From the Desk of Fr. Leo

It is interesting to note the difference between Zacchaeus' acceptance of Christ the grown man, and the rejection of Christ the child by the inn keeper of Bethlehem. One has room for Christ, the other does not. Isn't that pretty much the treatment Christ receives today? Not so much in his person, but in his members. We accept Christ in the people we like, and reject him in those who don't appeal to us. I am sure that most of the crowd was displeased that Christ would talk with Zacchaeus, or that he would allow Zacchaeus to invite him into his house, and accept the invitation.

Zacchaeus was a prominent official. This didn't keep him from climbing a tree in order to catch a glimpse of Jesus. He was a tax gatherer and collected duties over the entire district of Jericho. As we know, this did not make him popular with the people. Whatever the crowd saw in Zacchaeus, Jesus saw in him a son of Abraham, a true Israelite without guile, whose mindedness and ingenuous conduct was evidence of himself that went deeper than mere curiosity -whatever Zacchaeus himself may have thought of it at the time. Legally, Zacchaeus could not have been held to repay back fourfold where he may have cheated others. This was voluntary on his part And this voluntary commitment Jesus accepted on its face value.

So here we have mutual acceptance. Christ offered salvation to Zacchaeus, and the tax gatherer offered his friendship to Christ. This beautiful mutual acceptance of Christ and Zacchaeus can be a prototype of our mutual acceptance of one another. Zacchaeus was not perturbed by negative reaction against his desire to see Christ and be friends with him. And he seems to have acted out of a right conscience. This does not mean a perfect one, but one which was honest. Christ taught him much by word and example, and Zacchaeus seems the kind of man who would reject his life accordingly. So it is with us. Conscience is our practical judgment, by which we judge here and now what is to be done as being good, and what is to be avoided as evil. Our acceptance of Christ demands that we form a right conscience in regard to his teachings as recorded in the Scriptures, and as interpreted by the Church down through the centuries. The problem is to form a

right conscience. This must be done through prayer, study, consultation, and an honest facing of the facts. This is especially true of such difficult matters as birth control and the education of children. These are difficult matters to discuss. The main purpose of mentioning them is that they touch upon our relationship with Christ. They are crucial to our acceptance of one another. They do deserve careful consideration. Otherwise, we may be accepting Christ only partially.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	November 1	9AM, 6PM
Estela Mostiales†		Zeny Roque
Wed.	November 2	11:00AM
Victor Roque [†]		Zeny Roque
Thur.	November 3	11:00PM
All Departed Souls		Ed & Mae
Fri.	November 4	11:00AM
Rocco Enea †		Ed & Mae
Sat.	November 5	4:30PM
Asuncion O. Balagot	. 	Arturo Balagot
Sun.	November 6	9:00AM
Jorge, Tomasa, Manue	el	Delgado Family
& Jose		
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		



Sunday Collection - October 23rd

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2303
Bishop's Appeal	\$340
St. Patrick Mission	\$165
Bishop's Appeal	\$15

Thank you again to all who support our Parish

All Souls Mass

We will be able to hold our traditional All Souls Remembrance Mass on Saturday, November 5th at 10:00AM. If you want the names of your departed to be included in the Pravers of the Faithful, please submit them (\$10 donation per name) by Wednesday November 2nd! We invite all that attend for some light refreshments after the Mass. If you are able to donate some store-bought sweets, please let the ALLY SOULS office know, 510-787-2052.





Join us for a fun relaxing fall

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, or maybe even a Christmas gift for someone special. Set some time aside for yourself; all are welcome!

LAST ONE FOR THE YEAR!!!

Sign-ups in the vestibule.

Daylight Savings

Don't forget! Daylight Savings ends next Sunday, November 6th!



Mass Tímes

Father Leo will be having mass at 9:00AM and 6:00PM on Tuesday, November 1st for All Saints Day.

Mass on Wednesday, November 2nd will be at the regular 11:00AM mass time.



Second Collection

Home mission dioceses are located all across the United States, including the Deep South, Appalachia, and the Rocky Mountains. Home mission dioceses often struggle with priest shortages, parishioner poverty, unemployment, difficult and isolated terrain, religious hostility, and other circumstances that make it difficult to practice the faith. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal strengthens the Church in the United States by providing yearly grants to support programs in home mission dioceses, which make up over 40% of all US dioceses. Please help strengthen the Church at home by giving generously to this appeal.