Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

In combatting forest fires, another fire is purposely started counter wise, to counteract the actual forest fire. The second fire burns towards the first and thus the forest fire burns out, not finding anymore fresh material to enkindle. This is how the fire of love enkindled by our Lord Jesus Christ burns out the fire of passion, hatred and evil which exist in the world.

The spirit of evil promotes justice, hatred and war. Injustice, by defraud and oppression; hatred, by enmity and strife; war, by slaughter and total destruction. It tries with might and main to permeate

> every phase of society, even at times into the highest ranks. The goal is not for the good of humankind but on the contrary its eternal frustration. But this is often so cunningly done, that humankind lets itself be duped by its false promises.

Christ on the other hand came to dethrone Satan and overcame all evil in the world, establishing the reign of God, which is one of justice, love and peace; justice by making humankind realize the equality of all before God and the duty of dealing with one's fellowmen and women in all fairness (just wages, living conditions, retirement pensions and benefits etc.) love, by laying down the practice of love as the requisite of eternal salvation; peace, by imparting the peace which the world cannot give. Christ's goal for humankind is well-being in the present time and eternal happiness in the end-kingdom. By his very example, Jesus showed humankind the dignity of work, the virtue of patient suffering, and the glorious reward of doing God's will in all things.

Where do we stand? On fire with Christ's Spirit of love to oppose the evil spirit? Or does the evil spirit at times tempt the heart to walk a devious path; defrauding others rightful wages, continued coldness and animosity toward relatives or neighbors, jealousy and unbending pride, discrimination and lack of charity especially towards people of color or different culture than ours, or the fire of sensuality in its various forms? Then let us listen to the dynamic words of Jesus in his Gospel message. Let us ask him to cast out the evil spirit in our midst, and establish his reign fully within us and in the world.

With Christ we conquer all evil both within and around us. He alone can give the victory and true peace.

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

Tues.	January 26	N/A
Special Intentions		
Wed.	January 27	N/A
Special Intentions		
Thur.	January 28	N/A
Esther Sandrea		Gina & Vicky
Biscocho Yllan	a †	
<u>Fri.</u>	January 29	N/A
Robert Pallotta †		ICF #14
<u>Sat.</u>	January 30	4:30PM
Special Intentions		
Sun.	January 31	9:00AM
Cocce' Family †		Franca
Port Costa		11:00AM
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People of the Parish

<u>Tax Tíme</u>

If you need a copy of your contributions for taxes, please call the office (510)787-2052. Leave your name, phone number and address (if it has changed), and we will be happy to help you!

Sunday Collection - January 17

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1495					

St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa \$365

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!



No Indoor Mass!!!

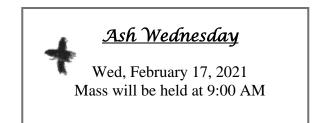
At this time, Contra Costa County has called for outdoor Mass at both St. Rose and St. Patrick Mission! We are still working on a plan, especially for Christmas. Father Leo is considering returning back to distributing Communion as we were doing earlier in the summer months if people are not comfortable with outdoor Mass due to the cold weather. PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW YOU FEEL; IT IS VERY IMPORTANT!!!

<u>Scarves</u>



Runette has been kind enough to donate her time in making some scarves like the ones offered at the Christmas Boutique last year. If anyone is interested in purchasing some (\$15 each)

to keep you or your family warm they are available in the rectory Mon- Fri from 8:30AM-2:00PM.



<u>Masses</u>

It is all a work in progress, that takes many hands, so for now Father will do Mass from the balcony of the church, just inside the vestibule, facing the parking lot. Please tune to 88.7FM to hear Father say Mass. After Mass is completed, we ask that those who would like to receive communion please DRIVE to the drive way in front of the church and continue to drive in as though you are going to drive down the drive way past the hall. Father Leo will be outside waiting to give communion. As your car approaches where he is, please turn your car off, make sure your mask is on and approach Father Leo for communion. After communion, please return to your car and proceed down the drive way. We are working on having a screen back so that Father can again be on the altar.

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