

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Our enthusiastic participation at mass depends in some degree on a realization of who we are. When we say we are the people of God, we mean just that. It might sound odd to some, but we must be a people who are in love, truly in love with one another as Christians, whether or not we happen to be members of the same blood family.

It is our mutual job to create the environment and the atmosphere in the church in which God can communicate to us and we can respond to him. This is the chief duty of the celebrant of the mass, the leader of the assembly. Like St. Paul and Barnabas, the celebrant calls the congregation together to tell of the wonderful works of God, especially that he has brought the people together in love. The celebrant like, St. John, must see a new heaven and a new earth, a new Jerusalem, which each parish ought to be: "A holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride prepared to meet her husband." It is the privilege of the celebrant that at the lectern and at the altar to tell his people in the words of St. John's Book of Revelation: "This is God's dwelling among men. He shall dwell with them and he shall be his people, and he shall be their God who is always with them."

But the creation of the parish environment and the atmosphere at Mass on which God and the people can communicate, can result only from effort on the parts of everyone. The new liturgy is a good vehicle, not a perfect one, for creating such an atmosphere. But we must work at it. The celebrant helps the people understand God's revelation in the liturgy of the word. We must listen attentively and try to assimilate what we learn. The lesson this weekend is an easy one to absorb that is, the early Christians loved one another, at least in the sense that they were enthusiastic about the progress of this new way of life. Obviously, Christians, early and now, have to work at this business of loving one another.

This is not the time or place for a blueprint on how to create this environment and atmosphere in which communication with God occurs. Here we establish attitudes, which can help us rid ourselves of hatred and ill-will, ill-feelings and grievances. Here we celebrate the fact that God loves us enough to bring us together so that we can give his revelation to us. How we act toward one another in our homes, schools,

rectories, offices, at work, in our recreations, all week, will determine in large measure what kind of true-love atmosphere we have created for our weekend Sunday worship. We are at a certain level at this time. During this week we will grow, so that next Sunday we will be able to create just a little higher level of environment for our communication with God. For all that we are at this environment, let us enter as enthusiastically as possible during Mass, celebrating the wonderful fact that God has first loved us, so that we can love him and our fellow human beings in return.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	May 17	11:00AM
Shirley Antonio†		Lily Militar
Wed.	May 18	11:00AM
Living Memorial		
Thur.	May 19	11:00PM
Mary Pagni †		Rita Detomasi
Fri.	May 20	11:00AM
Christina Quiapo		Mom & Dad
(Thanksgiving)		
Sat.	May 21	4:30PM
Potenciano Joson †		Rose
Sun.	May 22	9:00AM
Tia Airoldi †		Rita Detomasi
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		
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Sunday Collection - May 8

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1946
St. Patrick Mission	\$375

Thank you again to all who support our Parish

Coffee and Canvas

Join us **NEXT WEEKEND**, 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.



Father's Day Novena

Father's Day is June 19th. Father's Day cards will be available in the vestibule next week, if you would like to enroll your father or father figure, living or deceased, in the Father's Day Novena, June 10th -June 19th. You may drop it in the collection basket or the office before Wednesday, June 8th.



Crockett Scouts

Help our local scouts (boys and girls) get to camp this summer by supporting their annual fish fry. FRIDAY, MAY 20TH, from 4:00-8:00PM at the

Crockett Scout Hall.

Dine in and take out, \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Let's help make the return of this tradition a success!

Prayers for the Deceased

In your prayers, please remember in a special way, John Mone.



Upcoming Projects

Some of you may remember a couple years ago before Covid, though it feels like eons, we had the air conditioning unit for the church serviced and found that one of the air compressors was no longer working. The Pastoral Council felt that replacement, for \$5,980

was the best choice, especially since the unit is from the late 90's. With this in mind, we are asking parishioners if they would consider donating specifically to this project so that we can 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 \$4,850 for this repair.

