

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2020

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

In many a country, the wedding feast is celebrated amid great rejoicing. Much preparation has gone ahead, and when the happy day arrives, there is a special banquet with exquisite foods and drinks, the presence of many invited guests, and everyone is in festive spirit. Yet it would be an insult to appear at the banquet improperly dressed. In fact, everyone turns out in his or her best. All this is only to be expected. A wedding is the celebration of an event that is the beginning of a new community of love, the promise of new life in a new family, the mutual agreement to leave father and mother and launch out together on a new path. The banquet is the festive symbol of this happy event.

Often times in the Scriptures, God's relation to humankind has been depicted as a marriage. The Prophet Hosea describes in a striking manner the God of love who sees after Israel his unfaithful spouse. His love is more enduring than her unfaithfulness; with great patience he endeavors to win her back to himself. The same image is taken up by the Prophet Isaiah, who has the Lord himself declare: "He who has become your husband is your Maker, his name is the Lord of hosts.... For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great tenderness I will take you back". (Isaiah 54: 5-7). That the sacred writers were inspired by the Spirit of God to adopt the image of marriage to show forth the covenant-union and love of God for his People proves how highly they esteemed marriage, and how great is the love of God for little humankind.

This weekend's Gospel celebrates the wedding of God's Son with those who are called to be one with him in that closest of unions. It is a parable with allegorical overtones, for it is evident that Jesus refers to himself as the King's Son, who welcomes all who are invited by his Father to union with himself. But many are indifferent to the great plan of God for them. There are so many other attractive amusements and pleasures today, that the spiritual side of life is often set aside, neglected, rejected. Others are all taken up with business affairs and worldly pursuits, so as to have no time for God's call, no understanding of the mighty plan which would involve them in an eternal love affair with no less, than the good God himself, and his Beloved Son, Christ the Lord.

One must come to Christ's wedding feast properly prepared. To neglect proper preparation and

deportment in the inner sentiments of one's heart would betray great lack of respect to the Bridegroom who, although he is the meek and humble Savior of man, yet also is the Son of the Eternal Father and Lord of the universe.

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 13	N/A
Elias Valdivia		Lily Militar
(birthday)		
Wed.	October 14	N/A
Miriam L. Escala †		Mariano Family
Thur.	October 15	N/A
Jim Dooley †		Trudi
Fri.	October 16	N/A
Medoro Pagni †		Trudi
Sat.	October 17	4:30PM
People of the Parish		_
Sun.	October 18	9:00AM
Regina Barnes †		Bruce & Gina
Port Costa		11:00AM
Francis Hallekamp †		Family
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Sunday Collection - October 4

St. Rose, Crockett \$3766

St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa \$420



A BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE FOUND A WAY TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING OUR PARISH!



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.

<u>Coming Soon....</u>

Father Leo would like to have an outdoor Mass to celebrate All Souls on November 2^{nd} .



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Today, we take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters and others most in need. Please be generous today, and thank you in advance.

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