday Collection – June 18th

St. Rose, Crockett $1006

St. Patrick Mission $180

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

MAINTENANCE HELP!

Our Maintenance Committee has been doing a great job of holding things together, especially through many losses in the last few years. They are in need of some help though! There are a lot of projects, small and large, coming up, and it would be great to have the support of our parishioners. No experience is needed, and any bit of assistance is appreciated. From simply helping to keep the leaves picked up, to trimming trees and maintaining our buildings. There are a lot of little things that we don't even realize get done! If you have any time to give, it would be greatly appreciated. Just call the office (510-787-2052), stop by or send an email, strosecrockett@comcast.net.

Mass Canceled

The 11:00AM mass on Thursday, August 29th has been canceled. Sorry for the inconvenience.

St. Patrick Mission Celebration

As one of the oldest parishes in our Diocese we are proud to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of St. Patrick Mission **Sunday, August 20th**! (Graciously supported by Phillips 66.)

With that being said, we need your help. **Our committees have started the planning process, but we would love more input. Please sign up in the vestibule, or attend the next meeting on June 26th at 7:00PM in the hall.**

Also, we are still looking for any memorabilia to help give a whole picture of our beloved little church, especially pictures! Please spread the word. All items would stay with their owners, we would just like to scan copies of images and even jot down old stories of activities, priests and anything from the past.