

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

We are offered an exceptionally rich fare at the table of the Word this weekend. The mystery of the kingdom of God is disclosed as itself being a banquet. God's love excludes no one from the enjoyment prepared for all human beings.

As in the case with all parables, the story which is the gospel for this weekend has but one point. It is that the king sees the banquet hall filled with guests. Doubtless, the story is not about an individual king nor about the kind of beef he served at table. No, it is about human dynamics, such as preparing a wedding banquet, inviting guests to the feast, refusal by preferred guests, and finally inviting any and every one so that the party may go on.

In all of this, what does the parable tell us about God? God is like the great king who prepared a banquet for the wedding of his son. The wedding is of course, the union of God with humankind in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. The banquet is an apt symbol of the fulfillment which comes to human beings by reason of their share in that ineffable union. The mystery expands when we see the invited guests refuse to come to the banquet. Somehow refusal on the part of preferred guests is related to the further call of any and every one from the highways and byways to be guests of the king. This astounding turn of events illustrates just how wonderful God's deed can be.

To what does the parable call us who hear it? What will accepting the invitation cost us? To share a meal with anyone presumes a commitment to the person whose guests we are. It includes subscribing to the meaning of the occasion being celebrated. For us to say yes to God's invitation this Sunday means being willing again to put on the mind of Christ and to follow his mode of behavior. This may entail having our usual set of values turned upside down in some area of our lives where we do not expect it. In some area it will involve a new dying in order to enjoy fuller life in the power of Christ.

One aspect of our Judeo-Christian experience is the sense of continuity. This is part of keeping memorial. Within this experience connections are made spontaneously. On a day like this Sunday, it is quite natural for us to sense that Jesus is our food, the Living Bread come down from heaven. The cup of

pure choice wine becomes the cup of the new and everlasting covenant in his blood. Once again, the act of making such connections contains a hidden power to move hearts to be more fully open to the word of God.

The reality of having our ordinary life become part of the glory of God calls us to the eschatological banquet. This term stands for the end time to which we look during these final weeks of the church year. We mention the final coming of Christ specifically in the Eucharistic prayer, as we anticipate the end "when he comes again."

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	October 17	11:00AM	
Grace Pura †		Pena Family	
Wed.	October 18	11:00AM	
Living Memorial			
Thur.	October 19	11:00AM	
Marilou Padilla (healing)		Gina	
Fri.	October 20	11:00AM	
Tony Scalzo †		Lee Montesano	
Sat.	October 21	4:30PM	
John Gallo †		Gallo Family	
Sun.	October 22	9:00AM	
Lena McCrossen †		Bill & Diane	
Port Costa		11:00AM	
People of the Parish			
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Carre dans Collactions October 9th			

<u>Sunday Collection - October 8th</u>

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2005
Religious Education	\$462
St. Patrick Mission	\$175
Religious Education	\$59

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 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 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

October Mass Count

office know, 510-787-2052.

Every October the Diocese asks its parishes to count the number of participants at each weekend mass. Now is a great time to check in on those you may not have seen at Mass for a while and encourage them back, invite someone new to come along or even just try to carve out some time in your busy schedule to make it to one of the masses yourself!



I.C.F Polenta & Sausage Dinner October 21, 2023 at 6:00PM

Tickets are \$25.00, and dine in and take out are both available. Dinner will include antipasto, salad, sausage, bread and dessert, and of course polenta! Wine also included for dine in. Great Raffle prizes too.... For tickets, please contact Donna Hoffman (510-367-5669 or Pat Botta (510-787-1131).

September Financial Overview

\$2648.75

St. Rose

Expense:

Priest Salary

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Secretary Wages	\$1752.66
Priest Food Reimbursement	\$402.19
Health Insurance	\$1150.48
PG&E Classrooms	\$57.19
PG&E Church/Rectory	\$1185.17
Comcast	\$273.71
Garbage	\$306.72
EDD	\$117.65
Liability	\$2025.40
Assessment	\$4701.75
EBMUD	\$353.02
Church cleaning	\$340.00
Rectory Cleaning	\$260.00
Microphone Church	\$123.97
<u>Total</u>	\$15,698.66
Income:	
Sunday's Plate	\$7408.00
Holy Days	\$20.00
Maintenance	\$517.00
CCD Envelope	\$190.00
Facility Use -Hall	\$600.00
Donations	\$1520.00
Sacramental Services	\$300.00
<u>Total</u>	\$10,055.00

St. Patrick Mission

Expense:

PG&E	\$30.30
Assessment	\$447.00
Liability	\$904.00
Total:	\$1381.30
Income:	
Sundays Plate	\$752.00
Maintenance	\$79.00
CCD Envelope	\$65.00
Donations	\$175.00
Total	\$1071.00