



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

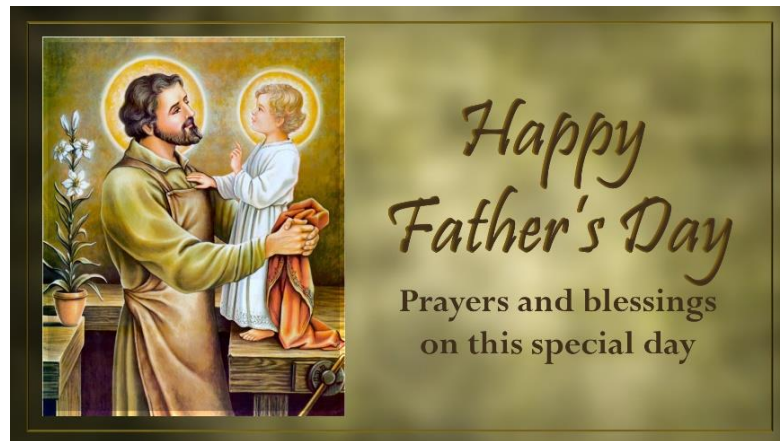
Pick up any mission magazine today and you will see how the missionaries are greatly hampered in their work of evangelizing and of deepening the faith by the lack of sufficient personnel to help along in the vineyard of the Lord. Truly the harvest is great but the laborers are few. Here too, in our own country, many large parishes especially in some cities are understaffed, so that it is not possible that the pastor reaches all their people adequately. Yet Vatican II brought out so clearly that the whole Church is missionary in character. All ought to take part in bringing the Good News to those who have not heard it or who hear it only seldom.

In this weekend's Gospel reading, the heart of Jesus was filled with compassion. He was moved to pity when he saw the large crowd like sheep without a shepherd. That is why he sent his disciples out in all directions, and invested them with his own powers to expel Satan from the hearts of all people, and to heal every kind of disease, but above all to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom. Do you suppose that today he is less moved when the vast number of people in many lands do not yet get to know the Good News which he brought to earth almost two thousand years ago? He came to save humankind from the clutches of the Evil One, to endow him with the Sonship of God, to bring him true peace of heart and everlasting happiness in the kingdom of his father. He gave himself as a victim for the sins of all mankind, and instituted the sacrifice of the Eucharist as a perpetual offering to thank and appease the Father in heaven. He offered himself to be our Food as long as this journey on earth lasts, and granted mankind many other benefits.

And how does mankind respond today? Do you suppose he is not moved to compassion when he sees countless numbers who belong to his flock, yet are not adequately cared for? The lack of priests to give them the Christ-life in the sacraments, the lack of religious to train the youth, the lack of generous laymen and women to further the cause of the Gospel, all this moves the heart of Christ to deep compassion. That is why his earnest plea in this weekend's Gospel -Reading is all the more urgent in our days: Beg the harvest-master to send laborers to gather his harvest. It is the Father of whom he is speaking when he mentions the harvest-master. And it is to us today he is addressing his earnest plea. He wants us to pray, to beg, to supplicate God, to awaken in the hearts of many youths that noble desire to follow Christ more closely, and join the ranks of those priests and religious who are laboring in the vineyard, or of those generous laymen and women who do all in their power to be the dynamos at home both by their prayers and by their material aid for those working in the field.

Christ is making the increase of vocations depend to a great extent in the prayers and supplications of the faithful. Are we responding to his request? Do we add a prayer for vocations to our family prayers, or to our individual prayers? Or are we content to enjoy the presence of priests and religious in our own midst without caring for the countless others who lack that privilege?

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion



Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time. Rows include Tues. June 20 11:00AM (Hidelisa Morada, Lacsina Family), Wed. June 21 11:00AM (Living Memorial), Thur. June 22 11:00AM (Lisa Morada, Ed & Mae), Fri. June 23 11:00AM (Gerardo Bernardino, Bob & Lydia), Sat. June 24 4:30PM (Bill Valli, John Collins), Sun. June 25 9:00AM (Federico S. Maros Sr., Pena Family), and Port Costa 11:00AM (Father's Day Novena).



Sunday Collection - June 11th

Table with 2 columns: Parish, Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett (\$1600.65), St. Patrick Mission (\$165.00). Includes 'Thank you again to all who support our Parish!'



St. Patrick Mission Celebration

As one of the oldest parishes in our Diocese we are proud to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of St. Patrick Mission Sunday, August 20th! (Graciously supported by Phillips 66.)



With that being said, we need your help. The parish is starting to put together a committee to help plan the festivities, so if you would like to be involved, or know someone that would be, please sign up in the vestibule. Also, we are starting to look for any pictures, memorabilia, etc. to help give a whole picture of our beloved little church, so please spread the word. All items would stay with their owners, we would just like to scan copies of images and even jot down old stories of activities, priests and anything from the past.

MAINTENANCE HELP!

Our Maintenance Committee has been doing a great job of holding things together, especially through many losses in the last few years. They are in need of some help though! There are a lot of projects, small and large, coming up, and it would be great to have the support of our parishioners. No experience is needed, and any bit of assistance is appreciated. From simply helping to keep the leaves picked up, to trimming trees and maintaining our buildings. There are a lot of little things that we don't even realize get done! If you have any time to give, it would be greatly appreciated. Just call the office (510-787-2052), stop by or send an email, strosecrockett@comcast.net.

