## From the Desk of Fr. Leo

In all our Churches and chapels, the candle continues to symbolize Jesus who gave himself up for our sake. Like the virginal beeswax, Christ is virginal. He is on fire with love from the heavenly Spirit, as the candle is lit from above. As the candle gives light and warmth by burning itself out more and more, so Christ by burning himself out in self-immolation gives life and warmth of love to all who come to the Light. The candle shows the Way and saves from dangers of darkness, so Christ himself is the Way and the savior from all powers of evil.

For several Sundays in the Second Reading, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews has sketched in a particularly appealing manner the image of Christ our High Priest. Priest means mediator, and as such Jesus is truly a man, one of ourselves; he offers no other sacrifice but himself for his fellow men and women; and his sacrificial oblation is everlasting.

In order to become our High Priest, Jesus took on our flesh and blood from the Virgin Mother, for only as man could he be mediator between God and humankind. He chose to be like his brothers and sisters in every way, living the life they lived. By putting up with all the demands of this daily existence for several decades, he would understand the needs and problems of his brothers and sisters. In that way, he could plead for them with the Father and be "a merciful and faithful High Priest before God in their behalf, to expiate their sins". (2:17).

Jesus is the Perfect Man. All holiness abides in him. He always did that which pleased the Father. Never for a moment was any thought or word or act of his displeasing to God. Innocent and undefiled Lamb that he is, he offered himself for his fellowmen and women. Countless animals offered in sacrifice could not blot out a single sin, but the Precious Blood of Christ, offering himself unblemished to God, completely takes away all sin, and enables humankind with purified conscience to worship the Father in a manner worthy of him. Once he had consummated his sacrifice, he became the source of holiness for all who approach him with confidence. Christ now lives forever to make intercession for his brothers and sisters. It was this loving and willing sacrifice of his Son that pleased the Father.

Since we have a great high priest, who is over the house of God, let us draw near in utter sincerity and

absolute confidence, our hearts sprinkled clean from the evil which lay on our conscience...let us hold unswervingly to our profession which gives us hope, for he who made the promise deserves our trust. We must consider how to rouse each other to love and good deeds. Ever before the Father's throne, Jesus's sacrifice is present, a constant plea for those who approach him with faith and confidence.

#### Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	November 9	11:00AM
Elias Valdivia Jr.		Lily Militar
(healing)		
Wed.	November 10	11:00AM
Ray Austria †		Olivia
(TITEALS)		
Thur.	November 11	11:00AM
Dolores Koehne †	Y	our brother
		Mike
Fri.	November 12	11:00AM
Lilli Ann Funchauser		Lily Militar
(birthday)		5
Sat.	November 13	4:30PM
Gen Heuser †		Trudi
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Sun.	November 14	9:00AM
People of the Parish		
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Port Costa		<b>11:00AM</b>

Alice Marshall † Bill & Diane Thomas

## <u>Sunday Collection - October 31</u>

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1628
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa	\$560

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!



#### OFFICE CLOSED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY!

#### Current Mass Protocol

- All persons need to wear masks indoors; currently no one is required to wear masks outdoors.
- Social distancing is not required, though we do ask to keep others in mind as we work our way back to "normal."
- Although the Diocese has okayed the use of worship aids, such as the missalettes, it is still recommended to stick to single use items. As there is no good way to clean the missalettes and prayer cards without wearing them down St. Rose/St. Patrick will not be setting these back out just yet.

#### \* <u>NEW BREAKING BREAD MISSALS</u> <u>WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR \$10</u> <u>DONATION. \*</u>

• The Sign of Peace will still be without physical contact.

#### Mission Alignment Process

Only about 2 weeks left, and only 25% of our parishioners had filled out the online survey, and only four paper surveys have been turned into the office.

# Please help us participate by completing a 10–15-minute survey as soon as possible.

- Go to https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/k4xck2 The link is also posted on our website and Facebook page for easier access.
- There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass and you can obtain a paper copy in the vestibule or by contacting Christina Littleton in the office at 510-787-2052.

The survey will only be **available from October 14 – November 22.** All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

While I know that some of you are skeptical of this process, the results and who really benefits, I urge you to please participate. Let's show the Diocese how strong our little parishes are! Who knows what we will be able to do with the information, but if we don't participate, we will never know!

#### October Financial Recap

## <u>St. Rose</u>

Expense:	
Priest Salary	\$2556.36
Secretary Wages	\$1742.12
Priest Food Reimbursement	\$357.45
PG&E Classrooms	\$289.53
PG&E Church/Rectory	\$619.65
Comcast	\$248.72
Garbage	\$279.96
Health Insurance	\$1105.48
EDD	\$119.94
IRS	\$1140.54
Unemployment Compensation	\$161.73
Liability	\$1919.70
Water heater	\$823.13
Church ceiling/roof	\$1000.00
Water heater emergency/cleanup	\$200.00
Wells Fargo Employee Pension	\$304.31
Hosts	\$60.52
<u>Total</u>	\$12,929.14
Income:	
Sunday's Plate	\$8947.00
Donations	\$416.25

Total	\$11,903.25
Diocesan Interest	\$830.02
CCD Tuition	\$290.00
Sacramental Services	\$300.00
Facility Use (Little Roses)	\$660.00
CCD Envelope	\$210.00
Maintenance	\$250.00
Donations	\$416.25
Sunday ST late	<i>\$6711100</i>

#### **St. Patrick Mission**

Expense:	
PG&E	\$20.92
CCWD	\$65.15
Total:	\$86.07
Income:	
Sundays Plate	\$1166.00
Maintenance	\$35.00
Donations	\$40.00
Total	\$1241.00



