



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

The triumph of our Savior is celebrated this weekend in all the world. It is a triumph of bloodshed and destruction. Not bloodshed of people and enemies, but that of his own blood which he shed on the Cross so as to win this signal victory. Not destruction of men and women and cities, but that of Satan's hold on humankind and the consequence of that hold: sin and death. It is a triumph whereby he takes captive those whom Satan had imprisoned, and leads them from slavery to the freedom of the children of God.

Yet, the real triumph of the Savior, that which underlies all the rest is one of singular love. Jesus, the Son of God, entered into this plan and brought the flame of love to a cold and darkened earth, to a humankind lost in the maze of sinful habits and deadend pathways. The Jews were caught up in a labyrinth of laws, the pagans in a multiplicity of gods and goddesses, the Epicureans in crass materialism, the Stoics in cold indifference. Then the Son of God leapt down from his Father's bosom and flashed the message across the skies that would electrify the world: "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect. As the Father has loved me, so do I love you. Love one another."

To accomplish this, he gave his followers only one commandment. Love one another as I have loved you. By keeping this one commandment, his followers would serve one another in genuine love, and thus gradually transform the entire world. That service of love would be the norm by which he would judge them when he comes again as triumphant King. Therefore, now is the time of decision. Now is the time of action.

True love entails suffering and self-sacrifice. The gift of oneself is the true manifestation of love, even though it costs at times to continue giving oneself. Husbands and wives experience this, parents and children, employers and employees, masters and servants, strangers and friends. In the Gospels, we are shown the motive enabling one to carry out this commandment of love: it is Jesus living in the hearts of every one of his members. Does he not say: "I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, naked and you clothed me." And should one be surprised to hear such a statement from the lips of the King, he will tell him (or her). "As long as you did it to one of these my least brothers you did it to me." It is truly Christ who lives in the lowly and the forsaken, in

the aged and the sick, in the distressed and the despairing, in the cultural minorities as well as in the affluent.

Are we going to enter into the triumph of Christ's love and help him shape up the family of God, thus preparing for his grand Parousia? Then we must be prepared to serve him in each and every one of his members, no matter how repulsive to our senses or repellant to our pride.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Though we are not able to meet together during this week, please keep these intentions in your personal prayers, as Father will continue to include them in his private masses.



Mass Intentions for the Week

TT.	N 1 24	N T/A
Tues.	November 24	N/A
Giovanni & Caterina		John & June
Valentini †		
Wed.	November 25	N/A
Ray & Mary Lou Aust	ria †	Olivia
Thur.	November 26	9:00AM
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Fri.	November 27	N/A
Gregorio P. Atienza † (thanksgiving)	N	Iary Asuncion
Sat.	November 28	4:30PM
Sid Jensen Sr. †		Family
Sun.	November 29	9:00AM
Medoro Pagni †		Bill & Diane
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		

Sunday Collection - November 15

St. Rose, Crockett \$1091

St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa \$235



A BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE FOUND A WAY TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING OUR PARISH!



Thanksgiving Mass

Father Leo will be celebrating Thanksgiving Mass, Thursday November 26th at 9:00AM



Thank You

My sincerest gratitude to those who helped towards the success of our Pre-Thanksgiving take out dinner fund raising this year. To Sidney and Christina Jensen, Mike and Bev Thomas, Joe Surges, Bruce Pedrotti, Jesse and Runette Peralta, Bill and Diane Thomas, Mike and Elena Gomez and Trudi Jensen and her Confirmation class; Maxine Espiritu, Mackenna Brosnan, Ruth Castro, Max Dutra, Lexie Rogers, Sienna Torres, and Giabella Bessolo. I wish to thank also those who supported the event. May God continuously bless you for your service to our Church. Fr. Leo Asuncion



No Indoor Mass!!!

At this time, Contra Costa County has called for outdoor Mass at both St. Rose and St. Patrick Mission! Since the weather has begun the change, we are coming up with a plan, but would like your input. Father Leo is considering returning back to distributing Communion as we were doing earlier in the Summer months if people are not comfortable with outdoor Mass due to the cold weather. PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW YOU FEEL; IT IS VERY IMPORTANT!!!

Stay tuned, and check in with our website, Facebook page and bulletin for an update. You are also welcome to call the office, 510-787-2052, for an update.

Please know that until you feel safe, you are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass, and if you would like to talk to Fr. Leo give us a call at 510-787-2052.

Campaign for Human Development

This weekend, we take up the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Join the effort to break the cycle of poverty in the United States. 25 percent of funds we collect will stay here in the diocese for antipoverty projects. Please be generous!

If you would like to participate, please send a check to: Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Office of National Collections
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
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