

# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 6, 2023

# From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Deep, total human fulfillment is a gift received in the mutual presence and affirmation of a loving relationship. It is these which nurtures and deeply satisfies the human heart. The Bible affirms this when it says, "Not by bread alone shall one live." Food alone can't satisfy, but a meal given in a context of love provides the deepest satisfaction. In such moments there may be an inflow of presence and love to one's deepest being, and one may be strengthened and filled with joy to the core.

It is something like this that St. Matthew means when he says "They all ate and were satisfied." The people, longing for the presence and healing and wisdom of God, had followed Jesus out into the wilderness. Single-mindedly they continued to focus their attention on him, forgetting about their practical and physical needs. Seeing their longing and attentiveness, divine love overflowed in Jesus' heart. As St. Matthew says, "He had compassion on them"; he healed them, fed them, and most of all, rejoiced with them in mutually affirming presence. They were satisfied to the very core of their beings.

Jesus fed and satisfied the people in a communal meal. We now celebrate that same reality in our weekly community Eucharist. These are the moments in which Jesus most concretely reaches out to fulfill our longing and to unite us with himself. Yet most of us experience other moments of deep satisfaction as well. Other moments - moments of shared love with spouse, family or friends, moments of contemplative prayer, moments of joy in nature or art – sometimes even seem to have more intensity and power than the experience of the Eucharist.

It almost goes without saying that it is important not to be seduced by sheer experimental intensity. Life usually teaches us fairly quickly that intense highs can be illusory, and that following their lead may sometimes lead to disaster. Yet peak experiences of human pleasure and joy can also be one of the ways in which the ultimate and total kind of satisfaction – the satisfaction that can only come from God, and which is given fully in the Eucharist -overflows into every corner of God's creation. Every authentic experience of goodness is a participation at some level in the goodness of God.

In fact, for most people, human experiences of love and satisfaction are absolutely foundational to the ability to appreciate the love God has for us. A common image of total satisfaction is the nursing infant in the arms of a tenderly loving mother. Psychologists now affirm that an adequate experience of being lovingly held and fed as an infant lay a foundation for all future love relationships, including the love relationship with God. Just as the infant's experience of love is a foundation for mature loving, so every human experience of fulfillment can point toward the reality of ultimate fulfillment in God.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

# Mass Intentions for the Week

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Tues.	August 8	11:00AM
NO MASS		_
Wed.	August 9	11:00AM
NO MASS		_
Thur.	August 10	11:00AM
NO MASS		
Fri.	August 11	11:00AM
NO MASS		
Sat.	August 12	4:30PM
Rolando Cruz†		Bob† & Lydia
Sun.	August 13	9:00AM
Lena McCrossen †		ICF #14
Port Costa		11:00AM
Theresa Jurik		Family
(birthday) †	+++++++++++++++++	+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
<u>Sunday Col</u>	<u>lection - Jul</u>	y 30 <sup>th</sup>
St. Rose, Crockett		\$1618
St. Patrick Mission		\$225
Thank you again to	all who suppo	rt our Parish!
Reminder, no w	eekday masses i	next week.

Father Leo will be on a retreat!

## St. Patrick Mission Celebration

As one of the oldest parishes in our Diocese we are proud to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Patrick Mission Sunday, August 20th at **10:00AM**! All are



invited, but please RSVP to the office by August 12th (510-787-2052) if you plan to stay for the luncheon following! (Graciously supported by Phillips 66 and the Port Cost Conservation Society.)

We are still looking for any memorabilia to help give



a whole picture of our little church, beloved 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.

## Eucharistic Revival





In line with the Diocese of Oakland's Eucharistic Revival celebration, St. Rose of Lima will be hosting a mass on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00PM.





A special Happy Birthday to Theresa Jurik, who turns 95 years young on August 10<sup>th</sup>!



# July Financial Overview

## St. Rose

#### **Expense:**

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Priest Salary	\$2648.75
Secretary Wages	\$1877.55
Priest Food Reimbursement	\$460.61
Health Insurance	\$1150.48
PG&E Classrooms	\$326.73
PG&E Church/Rectory	\$566.12
Comcast	\$273.13
Garbage	\$306.72
EBMUD	\$362.13
EDD	\$156.02
IRS	\$1251.34
Liability	\$2025.40
Church cleaning	\$340.00
Rectory Cleaning	\$260.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$195.16
Crockett Chamber of Commerce	\$25.00
<b>Eucharistic Revival Parish Donation</b>	\$500.00
CCD Building Roof	\$16,279.00
<b>Total</b>	\$29,004.14
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Sunday's Plate	\$ 9988.00
Holy Days	\$ 50.00
Maintenance	\$ 543.00
CCD Envelope	\$210.00
Facility Use (Lions)	\$250.00
St. Rose Bi-Annual Reimbursement	\$1500.00
Sacramental certificate	\$50.00
Diocesan Interest	\$800.96
Withdrawal from Diocesan Savings	\$17,000
Total	\$30,934.96

## St. Patrick Mission

Expense:	
St. Rose Bi-Annual Reimbursement	\$1500.00
PG&E	\$23.77
<u>Total:</u>	\$1523.77
Income:	
Sundays Plate	\$1239.00
Maintenance	\$118.00
CCD Envelope	\$267.00
Anniversary Donation	\$125.00
Total	\$1749.00