

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### February 4, 2024

## From the Desk of Fr. Leo

People of all stations in life have recognized the value and need of prayer. Mahatma Gandhi for one. President Chiang Kai 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. Martin Luther King was on his knees the whole night before the Montgomery march. At the Eucharistic Congress of 1956, the late president Ramon Magsaysay consecrated publicly before an immense throng the entire Filipino nation to the Sacred Heart.

Christ was the Son of God, yet as true man he expressed a positive need of often communing with the Father. In the Gospel this weekend, it shows us how after working far into the night encouraging, praying over people and curing them, Jesus 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 vitamins.

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, 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 day- laborers 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 on shallow reading matters, TV shows and movies, computer chat groups and games? Without the practice of communing with God, the habit will never be formed, and life becomes mediocre. Did not the Savior inculcate prayer again and again. 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

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

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Tues.	February 6	11:00AM
Karen Mary & Ruth (	Colleen	_
Ca	artwright †	
Wed.	February 7	11:00AM
Lilia Buensuceso Lee	†	Ed & Mae
Thur.	February 8	11:00AM
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Fri.	February 9	11:00AM
Carmen McFarling †		The Hoffmans
Sat.	February 10	4:30PM
Barbara & Manuel Bi		The Gallo
	'	Family
Sun.	February 11	9AM
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		_
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<u>Sunday Coll</u>	<u>-</u> ectíon - Jani	uary 28 <sup>th</sup>
St. Rose, C	rockett	\$3249
Seminarian		\$319
St. Patrick Mission		\$495
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Thank you again to We know how ge		

# changing times!

\*\*\*In able to meet our 2024 budgets, we would like to remind parishioners that we will need a minimum of \$2,100 for Sunday plate collections at St. Rose every weekend, and \$250 every Sunday at St. Patrick Mission. \*\*\*

#### Tax Time

If you need a copy of your contributions for 2022. please call the office (510-787-2052). Leave your name, phone number and



address (if it has changed) and we will be happy to help out.



### Pancake Breakfast

The Crockett Scouts' annual pancake breakfast is **NEXT SUNDAY**, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 8-11AM. Come enjoy a hot breakfast to start off your Super Bowl Sunday. No tickets needed;



whatever donation you are able to give is the price of your meal. Proceeds will go towards summer camp and other group activities. Come out and support

our Crockett Scouts, Troop 171 and 173!

## January Financial Overview

St. Patrick Mission	
Expense:	
Day Nite Pest Control	\$158.00
PG&E	\$125.35
<u>Total:</u>	\$283.35
Income:	
Sundays Plate	\$1020.00
Christmas	\$50.00
Holy Days	\$10.00
Initial Offering	\$35.00
Maintenance	\$90.00
CCD Envelope	\$25.00
Donations	\$20.00
<u>Total</u>	\$1250.00

#### January Financial Overview

#### St. Rose

#### **Expense:**

**Total** 

**Breaking Bread 2024** 

Insurance reimbursement

**Diocesan Interest** 

Expense:	
Priest Salary	\$3510.91
Secretary Wages	\$2980.32
Priest Food Reimbursement	\$469.90
Priest Self Employment Tax	\$2873.00
Health Insurance	\$1150.48
Car Insurance Reimb	\$1150.00
PG&E Classrooms	\$80.84
PG&E Church/Rectory	\$1542.92
EBMUD CCD	\$65.40
EBMUD Church/Rectory	\$371.86
Comcast	\$264.41
Garbage	\$327.52
IRS	\$1735.17
EDD	\$175.02
Mass Coverage	\$50.00
Church cleaning	\$340.00
Rectory Cleaning	\$260.00
Stamps	\$100.00
Chamber of Commerce	\$50.00
Envelope service	\$140.94
Lay Employee Pension	\$697.80
Arrow Glass (CCD)	\$1446.00
Palms	\$82.00
Unemployment Comp	\$194.74
<u>Total</u>	\$20,059.23
Income:	
Sunday's Plate	\$9973.00
Christmas	\$367.00
Holy Days	\$199.00
Initial Offering	\$300.00
Maintenance	\$527.00
CCD Envelope	\$250.00
Sacramental Service	\$400.00
Facility Use	\$800.00
Donations	\$2195.00

\$10.00

\$776.21

\$6931.00

\$22,728.21