### From the Desk of Fr. Leo

In our nation's archives there is an account of two women from Tennessee who came before President Abraham Lincoln at the conclusion of the Civil War, they were asking for the release of their husbands held as prisoners of war at Johnson's Island. Lincoln put them off until Friday, when they came again. Again, the President put them off until Saturday. At each of the interviews one of the ladies stressed to Lincoln that her husband was a religious man.

After the Saturday interview the President ordered the release of the prisoners. Then he turned to this lady and said, "You say your husband is a religious man. Tell him when you meet him, that I am not much of a judge of religion. In my opinion, however, the religion that sets men to rebel and fight against their governments... (so that they can) eat their bread on the sweat of other men's faces, is not sort of religion upon which people can get to heaven."

Jesus places side by side the commandments of love of God and that of neighbor. And for him, neighbor is anyone in need. The two commandments are not to be separated. They form but two aspects of the one commandment of love and have but one sole motivation: the love of God manifested in love for humankind. For man is the image of God, and God lives in man, and Christ died for him. One cannot love God whom he has not seen, if he does not love his brother whom he has seen. (1 John 4:20).

Do we really love God with all our heart as the commandment directs? That can only be proven by our love towards our fellow men or women. This is the reason why men and women of all ages devote themselves to the sick and the aged, to the mentally disabled. What other reason would they have in caring for drug addicts, alcoholics and others who suffer from similar irregularities? If God himself has so loved humankind as to become His brother or sister, his Sacrifice and his very Food in the Eucharist, will little man not respond to love God with the whole heart by manifesting love to God's image on earth? Many professional persons are also activated by the same selfless love in their dealings with their fellowmen and women, such as doctors, nurses, lawyers, caregivers, educators, public officials etc. How well St. James shows us the necessity of action when it comes to living the Christian faith:

"What good is it for someone to say: "I have faith, if his (or her) action s do not prove it? Can that faith save him (or her)? Suppose there are brothers or sisters who need clothes and don't have enough to eat. What good is there in your saying to them: God bless you! Keep warm and eat well', if you don't give them the necessity of life? So, it is with faith: if it is alone and has no actions, it is dead." (St. James 3:14-17).

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Though we are not able to meet together during this week, please keep these intentions in your personal prayers, as Father will continue to include them in his private masses.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	October 27	N/A
Corzaon B. Imbong †		Imbong Family
Wed.	October 28	N/A
Matthew Banaga †		Grandparents
Thur.	October 29	N/A
Special Intentions		
Fri.	October 30	N/A
Ray & Mary Lou Aust	ria †	Olivia
<u>Sat.</u>	October 31	4:30PM
Joselito Asuncion †		Mary Asuncion
Sun.	November 1	9:00AM
People of the Parish		

Port Costa	<u>11:00AM</u>
Walter Ligon †	Mary & Moira
(birthday)	
+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++	***********************

Congratulations to Bella Kenny on receiving her First Communion last Sunday!



#### Sunday Collection - October 18

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1574
St. Patrick Mission. Port Costa	\$200

### Prayers for the Deceased



In your prayers, please remember in a special way, Jim Choquette.

# St. Patrick Mission

Mass will be held in the parking/street area just in front of the church. Please bring your own seat if possible because very few chairs will be available. Space is very limited. Mass will be a little shorter than normal, and everyone will stay in their spot until the end of mass. At that time, Father will invite participants up to receive communion **keeping 6ft apart at all times!** After communion, in an orderly manner, the parishioners will pick up their chairs and return directly to their cars.

# St. Rose of Líma

Please bring your own seat and stay on the marked spots in front of the church. We will only be able to accommodate 25% of the space in the courtyard. Mass will be a little shorter than normal, and everyone will stay in their spot until the end of mass. At that time Father will invite participants up to receive communion **keeping 6ft apart on the markings!** After communion, in an orderly manner, the parishioners will pick up their chairs and return directly to their cars.

### Coming Soon ....

Father Leo would like to have an outdoor Mass to celebrate All Souls on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## Dríve-Thru Fundraíser



For more information or if you would like to help volunteer in some way, please call the office!

# <u>New Way to Donate</u>

St. Rose is trying to move up with the times, and has finally been able to create an account with Amazon Smile!

When you shop smile.amazon.com, which is the same company as Amazon with your same account, just select St. Rose Of Lima Church, Catholic Diocese of Oakland (because there are a lot of St. Roses) as the organization you are supporting. A small portion of the purchase you were going to make anyway is donated to St. Rose. It is that simple, and no extra charge to you!

Spread the word!

