From the Desk of Fr. Leo

The lawyer who asked Jesus which of the commandment of the law was the greatest received an answer that was a touch of both the familiar and the new. Jesus' response was, in part. no surprise. He identified two of the commandments - the love of God and the love of neighbor – as among the "great" ones. But he linked them to one another and the whole of the law and the prophets in a completely unexpected way. Jesus claimed not only that these two commandments function as the principle of interpretation for the entire law in all its complexity, but also that the love of neighbor "is like" the love of God.

We do not merely illustrate or demonstrate our love of God in our love for one another, it is only in and through the love we bear for one another and for self that we actualize our love for God. The love of self and of neighbor is, we might say, the sacramental cause of the love of God. It is the expression and realization of our response to God's prior love for us. Our "Yes" to God is a "Yes" to self and others. The invitation to embrace the infinite is a call to unconditional surrender in the midst of the finite. We taste and touch eternity in our everyday human loves.

The love we bear for Jesus is, of course, paramount. In Jesus we love the human other who is in the depths of his person, one with God. Our love for this infinite finite one, our love for the one who is in his person the unity of the divine and the human, is the prime instance and ultimate fulfillment of the great commandment of which he spoke.

The command to love God with one's entire self, the command to love one another as one's self, the command to love Jesus, is the one thing necessary. But it is the command to love with utter abandon at all

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times. It is the command to love without limit. It is the command to love as the Spirit of God loves. It is the command to let the Spirit love in us.

What would it mean if we actually believed that the Love that is the Spirit of the Father of Jesus lives in

us as God's personal gift enabling us to love one another?

What would it mean if we actually believed that our love for one another is one with our Spirit empowered love for God?

What would it mean if we actually believed that the love, we know from each other is one with the love that is God's Breath? What would it mean if we actually believed that the affection offered us in the ordinary little exchanges of life were one with the affection that bonds Jesus and the father? What would it mean?

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	October 31	11:00AM
Jojo Bernardo †		Iarcella de Leon
Wed.	Nov 1 9	:00AM; 6:00PM
Mary Brazil †		Lisa Moniz
Thur.	November 2	11:00AM
People of the Parish		
Fri.	November 3	11:00AM
Ida Ruggeri &		Lico Duccori
Iua Ruggell &		Lisa Ruggeri
Angelina Ferri	ni †	Lisa Kuggeri
00	ni † November 4	4:30PM
Angelina Ferri		
Angelina Ferrin Sat.		4:30PM
Angelina Ferrin Sat. Banaga Family	November 4	4:30PM Bob† & Lydia

11:00AM

Port Costa

People of the Parish

Sunday Collection - October 22nd

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1666
St. Patrick Mission	\$80

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

<u>Vírtus Training</u>

Virtus will help you learn how to see signs of abuse, how to help those who have been abused in the past and how to avoid creating an environment where abuse can happen. Taking these classes can help ALL THE VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE AND **SOCIETY!** It goes far beyond just our little parish and children.

The website is https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus. If you are unsure of doing this at home, or don't have access to the internet, we are happy to have you come to the office and take the class on the computer here with help. **Remember the online class does not have** to be taken all at once; you may do it at your own pace. NO MATTER WHAT POSTION YOU SERVE IN OUR PARISH, YOU NEED TO DO **THIS TRAINING!**



All Souls Mass

We will be celebrating our traditional All Souls Remembrance Mass on Saturday, November 4th at 10:30AM. If you want the names of your departed to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful, please submit them (\$10 donation per name) by this

Wednesday November 1st (All Saint's Day)! We invite all that attend for some light refreshments after the mass. If you are able to donate some store-bought sweets, please let the office know, 510-787-2052.





All Saints Day

Mass next Wednesday, November 1st, All Saints Day, will be held at **9:00AM and 6:00PM**. There will not be an 11:00AM Mass that day. Mass on All Soul's Day, Thursday, November 2^{nd} will be at the normal 11:00AM time.

