From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Change affects people in different ways. Many welcome it when structures have become outmoded, stagnating, paralyzing. They realize that changes are at times not only good but imperative, if the organism is to continue in vigorous and fruitful activity. Others are allergic to any change. Often, they fail to distinguish between changing essentials and things that are nonessential, and oppose every change as a challenge to the "status quo". It may be on account of a lack of openness to new developments and realities of a changing world or a spirit entrenched in its own narrow outlook. Or again it may be a fear of the risk of the new, because one has not kept up with the world around. Those who see the need of structural changes and are helpless to bring them about, suffer greatly. Jesus did not fear to make changes when he saw they had to be made.

For years the traders had encroached in the sacred Temple precincts with their sheep and oxen, their doves and exchange cashiers. Here change was not only useful but imperative. It was the House of God and Christ let nothing stand in the way until he had cleansed the Temple, even though it meant a show of great indignation and fierce anger. He restored the sacred halls as a house of prayer, his Father's House.

In doing so, the Lord symbolized that far greater changes were at hand. The material Temple, the sacrifice of animals, the minute ceremonial prescriptions of the law for worship in God's house were about to be abolished and taken over by a more perfect form of worship for the People of God, of the New Covenant. He was the Living Temple of God, the offering of himself would henceforth be the only sacrifice pleasing to the father, a new rite of worship in a sacrificial meal would be established for all future time. Old structures were no longer sufficient. The New Covenant in his Blood would demand structures that were not focused on the Law but were Christocentric.

In the world at large, the Church is the Body of Christ and the living temple of the Spirit. Also, here structures become decrepit. Institutions that were established to help those in need are no longer sufficient or have become impractical. The realities facing the Christian world are changing rapidly and quickly. Today the Church has become more aware of minority groups, those that are marginalized, those who are living in subhuman conditions, those who are not able to make a decent living for their families, those that are forced to work in conditions unworthy of a human person. Action is necessary, and bold action. Structures need to be reformed and transformed. Not with violence that would harm others or their properties, but with peace and complete regard for human lives.

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.

<u>Mass Intentions for the Week</u>

Tues.	March 9	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
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Wed.	March 10	11:00AM
Corazon Francisco Sotto		Gloria Brinker
Thur.	March 11	11:00AM
Essex		Mom & Dad
(birthday)		
Fri.	March 12	11:00AM
Special Intentions		
Sat.	March 13	4:30PM
Francis Doherty†		Jensen Family
Sun.	March 14	9:00A
Niko Bernas		Mom & Dad
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		

Sunday Collection - February 28

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2653
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa	\$245

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

Indoor Mass!!!

From here on out, hopefully, we will be back inside, but maintaining a maximum of 60 people at St. Rose (25 at St. Patrick) for now.

Please remember face coverings are required, keep six feet distance at all times and only sit in the open sections/pews.

During communion, please follow Fr. Leo's directions, and STAY ON THE MARKINGS IN THE AISLE TO MAINTAIN A SAFE DISTANCE!!!

Communal Anointing of the Sick

As part of our Lenten journey, there will be a Communal Anointing of the Sick on the Fourth Sunday of Lent (March 13th -14th) at all masses.





This is our commitment weekend for the 2021 Bishop's Appeal. We ask that you consider the many blessings each of us has received from God when making this sacrificial gift to the parish and larger church of the East Bay. Every gift counts and shows your support for the work of the church in the Diocese of Oakland. Remember that when we act together as members of one family united in Christ's love, we can realize and accomplish great things!

For those of you who have already made a gift or pledge by sending in your pledge card, we thank you for your generosity. If you have not submitted your gift or pledge, please consider returning the pew envelope (in the vestibule) today before you leave.

Thank you advance for all that you do!

January Financial Outlook

St. Rose Expense:

Priest Salary	\$2556.36
Secretary Salary	\$1543.61
Priest Food Reimbursement	\$285.15
PG&E Classrooms	\$254.86
PG&E Church/Rectory	\$1190.88
Comcast	\$199.44
Garbage	\$256.72
Health Insurance	\$1065.48
EDD	\$117.70
Taxes (IRS)	\$1070.28
Fire Extinguisher Service	\$367.62
Printer Service Agreement	\$43.06
Auto Insurance Reimbursement	\$1150.00
Total	\$10101.16
ncome:	
Sunday's Plate	\$9817.00
Holy Days	\$600.00
Initial Offering	\$40.00
Donations	\$110.25
Maintenance	\$500.00
CCD Envelope	\$170.00
Facility Use (Parking lot lease)	\$300.00
Facility Use (Little Roses)	\$2660.00
Scarf Donations	\$230.00
Amazon Smile Donations	\$10.42
Total	\$14437.67
St. Patrick Mission	
Expense:	
Vallejo Fire Extinguisher	\$81.01
PG&E	\$70.95
Total:	<u>\$151.96</u>
ncome:	.
Sundays Plate	\$1049.00
Holy Days (Solemnity of Mary)	\$15.00
Maintenance	\$85.00
CCD Envelope	\$25.00
Donations	\$40.00
Total	\$1214.00

Reminder!!! Next Sunday, **MARCH 14th**, move those clocks forward an hour!!!

