January 22, 2023



# From the Desk of Fr. Leo

It is interesting how power weaves its way through daily routine. We find security through work and play, but we bump into some authority or another defining our lives. We find that instead of shaping our own identity, we are being shaped by some power outside ourselves. Here all along we were buying, slogans like "Have it your way," yet in the process we were pledging allegiance to some principality or power out there. This is reflected in our dress codes, in the uniforms we wear. Walk down the main drag of a university town to see all the enforced dress codes.

Adolescents self-consciously titter along, all looking like fashionably dressed college students, brand names blaring from every piece of clothes. The college students themselves walk more at ease in their wardrobes of jeans and sweats. In rebellion against such conformity, sullen punkers and rockers are outfitted solely in black and white, the only color being their dyed hair. All of these statements are made in the name of freedom of choice. There are authorities in the world with real power over us, and most of them function without our even knowing it. We are caught in our own nets.

Into this world Jesus walks. "Follow me," he announces, calling us by name. Jesus summons us to follow him and leave all our nets behind. There is a call here that demands a response, and a mystery in the invitation, for it comes with the authority of our Creator God. For those fishermen, the word goes out and does not return empty. Look at the nets lying draped over the rocks, the boats tilted at odd angles where they were dragged up on the beach. Call and



response. "Follow me," Jesus says, and they drop everything and go. "Follow me," Jesus says, and you see it happen again. A man who had finally achieved job security is called and he packs up his car, says goodbye to his friends and heads off to seminary, "Follow me," Jesus says and after three or four tough

years he is crammed with term papers, finals, internships, and pastoral exposures, kneeling before an altar in a church packed with people; a stole is placed on his shoulders and he rises to assist at the holy meal. Call and response, "Follow me," Jesus invites, and the disciples drop everything and go. All of us got the same invitation as we went through the waters of baptism. Jesus walks into our world and calls us out of it. With the authority of the everlasting God, Jesus calls us by name and invites us to be disciples, "Follow me," Jesus says to his church. "Leave your nets and follow me."

The way of Christ we follow is different from all those worldly authorities. The invitation is to share in the work of Christ, to show forth God's dominion. Following Jesus leads you right back into the world, right into the thick of things, principalities and powers, principalities and powers and all. But those authorities no longer enslave.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

# Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.  J.R. Contreras †	January 24	<b>11:00AM</b> Gina
Wed. Jose Tuballes †	January 25	11:00AM Gene & Marisa
Thur. Special Intentions	January 26	11:00AM
Fri. Special Intentions	January 27	11:00AM
Sat.	January 28	4:30PM
Steve & Teddy Gallo Sun.	† January 29	Family <b>9:00AM</b>
Lyndon O. Balagot †		Arturo Balagot
People of the Parish		11:00AM

### Sunday Collection - January 15th

St. Rose, Crockett \$1509

St. Patrick Mission \$115

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

#### Tax Time

If you need a copy of your contributions for 2022. please call the office (510-787-2052). Leave your name, phone number and



address (if it has changed) and we will be happy to help out.



Sunday, February 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:10AM!!

WE ARE BACK!



Join us for a fun relaxing morning of carefree painting and coffee! Enjoy a light breakfast and lunch while you get the chance to paint a simple canvas, guided by a wonderful instructor from our parish. And of course, there will be coffee!! All of this for \$30, plus your painting to take home as a memento. Set some time aside for yourself; all are welcome!

Sign-ups in the vestibule.

# 2023 Fish Fry-March 31st

You will find a tentative sign-up sheet in the vestibule asking about volunteers for all the different areas of the fish fry. We ask everyone to take a minute and see if there is any area that you could donate a little time to. With all the changes in our environment and prices we are still on the edge about whether or not this event can take place; the biggest issue is the number of helping

hands. If we find that we cannot get enough volunteers to sign up on these sheets we will have to cancel this tradition. The Fish Fry is still our biggest source of



fundraising income, and it would be a shame if we cannot come together to continue it. So, please take a moment to check out the list and sign up if you can. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come by the office (M-Th, 8:30-2), send an email (strosecrockett@comcast.net) or call (510-787-2052).

Our First Fish Fry Meeting will be this coming Tuesday, January 24th at 7PM in the parish hall for anyone interested in being part of the planning committee.

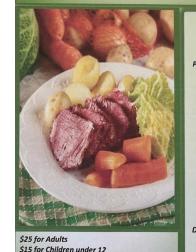


**CROCKETT LIONS CLUB** 

**Neil Desmond Memorial** 

**CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER** 





Dine in

Saturday February 11, 2023

St. Rose Hall 555 3rd Ave, Crockett

nner includes Corned Beef, Potato, Carrots, Cabbar

Questions? Contact Lion Dan Rinaldi 925) 381-5486