

December 4, 2022

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Every generation needs its own shoot springing up from the stump of its own tradition. Every generation needs those who are not co-opted by the good times and monetary prosperity of the moment, usually at the expense of the powerless, who recall for their time the original vision: that there was once an Eden in which there was enough for everyone's need, though insufficient for everyone's greed. These folk will raise up and facilitate the imagination of a people to the possibilities for justice, freedom, righteousness and peace in their time and place.

The prophet's task is both to imagine and to generate a people's imagination. Way back in Egyptland when a seemingly God-forsaken, pitiful pack of Hebrews were stuck in Pharaoh's mud pits making bricks for pyramids, and their plight seemed hopeless, and all they could do was moan and groan from their common misery, someone heard their cries. From somewhere, there came a voice: from "Yaweh's" household no less, from one who also had sojourned in a foreign land, one to whom the Lord spoke with a new vision. "I have seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry...I know their sufferings, and I have come down...to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad and, a land flowing with milk and honey."

And so it goes biblically. Jeremiah, Amos, Ezekiel, John the Baptist, all were looking for one who would enable the blind to see and the lame to walk. Martin Luther imagined a church where the faithful would be free from the terror of the hereafter, and once again grace would flow freely, gushing from the inexhaustible wellspring of one who forgave even from the cross. Martin Luther King, Jr., climbed to the mountain top and saw for his own people, for all people, a promised land of equality and freedom for his and Coretta's children, for all children. So even Bishop Medardo Gomez envisions for El Salvador, and Desmond Tutu for South Africa, Sakharov for Russia, and Lech Walesa for Poland.

The prophet's vision comes even to us. Perhaps some of us live in a marriage that is more captivity and abuse rather than ecstasy and delight in one another. Perhaps we are experiencing a teenage emergence into a world of falseness and contradictions instead of

encouragement and promise. Some of us whose lives have been bent on "having it all" find at the last, we have nothing! Whatever our situation, these texts teach, as did St. Paul to the Romans, that we are embraced and inextricably held by a God of steadfastness and hope.

As Martin Luther King, Jr. says, "At the center of he Christian faith is the conviction that in the universe, there is a God of power who is able to do exceedingly abundant things in nature and in history." Even to achieving peace on earth! At this prophetic word, this Advent we rejoice in hope.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	December 6	11:00AM
Tommy Wolthuis †		Roxene
(thanksgiving)		
Wed.	December 7	11:00AM
Ambrose Colombo †		Roxene
Thur.	December 8	11:00AM
Lucy & Leo Bottini	-	Bill & Diane
Fri.	December 9	11:00AM
Ricarte LiGuid Ligui	d†	Jenny
Sat.	December 10	4:30PM
Stevie & Teddy Gallo	o †	Your Family
Sun.	December 11	9:00AM
Christina Quiapo		Mom & Dad
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		
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Prayers for the Deceased

In your prayers, please remember Bill Valli in a special way. A funeral mass will be held at St. Rose on January 13th at 9:00AM.



Sunday Collection - November 27th

St. Rose, Crockett \$1608

St. Patrick Mission \$100

Thank you again to all who support our Parish

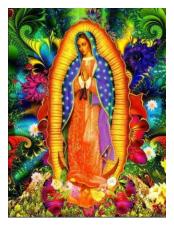


Communal Anointing of the Síck

December 10th & 11th, 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

Our Lady of Guadalupe

On Sunday, December 11th, in honor of La Virgin de Guadalupe, las mananitas will begin at 8:00AM. After 9:00AM Mass at St. Rose, we invite you to enjoy some hot chocolate and pan dulce in the vestibule. We encourage all parishioners to bring some flowers to honor Our Lady Guadalupe.



Special Second Collection

Help care for elders.

Next week's second collection will be for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Your contribution helps religious communities provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs.



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



Poinsettias & Christmas Decorations

The poinsettias that decorate our Church during the Christmas season are in honor of our departed loved ones. Envelopes to add the memory of your loved one to the altar will be available

next week. The donation for each name is \$10.

Why do we light an Advent Wreath?

Advent wreaths are popular, but many of us don't know their meaning! The advent wreath is circular, with no beginning or end, to symbolize God's unending love for us. The wreath is also made out of evergreens to symbolize eternal life through Jesus. There are four candles, each representing 1,000 years,

with one lit a first two Hope and violet, the prayer, and also the color for third week, (Rejoice) Sunday, symbolic of joy, is lit as the

sacrifice; liturgical Advent. The Gaudete a rose candle. waiting for the birth of Jesus is almost over. The fourth violet candle,

"The Angel's Candle," stand for Peace, and is lit marking the final week of prayer and penance. It's message, "Peace of Earth, Good Will Towards Men," as we dispel the darkness, closer the light of Christ.



December Feast Days



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December 6th is the Feast of St. Nicholas. In some countries children leave their shoes out to receive candy or a small gift.

December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. We celebrate that Mary was conceived completely free of original sin. One way to honor the day is to sing Marian songs like "Ave Maria." MASS AT ST.

ROSE WILL BE AT ITS NORMAL 11:00AM.