

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

When typhoons, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes or fires hit various sections of a country, there is little or no thought that perhaps God is sending these reminders to awaken in us an awareness of his all-holy will, so disregarded by many today. Moreover, it is pleasant to sit in the comfort of a home and watch on a TV the light and misery of those affected, and then



let the government do something about it. But the question for every Christian ought to be: What would Christ have done in our place?

When Jesus called his first four disciples,

they responded promptly and generously but they had as yet no clear idea of what that call entailed. Their mentality was quite narrow, and their hopes rather bound up with a temporal kingdom. Only gradually did a change of heart, a true "metanoia", take place within them, so that as true followers of Christ, their interests widened to embrace even the pagans, and their hopes revolved around the spiritual promises of Christ. They took on their Master's outlook and aims and became his true followers.

Christ has unfurled his banner for us to follow him into an adventure that will challenge the best in anyone. He is not out to conquer lands and acquire wealth, but to conquer humankind for the kingdom of the Father, so that God may reign fully over all hearts in love and lasting peace.

Many call themselves Christians today, who have only a very elementary knowledge of what it means to follow Christ. For some it is fashionable to be a Christian, just as it was for the large crowd who followed him in Galilee, but who deserted him once he made known to them his real demands. Others like Judas hope to profit materially by being his disciple, or wish to obtain merely material and temporal benefits, but betray his interests when they go counter to their own. Still others are faithful followers in time of success but flee away as soon as the cross looms in their lives.

The true following of Christ includes: (1) proper attitudes, which involves a change of mind and heart

(metanoia) if they do not reflect the mind of Christ. (2) An on-going process of learning what Jesus taught (the gospel message) so as to be able to carry it out. (3) The services of others in love which is the epitome of following Christ. Only then can we consider ourselves truly Christians.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	January 23	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Wed.	January 24	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Thur.	January 25	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Fri.	January 26	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Sat.	January 27	4:30PM
Teddy & Stevie Gallo	†	Family
Sun.	January 28	9AM
Arturo & Lyndon		Arthur Balagot
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		
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Sunday Collection - January 14 th		
St. Rose, Cro	ockett	\$1383

St. Patrick Mission \$270

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

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

Coming soon . . .

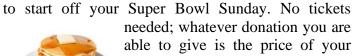
Please mark your calendars now for Friday, March 22nd! The tentative sign-up sheet for volunteers is in the vestibule. For anyone interested in being part of the planning, the first meeting is Tuesday, January 30th at 6:30PM in the hall.

It was uplifting to see volunteers from many different groups work together so well last year, and hopefully you can all make that happen again.



<u>Pancake Breakfast</u>

The Crockett Scouts' annual pancake breakfast is **Sunday**, **February 11**th **from 8-11AM**. Come enjoy a hot breakfast





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!

Reminder



Parish Council starts up this coming Tuesday, Pastoral January 23rd, at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.

Special Second Collection

Next weekend we will be having a second collection to support our seminarians. If you would like to help support their studies financially, you may make a donation through this collection, or you may send your check to, Office of Vocations, 2121 Harrison Street, Suite 100, Oakland, CA 94612.

