

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Men of all stations in life have recognized the value of prayer and need of prayer. Mahatma Gandhi for one. President Chiangkai-Shek in his day, spent an entire night in prayer and begged priests and people to do so also, in order that a devastating typhoon would veer away from his country. Our first president George Washington always turned to God for much-needed strength in guiding our nation. Martin Luther King spent the whole night on his knees before the Montgomery March. What emphasis does Jesus put on prayer?

Christ was the Son of God, yet as true man he expressed a positive need of communing with the Father often. This weekend's Gospel shows us how after working far into the night encouraging, praying over people and curing them of their afflictions, he rose early next morning to pray. The late hours spent in giving himself brought with it the need of rest and sleep. Yet he did not neglect to pray. Though he often prayed with others in the Temple services, at times he preferred seclusion in order to commune more effectively with the Father. From prayer he derived the strength he needed for his gigantic task of effectively opposing the forces of evil and establishing the reign of God in human hearts, so often shallow and fickle. Prayer for him was like multivitamins.

The work given to each one to do is important, but it must be reinforced by prayer like concrete is reinforced, to uphold us in our daily undertakings. From prayer and communion with God we derive strength, courage, and new insights that impel us to go on. In quiet prayer, one becomes more aware of God's presence and the power of his Spirit. Taking out some time daily for silent prayer is by no means time lost. Many professional and business people do this regularly, not to mention the myriads of daylaborers who experience the great benefit of regular prayer.



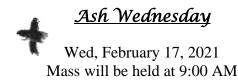
Why have many lost the art of praying, even those whose call-in life demands that they spend time in prayer? Is it perhaps the great amount of time spent in shallow- reading matter, TV shows, computers, cell phones, movies etc.? Without the practice of communing with God, the habit will never be formed, and life remains very mediocre. Even the pagan monks are well known for their stress on prayer. Should the disciples of Christ not follow the example of their Master? The prayer Jesus taught us is the best guideline for any and all prayer. Take time to pray. It is the way to God's heart.

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.	February 9	N/A
Special Intentions		
Wed.	February 10	N/A
Special Intentions		
Thur.	February 11	N/A
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Fri.	February 12	<u>N/A</u>
Christina Quiapo		Mom & Dad
Sat.	February 13	4:30PM
Special Intentions		althorities
Sun.	February 14	9:00A
James (Jim) Dooley †		Franca
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		
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Sunday Collection - January 31

St. Rose, Crockett \$1355

St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa \$300

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!



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



No Indoor Mass!!!

Although the stay-at-home order has been lifted, Contra Costa County has still called for outdoor Mass at both St. Rose and St. Patrick Mission! We are all anxiously awaiting the second we will be allowed back inside the Church, but for now we will continue as we have for the last few weeks.

Scarves

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.

January Financial Outlook

St. Patrick Mission

Expense:	
DayNite Pest Control	
CCWD (water)	

PG&E \$95.45 \$355.71 **Total:**

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Sundays Plate	\$745.00
Holy Days (Solemnity of Mary)	\$60.00
Maintenance	\$10.00
CCD Envelope	\$20.00
Initial Offering	\$20.00
Donations	\$20.00
Total	\$875.00

January Financial Outlook

St. Rose

Expense:

Priest Salary	\$2656.36
Secretary Salary	\$2091.18
Priest Food Reimbursement	\$403.99
PG&E Classrooms	\$254.86
PG&E Church/Rectory	\$1020.93
Comcast	\$213.11
Garbage	\$256.72
Health Insurance	\$1065.48
Lay Person Pension	\$1025.97
EDD	\$116.28
Taxes (IRS)	\$1179.69
EBMUD (Church/rectory)	\$298.88
EBMUD (CCD Building)	\$91.62
Our Sunday Visitor (envelopes)	\$119.13
Glass Doctor (CCD Window)	\$450.89
Priest Self-Employ Tax Reimb	\$2802.00
SERP 2021 (priest retirement)	\$1200.00
Clergy Long Term Care	\$3000.00
CC Foundation Donation	\$50.00
Office Supplies (calendar)	\$28.13
Total	\$18,325.22

Income:

Total

\$158.00

\$102.26

Fotal	\$16,850.20
Bi-annual St. Patrick Reimb.	\$1250.00
Missal Donations	\$370.00
CCF Fundraising help	\$1000.00
Thanksgiving Fundraiser	\$2695.79
Sacramental Service	\$150.00
Diocesan Interest	\$846.10
Facility Use (Little Roses)	\$660.00
Facility Use (Parking lot lease)	\$300.00
CCD Envelope	\$130.00
Maintenance	\$245.00
Donations	\$320.50
Christmas	\$1705.00
Initial Offering	\$355.00
Holy Days	\$655.00
Sunday's Plate	\$6167.81