

### From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Envy easily lurks in the human heart, and it is a disturbing factor in community. For example, a teacher envies the success of a fellow teacher, a pastor, the popularity of his assistant, a student, the talents of a classmate, a religious, the manifest harems of a fellowreligious. Some wonder why God seems to favor others more than themselves., when they themselves are so much more deserving. In the movie "The Song of Bernadette" by Franz Werfel (both the book and the movie) this is well shown in the case of the novice mistress, who could not see how that poor, uneducated girl should have such favors from the Blessed Mother instead of herself, a woman of noble birth, a woman of much prayer and penance! But the divine favor singled out Bernadette.

How well God speaks as did the owner of the vineyard to the disgruntled workers: "Can I not do with my money as I want to? Are you envious because I am generous? God dispenses his favors and his privileges as he pleases. Has anyone a right to them? He will also reward everyone according to his works (Matthew 16:27) but no one dictates to the Spirit of God how, or to whom, to distribute his gifts.

In the family of God, the attribute that builds up is the sincere appreciation of each other's gifts and joyous praise of God for his goodness and his wonderful works. "There are different gifts but the same Spirit; there are different ministries but the same Lord: there are different works but the same God who accomplishes all of them in everyone. To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." (I Corinthians 12:4-7) Thus we have nothing to boast about and nothing to be envious about, for whatever is good in a man or a woman stems from the Spirit of Love within him.

Moreover, in the Body of Christ, whatever good accrues to each member will be eternally enjoyed by all the others. In the fellowship of the Spirit we enjoy sharing all that we have, for sharing is the characteristic of love. In the perfect happiness of heaven there is no envy, only love that shares all with all. We will endeavor to walk in the footsteps of the great Apostle Andrew who, although called by the Master before his brother Peter, and who even brought his brother to the Master, yet stepped humbly aside to see the Master choose his brother Peter as the head of the little band of Twelve, the spokesman for all the

rest. This is the kind of example needed today by many whose main striving seems to be for the higher places. 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.	September 22	N/A
Special Intentions		_
Wed.	September 23	N/A
Tecla Fernandez †		Bernardina †
Thur.	September 24	N/A
Special Intentions		
Fri.	September 25	N/A
Special Intentions	September 23	IVA
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Sat.	September 26	4:30PM
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Special Intentions Sun.		9:00AM
Special Intentions  Sun.  Eilah		9:00AM
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# Sunday Collection - September 13

St. Rose, Crockett \$1671 \$225



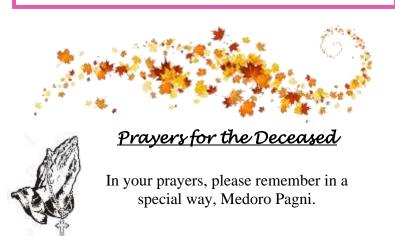


## St. Patrick Mission

Mass will be held in the parking/street area just in front of the church. Please bring your own seat if possible because very few chairs will be available. Space is very limited. Mass will be a little shorter than normal, and everyone will stay in their spot until the end of mass. At that time, Father will invite participants up to receive communion keeping 6ft apart at all times! After communion, in an orderly manner, the parishioners will pick up their chairs and return directly to their cars.

# St. Rose of Lima

Please bring your own seat and stay on the marked spots in front of the church. We will only be able to accommodate 25% of the space in the courtyard. Mass will be a little shorter than normal, and everyone will stay in their spot until the end of mass. At that time Father will invite participants up to receive communion keeping 6ft apart on the markings! After communion, in an orderly manner, the parishioners will pick up their chairs and return directly to their cars.



#### Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Fund

When a priest is ordained in the Diocese of Oakland, he becomes a member of the family. And like all families, we take care of one another throughout our lives. This means in the good and bad times, in health and sickness. After many long years of service to their parishes and the wider community, diocesan priests are granted retirement by the bishop -- usually this is well past the common age of 65-68. In retirement, if they are able, most continue to serve in relief and special ministries. It is the time of the year where we are reminded of the need and obligation to support our retired parish and community leaders through the Priests Retirement Fund.

available online portal here https://oakdiocese.org/diocesandonation.

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