

## From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Early in his political career Senator Everett Dirksen of Illinois was verbally assailed by an Illinois voter who said, "I wouldn't vote for you, Senator, if you were St. Peter himself." Smiling benignly the Senator replied, "If I were St. Peter, sir, you wouldn't be in my district."

Fortunately, each one of us has been invited to be a member of St. Peter's district, the Church. By our own baptism we have been brought into the sheepfold of Christ. During the celebration of the Mass, we should think not only of ourselves and our own welfare and security. We should also think of the needs of others, since the sheepfold of Christ is indeed for all peoples of all places. St. Paul and Barnabas in the First Reading, traveled far from home to preach Christ. When some of their fellow Jews rejected their preaching, they were undaunted and turned to the Gentiles. They did so in order to follow out the instruction of the Lord: "I have made you a light to the nations, a means of salvation to the ends of the earth."

All Catholics, especially through the sacrament of Confirmation, have the obligation of spreading the truth of Christ. And yet, in the Church some persons have been given a specific role in proclaiming Christ, they are priests and religious. There is such a manifest need for good priests and religious that the Pope has set this Sunday aside as a World Day of Prayer for priestly and religious vocations.

Perhaps you fell that praying for good priests and religious has little meaning, since God will always provide for his Church. It is true that God will provide, but he wishes to give vocations to young men and women in response to prayer. Take St. Paul for example. We observed him in the First reading as a dedicated preacher of Christ, but St. Paul was not always such. In fact, he persecuted the Church of Christ. When St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, met his death, Paul stood by looking after the cloaks of those who were stoning Stephen, and Paul approved of his death. In his last moments Stephen prayed for his persecutors, and St. Augustine commented later on this incident: "If Stephen had not prayed, the Church would not have gained Paul." St. Augustine spoke of the power of prayer from his own experience. As a young man he led a dissolute, selfish life with no regard for the teachings of Christ. One person never gave up on him -his mother, St. Monica. Through her prayers, Augustine received the grace from God to become an outstanding bishop, a great theologian, and a saint.

That the pope himself today asks for prayers from all Catholics is itself a sign of how valuable our prayers are. Let us join together during the mass in begging God the grace of good vocations. Parents should be thinking of their children. Pray that God will direct them in their choice for calling in life and that, if it be his will, they may respond to a priestly or religious vocation.

#### Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	<b>May 10</b>	11:00AM	
Thanksgiving		Olivia & Marvin	
Wed.	May 11	11:00AM	
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae	
Thur.	May 12	11:00PM	
Nancy Dalisay †		Lily Militar	
Fri.	May 13	11:00AM	
Matthew del Rosario l	Banaga †	Grandparents	
Sat.	May 14	4:30PM	
Johanna Ochinero †		ICF #14	
Sun.	May 15	9:00AM	
Mary Pagni †		Bill & Diane	
		Thomas	
Port Costa		11:00AM	
People of the Parish			
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# Sunday Collection - May 1

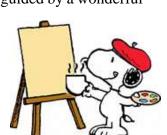
St. Rose, Crockett	\$2255
St. Patrick Mission	\$212

### Thank you again to all who support our Parish

## Coffee and Canvas

Join us Saturday, May 21st at 10:00AM for a fun relaxing morning of carefree painting and coffee! Enjoy a light breakfast and lunch while you get the chance to paint a simple canvas, guided by a wonderful

instructor from our parish. And of course, there will be coffee!! All of this for \$30, plus your painting to take home as a memento. Set some time aside for yourself; all are welcome! Sign-ups in the vestibule.



## **Upcoming Projects**

\$3,750 for this repair.

Some of you may remember a couple years ago before Covid, though it feels like eons, \$5, 400 we had the air conditioning unit \$4,800 for the church serviced and found that one of the air compressors \$4,200 \$3,750 was no longer working. The \$3,600 Pastoral Council felt that replacement, for \$5,980 was the \$3,000 best choice, especially since the unit is from the late 90's. With this in mind, we are asking \$1800: parishioners if they would \$1200 consider donating specifically to this project so that we can \$600 hopefully reach the goal of \$6,000! We hope to have the system up and running in a couple months. **UPDATE!:** We have currently raised

## Bishops Appeal

To successfully achieve both our parish goals: **St. Rose – 29.33%** Our overall goal is \$6,000. St. Patrick Mission – 4.44% Our overall goal is \$900.

If you have not had an opportunity to make a pledge by returning your card through the mail, please complete contribute in the collection basket next weekend.

#### WE CAN DO IT!

### March Financial Overview

\$2456.36

### St. Rose

**Priest Salary** 

### **Expense:**

	Secretary Wages	\$1627.24
	Priest Food Reimbursement	\$333.97
	PG&E Classrooms	\$113.71
	PG&E Church/Rectory	\$894.69
	Comcast	\$255.46
	Garbage	\$279.96
	Health Insurance	\$1105.48
	EDD	\$124.82
	IRS	\$1298.22
	Liability	\$1986.20
	RCIA supplies	\$16.33
	Lay Employee Pension	\$464.48
ď	Fire Extinguishers	\$288.93
ř	Confirmation Stipend	\$300.00
	Confirmation Emcee	\$100.00
	Confirmation supplies	\$34.05
	Flowers	\$122.74
	Unemployment Comp	\$162.31
	Printer Ink	\$43.66
ŀ	<u>Total</u>	\$12,008.61
	Income:	
	Sunday's Plate	\$11,060.00
	Holy Days	\$692.00
	Easter	\$4554.00
	Maintenance	\$557.00
	CCD Envelope	\$365.00
	Donations	\$120.78
	Facility Use – Parking Lot	\$300.00
	Sacramental Services	\$100.00
	Flowers	\$878.00
	<u>Total</u>	\$18,626.78
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### St. Patrick Mission

# **Expense:**

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Total:	\$202.98
Flowers	\$29.43
Fire Extinguishers	\$51.00
CCWD	\$58.62
PG&E	\$63.93

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Total

Sundays Plate	\$1507.00
Holy Days	\$30.00
Easter	\$660.00
Maintenance	\$50.00
CCD Envelope	\$30.00
Flowers	\$145.00

\$2422.00