

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

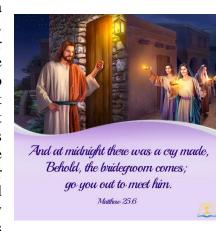
November 12, 2023

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

At midnight came the cry: "The Bridegroom is coming!" The cry fell on the ears of both foolish and wise. Everyone had to be awakened. Ten maidens sleeping. Not a one awake and watching. All were sleeping. What made the foolish to be foolish was their lack of oil. What made the wise to be wise was their flasks of extra oil.

The foolish were foolish because they expected everything to be on schedule. No delays. The foolish

didn't anticipate a sudden change of plan. They didn't prepare for possible every contingency so as to insure their presence at the feast. They didn't realize that this feast was everything, that to be called for there investment of one's total being and every resource -surplus



included. The foolish didn't know the importance of the meal.

What now are the expectations of your heart? How do you rank this feast? Are you here for a taste, or are you here to be dazzled by a foretaste? Foolish are you, or are you wise? And while we together suspect that the five and five somehow live within each of us, we are the wiser when we know too that the foolish ones today are still those who expect delay, who risk tentative investment in other interests. To be foolish lie that is easy. Waiting for nineteen hundred years doesn't compel one to a tiptoe posture of expectation. We expect delay, and we have become experts at ordering interests, necessities, and the surpluses of life accordingly.

Are you here for a taste, or are you here to be dazzled by a foretaste? Taster's Choice.

From practiced lethargy today, the liturgy calls us to be dazzled by foretaste. To be wise today is to receive the power of the signs. The wise among us see not a community dedicated to occasional charity or to routine pleasantry. The wise, blinded to all else, see starved sinners receiving satisfying signs of the presence of the bridegroom, nourished by his very

body and blood. The wise hear the call of the future at this end of the church year, at this end of time, knowing that the design of it all is given. Here is the bread and wine. No need to snack at other meals, to explore the empty promises of other fasts. The wise hear the call of the liturgy: "until he comes as victorious Lord of all." The wise grasp such promise as comfort; they know this meal as the most inclusive in town, embracing not only saints and angels but all those who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

Hear the claim of the liturgy, for it is power to be wise.

Are you here for a taste, or are you here to be dazzled by foretaste? Bedazzled ones are wise and -wonder of wonders -in their bedazzlement discover their flasks to be full of oil.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion



Sunday Collection - November 5th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2701
St. Patrick Mission	\$245

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

<u>Reminder</u>

There will be no Mass at St. Patrick Mission next Sunday, November 19th! Please join us at St. Rose on Saturday at 4:30PM or Sunday at 9:00AM and stay for some pancakes and Christmas shopping (a little birdy mentioned there might be some lumpia too)!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	November 14	11:00AM
Lilli Ann Militar	TOVERIBET 14	Lily Militar
Wed. Living Memorial	November 15	11:00AM
Thur.	November 16	11:00AM
Jorgelia B. Quiapo † Fri.	November 17	Ed & Mae 11:00AM
Robert Bañaga Sr. † Sat.	November 18	Lydia 4:30PM
Bill Valli † Sun.	November 19	John Collins 9:00AM
Jaime Isip†		Peña Family
Port Costa MASS CANCLED		11:00AM
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Virtus Training

Virtus will help you learn how to see signs of abuse, how to help those who have been abused in the past and how to avoid creating an environment where abuse can happen. Taking these classes can help ALL THE VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE AND SOCIETY! It goes far beyond just our little parish and children.

The website is https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus. If you are unsure of doing this at home, or don't have access to the internet, we are happy to have you come to the office and take the class on the computer here with help. Remember the online class does not have to be taken all at once; you may do it at your own pace. NO MATTER WHAT POSTION YOU SERVE IN OUR PARISH, YOU NEED TO DO THIS TRAINING!



Don't be a GRINCH!

Come out and visit our CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE next Sunday! We know that everyone's schedule is starting to get filled, but take a moment even just to come have a warm pancake before or after mass (breakfast starts at 8:30, \$10 a plate), a warm lunch or even just to visit with your neighbors and fellow parishioners while you peruse the vendors. Mention it to a friend, they might even come along with you. Help support our parish, along with all the hard-working volunteers that have given up their time and talent to make this event happen! You might just win a raffle, find a gift for that hard to buy for person, or find a little treat for yourself!