



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

I suspect that most of us have had the experience of getting tired of praying for the same intention again and again without apparent results. Jesus understood this problem and he was concerned about it. In this Sunday's parable about the widow, he insists on the necessity of praying always and not losing heart.

The emphatic teaching of Jesus is the best reason to pray. And we should see that the example of Jesus clearly indicates that the prayer he has in mind should be not only for ourselves as individuals, but for all people. Dying on the cross, he prayed..."Father, forgive them." His prayer was not only just for those present at the crucifixion but for all sinners, which in effect means everyone. And his death itself was in a sense a prayer, an offering to the Father for all humankind. The words of consecration in the Mass proclaim, "This is the cup of my blood...shed for you and for many..." In the Liturgy, the Church has taken its inspiration from the persevering prayer of Jesus for all of humankind. The Prayer of the Faithful, following the Creed, is a universal prayer. While there is always room in this prayer for individual petitions, the Church wants us never to omit praying for the needs of the entire Church, for civil rulers and for the salvation of the whole world. Notice too, how today in the Eucharistic Prayer we say; "Lord, may this sacrifice, which has made our peace with you, advance the peace and salvation of all the world." (Third Eucharistic Prayer). Our prayer should be catholic in accord with our faith, but it should also be Catholic in the sense of being universal: a generous and unselfish kind of prayer.

Think for a moment back to the scene described in the first reading from the Old testament. Moses prayed for all the people in a conflict with their enemies. He prayed with his hands held up toward God, after the manner in which the priest holds his hands while praying at Mass. Moses was so persevering in this prayer that his arms grew weary, and in order to continue he needed the support of his brother Aaron, and his companion Hur who joined him prayer.

Pope Pius XII said that the faithful should participate in the Mass "not in an inert and negligent fashion, giving way to distractions, but with

earnestness and concentration" (Mediator Dei, 80). That was the Pope's way of telling us to put into effect the teaching of Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel on the necessity of praying always and not losing heart. In the Mass, the priest is like Moses, but the members of the congregation are like Aaron and Hur. The priest cannot pray effectively alone, any more than Moses could. If the priest's prayer is to be what Jesus wants, the people must identify with that prayer through earnestness and concentration.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Time. Rows include Vincent Pena, Living Memorial, Ariel Malalif, Gina Pena, Nestor Malalif, Gina Pena, Alex Delsid, Andrea & Ebony, and Alex & Beverly Delsid.

Port Costa 11:00AM
People of the Parish

Separator line of asterisks

Sunday Collection - October 9th

Table with 2 columns: Parish, Amount. Rows: St. Rose, Crockett (\$1770), St. Patrick Mission (\$184)

Thank you again to all who support our Parish

October Mass Count

Not many may realize it, but every October the Diocese asks its parishes to count the number of participants at each weekend mass for every week. We thought it was time to make sure that all our parishioners are aware of this! So, 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!



Advertisement for Polenta & Sausage Dinner at I.C.F Crockett Branch #14. Includes details on date (October 22, 2022), location (St. Rose of Lima Hall), time (6:00PM), cost (\$25.00), and contact information for Donna Hoffmann and Pat Botta.

All Souls Mass

We will be able to hold our traditional All Souls Remembrance Mass on Saturday, November 5th at 10:00AM. 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 2nd! 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 office know, 510-787-2052.



Mass Times

Father Leo will be having mass at 9:00AM and 6:00PM on Tuesday, November 1st for All Saints Day. Mass on Wednesday, November 2nd will be at the regular 11:00AM mass time.

Coffee and Canvas



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH AT 10:00AM!!

Join us for a fun relaxing fall 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, or maybe even a Christmas gift for someone special. Set some time aside for yourself; all are welcome!

LAST ONE FOR THE YEAR!!!

Sign-ups in the vestibule.



Coming Soon . . . . .

St. Rose and St. Patrick Mission will be having our Christmas Boutique on November 19th and 20th. While we prepare for this wonderful event, we are looking for vendors, so if you know anyone who would be interested, please spread the word? You can call the office for more information, 510-787-2052!



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Teofilo A. Asuncion, Father Leo's brother.