

#### November 27, 2022

#### From the Desk of Fr. Leo

When St. Augustine was forty-three, not long after he had been made a bishop, he tried to recapture the youthful struggle out of which he was delivered, drawn ultimately to God. This he did a religious autobiography entitled "Confessions", thirteen "books" of praise characterized by an anxious turning to the past. He had all but broken with his incontinent life when, living in a rented house with two men friends and his mother, he found himself dipping into the epistles of St. Paul. He tells of hearing the sing song chant of a child from a nearby house, boy or girl he could not tell, intoning repeatedly, "Pick it up and read it." Going back to St. Paul's letters he opened randomly to what we now designate as Roman 13:13 and read from the middle of the verse: "Let us conduct ourselves....not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires." He stuck a marker in the place and brought it to his housemate Alypius, who had been thinking similar thoughts about a change of lifestyle. Alypius took the book from him and read on a little further to: "As for the one who is weak in faith, be welcoming." That said Alypius, describes me. The two young men shortly thereafter made a radical change, together with Augustine's teen-aged son, they asked for baptism.

Do not be surprised if the next three weeks in the Sunday liturgies prove not to be devoted to preparation for Christmas. That begins only one week before the feast itself. It comes with the prayer that brackets Mary's song at Vespers (Evening Prayers): an antiphon begins to address Jesus as, "O Wisdom, holy Word of God,": then, successively: "O Lord, O Shoot of David, O Key of David, O King of all nations," and "O Emmanuel." From the seventeenth of December onward we will know that Christmas is coming. But for now, look for the coming one at an hour we do not expect.

Advent is our time of making ready. It is a brief season, to be lived as if each day will be our last. Our faith is not lugubrious, a daily dose of "Angst." It is, however, a matter of deep seriousness. We know the possibility of living in darkness. Some of of us have lived there. We wish now to live in Christ. Ancient

Israel longed for life on the heights of Zion. It ached to walk in the light of the Lord. The Christian hope is the same. Worshiping in spirit and in truth is its dream, not in the mountain nor in Jerusalem but "what we know" in "an hour that is coming."

The light in our lives is the light of Christ. Slouch or stumble toward Bethlehem as we may, let us in genuine repentance proceed toward the one true Light which is Christ.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	November 29	11:00AM
Jorgelia Quiapo		Ed & Mae
(thanksgiving)		
Wed.	November 30	11:00AM
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Thur.	December 1	11:00AM
Elma Nursement †		ICF #14
Fri.	December 2	11:00AM
Mary & Bernard Tho	mas †	Bill & Diane
Sat.	December 3	4:30PM
Sancho Mangrobang	†	Arturo Balagot
Sun.	December 4	9:00AM
Jorge, Tomasa, José	December 1	Delgado Family
Manue	el†	- <i>G</i>
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		



#### Sunday Collection - November 6th

St. Rose, Crockett \$2195

St. Patrick Mission \$145

Thank you again to all who support our Parish

#### Canned Food/ Nonperishables

Now through the celebration of the Epiphany, we will be collecting canned/nonperishable items. We will

continue to collect during the holiday season to help make a difference for those in our community during this holiday. We would love items like cereal, peanut butter, crackers, canned goods with pop top lids,



tuna and other goods that don't necessarily need to be cooked.

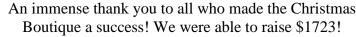
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### <u>Communal Anointing of the Sick</u>

December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our annual Advent Communal Anointing of the Sick at all masses. If you have family members or friends who need this sacrament invite them! Come and be healed with God's healing touch.



## THANKYOU!!



We would also like to take a moment to recognize Runette, Jesse and their crew, the hidden force behind this success. Thank you for doing everything! You are angels to this parish!

For those parishioners who were unable to attend this year, hopefully you will be able to make it next year. It was truly a wonderfully put together event.





#### Prayers for the Deceased

In your prayers, please remember in a special way, Elma Nursement. A Memorial Mass will be held December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00PM

In your prayers, please also remember Bill Valli in a special way. A funeral mass will be held at St. Rose at a future date.

