



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

The San Damiano cross, that famous cross before which St. Francis of Assisi prayed, is quite different in style from the familiar crucifixes hanging in most of our homes or churches. It is actually a Byzantine-style painting on a cross-shape, which portrays Jesus crucified, and surrounding him there on the cross are various figures, St. John the beloved disciple, Mary his mother, and the other Martyrs, with angels looking on. Even in death, as in his public life, Jesus is the center of a community, the focus of a crowd, the hub of a circle of disciples. He drew people to him with words and deeds of love, he bade them love one another, and by his death and resurrection he became the bond between them, forming them into a body by the power of the Spirit.

“Love one another,” he said. It has been repeated down through the ages, by St. Paul, by St. John, by St. Augustine, by every saint and preacher and teacher the church has known. Love is the hallmark of the Christian, and the greatest in the reign of God is the servant, the one who acts humbly, the one who centers on Jesus and lives toward others as Jesus did.

“Why, then, do we break faith with one another?” Why do marriages fail and friendships grow old? Why do we belittle each other, betray each other, exploit each other, fear each other, torture each other, kill each other? Why do we, who were born for loving, for union with our God and one another, kill love?

Some would call the root ill of humanity, the wound that throbs within us, “alienation.” Deep within us, we are at war with ourselves. As Thomas Merton writes, “The peculiar pain of alienation...is that nobody really has to look at us or judge us or despise us or hate us. Whether or not they do us this service, we are already ahead of them. We train ourselves obediently to hate ourselves so much that our enemies no longer have to.”

What we most want, love and union, we go after in disordered ways. Our lives become a constant reaching for ways to fill or to hide our neediness, ways that lead often enough away from God and our neighbor in a spiraling path downward and inward to the dark cell where we keep ourselves imprisoned.

Jesus, who was sent to us as a healer, calls all of us out of our glorious-looking shells, whatever they're constructed of, because with God's power and love we

don't need them. Jesus shows us that we can, as the apostle St. Paul puts it, live unassumingly, unafraid to humble ourselves in love.

Fed and strengthened we are sent forth, awake, with a new capacity for receiving the gift and for giving it to one another.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion



Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time. Rows include Tues. November 7 11:00AM, Wed. November 8 11:00AM, Thur. November 9 11:00AM, Fri. November 10 11:00AM, Sat. November 11 4:30PM, Sun. November 12 9:00AM.

Table with 2 columns: Location, Time. Row: Port Costa 11:00AM, Dolores Koehne †, Your brother & sisters.

Sunday Collection - October 29th

Table with 2 columns: Location, Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett \$1477; Mission Home/World Mission \$520; St. Patrick Mission \$60; Mission Home/World Mission \$18.

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

Virtus Training

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 POSITION YOU SERVE IN OUR PARISH, YOU NEED TO DO THIS TRAINING!



Second Collection

This weekend's second collection is for our monthly collection. This month we are supporting our maintenance fund to help keep our buildings and grounds in good shape. Thank you!

October Financial Overview

St. Rose

Expense:

Table with 2 columns: Expense Item, Amount. Rows include Priest Salary \$2648.75, Secretary Wages \$1952.74, Priest Food Reimbursement \$453.74, Health Insurance \$1150.48, PG&E Classrooms \$24.16, PG&E Church/Rectorly \$684.01, Comcast \$257.19, Garbage \$314.46, IRS \$1221.99, EDD \$112.97, Liability \$2025.40, Lay Employee Pension \$697.80, Unemployment \$173.35, Church cleaning \$340.00, Rectorly Cleaning \$260.00, Confirmation/1st Comm Books \$250.85, Missals \$872.79, Ordos \$55.47, Hosts \$46.75.

Total \$13,542.90

Income:

Table with 2 columns: Income Item, Amount. Rows include Sunday's Plate \$9597.00, Maintenance \$368.00, CCD Envelope \$567.00, Facility Use -Parking lot \$300.00, CCD Tuition \$800.00, Coffee & Canvas \$700.00, Diocesan Interest \$787.16.

Total \$13,119.16

St. Patrick Mission

Expense:

Table with 2 columns: Expense Item, Amount. Rows include Day Nite Pest Control \$158.00, CCWD \$130.04, Bank Fees \$6.00.

Total: \$294.04

Income:

Table with 2 columns: Income Item, Amount. Rows include Sundays Plate \$840.00, Maintenance \$80.00, CCD Envelope \$79.00.

Total \$999.00