

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times



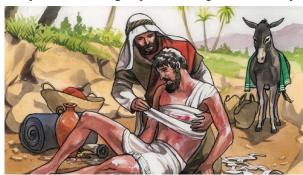
From the Desk of Fr. Leo

The parable of the good Samaritan breathes forth a spirit of bigness, and yet it was occasioned by a question that betrayed a certain pettiness. The lawyer asked Christ, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life."

Jesus gave an answer derived from the Old Testament. We hear an epitome of the spirit of the law that should color everything that one does; love God completely and love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus' point was that a person does prepare himself or herself for eternal life by performing any single work, great or small, but that he or she does so by living his or her whole life in accord with the law of love.

The parable meant to say that everyone is our neighbor, not just the people we live with, not just the people we like. Jews and Samaritans hated each other. The lawyer was a Jew, and so he thought of Samaritans as heretics, traitors, worthless scum, incapable of doing any good at all. The fact that the Samaritan was the hero of the story, and not a Jew, gave a special bite to it as far as the lawyer was concerned. It was a story of the least likely person showing love to someone he was supposed to despise. The point was painfully clear; there are no limits as to whom the law of love must be applied. The teaching is easy to understand, but hard to put into practice.

Maybe we have some subconscious objections to taking the parable of the good Samaritan in a literal way. In these days if you come across a person in apparent distress on a highway, you think twice before you stop. After all, it might be a plot by robbers to get you to stop so that they can



take you for all you have, and leave you as the one beaten and bleeding along the road. Law enforcement officers have warned people not to pick up hitchhikers; you never know what they may turn out to be. We live in an age of violence. Besides violence at home, there is war and the threat of war abroad. What can we do about it?

Maybe, like the lawyer, we would like a nice, neat answer; some one specific thing we can do. But the attitude, the atmosphere that each one of us can create by the way in which we try to live the law of love, can make the difference. And so, it gets down to something we have heard before: charity begins at home. As individuals, each one of us can feel pretty helpless in the face of violence, hate and racism, prejudice and war itself. What can one person do? We must begin at home, not in the sense that we limit our love to those near and dear to us - that would be contrary to the parable today. Rather, charity begins at home in the sense that thereby we can hope to create a better climate all around us. I firmly believe that we will never have true thoughtfulness and kindness outside the home, until there is thoughtfulness and kindness within the home. This may seem a small way of coping with a big problem of hatred in our world, but if everyone thinks that what he or she does means nothing, then indeed nothing will be done.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Sunday Collection - July 3

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2162
St. Patrick Mission	\$330

Thank you again to all who support our Parish

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	July 12	11:00AM
Theresa Combong		Mom & Dad
(birthday)		
Wed.	July 13	11:00AM
Christina Quiapo		Mom & Dad
(thanksgiving)		
Thur.	July 14	11:00PM
Omar Fortich †		Family
(death anniver	sary)	•
Fri.	July 15	11:00AM
Special Intenstions		
Sat.	July 16	4:30PM
Marciano Banagan †		Mel & Rose
		Banagan
Sun.	July 17	9:00ÅM
Special Intentions		
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish	•	



Bishops Appeal

To successfully achieve both our parish goals: **St. Rose** – **47.92%** Our overall goal is \$6,000. **St. Patrick Mission** – **32.22%** Our overall goal is \$900.

If you have not had an opportunity to make a pledge by returning your card through the mail, please complete contribute in the collection basket **this weekend.**

WE CAN DO IT!



Mission Coop 2022

Educating the Poor Children in India

Father Ben Chinnappan will be making a mission appeal next weekend at St. Rose of Lima to promote education among the poor children in India. Christianity is India's third-largest religion with approximately 30 million followers, constituting 3% of India's population. Around 70% of Christians are Dalits, a marginalized group without any rights or power. Dalits are formerly known as 'Outcaste or Untouchables' under the caste system of India. For centuries, they have been deprived of education, social justice and equal opportunity. Due to poverty, the children are unable to continue their schooling and end up working in restaurants, tea shops, brick kilns, hazardous firework factories and weaving factories. They are robbed of their beautiful childhoods and bright futures. More than 15 million children are listed as child laborers in India. The only way these children can break this vicious cycle of poverty, abuse and oppression is to return to school. In this painful context, our Bishop, A. Neethinathan, Diocese of Chinglepet, makes this appeal in seeking your help and prayers. Your generosity through this mission appeal can help our children return to school and enjoy their childhood. You can surely prevent many children from child labor, child trafficking and child migration. Your contribution will be used to pay school fees, books and uniforms. You can also support a child through educational sponsorship at www.dalitsolidarity.org Thank you and may God richly bless you for answering God's greatest commandment -- to love.

