### From the Desk of Fr. Leo

It affords genuine pleasure to see a family in which the various members pursue their individual calling with eagerness and zest, developing their own capacities and gifts as far as in them lies: one preparing for medicine, another a teaching career, a nurse's profession, commerce, media, agriculture, music and entertainment, engineering, culinary arts etc. Mother and father are justly proud when they observe that their children are developing in a healthy and mature manner, for they know that much depends on these years of earnest preparations. On the contrary, how grieved they are when one of the family turns out to be lazy and shiftless, unreliable and constantly dependent on parental care even in later years.

This weekend's parable takes the word "talent" in its original meaning of a sum of money, which various translations give as "silver coins or "pounds" or dollars. The owner of the money had in mind that his servants put his money to good use and thus increase his own possessions, according to the creativeness and ingenuity of each individual. Those who did so were well rewarded, but the lazy fellow who dug a hole and hid it away was rejected from his position, and the money which had been given him was taken away.

In today's parlance, the word "talent" has come to mean the gifts and capacities which each one possesses. In that applied sense, the lesson is also much to the point. All our gifts and "talents" are from the loving hand of the Creator. We are expected to use them well in this life, developing them for the good of the Kingdom, be it for the welfare of ourselves or of our fellowmen and women. Severe judgment will be meted out to the lazy and good for-nothing, who never bothers to develop the abilities he or she has in any line whatever, or who deliberately abuse those gifts. Rejection from God's household is the threat hanging over him or her. God gave humankind a mind in order to let it share his or her creative power. He gave humankind his or her senses so that they might enjoy what is good, and help create a better world. He does not want his or her gifts to be abused.

Not everyone recognizes the fact that these gifts and abilities come from the hand of the Creator. Yet it is the Creator who enables humankind to invent the marvelous instruments which flood the market today: for education, for transportation, for hospital needs, for business purposes, for recreation. God in his goodness is working in humankind, his masterpiece, to bring about continued marvels of our age. It is He

who enlightens the mind to unravel the mysteries of his creation, so that humankind discovers more and more their value for life. Not to recognize the source of these gifts and abilities can lead to rank pride and vanity on humankind's part, as well as the presumption that he or she alone can do all things and there is no need of a God to care for him or her or to show him or her how.

#### 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.

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	November 17	N/A
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Wed.	November 18	N/A
Living Memorial		
<u>Thur.</u>	November 19	N/A
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Fri.	November 20	N/A
Joshua Arriola		
(thanksgiving) <b>Sat.</b>	November 21	4:30PM
Jim Dooley †		ICF #14
Sun.	November 22	9:00AM
People of the Parish		
Port Costa		11:00AM
Marcelina Morales †		Your children

Sunday	Collection -	November 8

St. Rose, Crockett	\$2069
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa	\$412

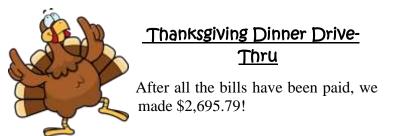


# Indoor Mass!!!

We have been given the okay by the Diocese to head back inside for Mass at both St. Rose and St. Patrick Mission! Those who were able to attend Mass last weekend were in for a surprise when Fr. Leo welcomed them back into our traditional worship space. As long as our county allows, we will remain inside, especially since the weather has begun the change. For those who were not at Mass last weekend, the protocol we submitted to the Diocese available website is our on (https://stroseoflimacrockettca.org); take a look. Of course, we are still enforcing social distancing, face coverings and a limit of 25% each building's normal capacity.

We also understand that some may not be quite comfortable with being inside again, and that is okay. Please know that until you feel safe, you are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass, and if you would like to talk to Fr. Leo give us a call at 510-787-2052.





### October Financial Outlook

## St. Rose

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Priest Salary	\$2556.36
Secretary Salary	\$1545.84
Priest Food Reimbursement	\$279.26
PG&E Classrooms	\$209.22
PG&E Church/Rectory	\$633.72
Comcast	\$212.85
Garbage	\$256.72
Health Insurance	\$1065.48
Taxes (IRS)	\$1071.90
EDD	\$107.84
Unemployment Compensation	\$7.69
Lay Employee Pension	\$1025.97
KBA Copier service	\$49.09
Total	<u>\$7956.46</u>
Income:	
Sunday's Plate	\$7265.00
Donations	\$210.25
Maintenance	\$267.00
CCD Envelope	\$210.00
CCD Tuition	\$120.00
Facility Use (Parking lot lease)	\$300.00
Diocesan Savings Interest	\$888.07
Mission Publication	\$245.05
Total	\$9505.37
St. Patrick Mission	
Expense:	
Pest Control	\$158.00
PG&E	\$20.72
Water	\$124.08
Total:	\$302.80
Income:	
Sundays Plate	\$1060.00
Maintenance	\$20.00
CCD Envelope	\$10.00
Donations	\$50.00
Total	\$1140.00

## Thanksgiving Mass

Father Leo will be celebrating Thanksgiving Mass, Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM

